

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 16, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present:

Beth Alexander
Connie Barker
Katie Case
Scott Colbert
Tim Colbert
Holly Easterling
Mary Jo Green
Dean McManus (Late arrival, 9:06 a.m.)
Judy Goforth Parker
Wanda Blackwood Scott
David Woerz
Steve Woods
Linda Briggs

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Paula Woods, J.L. Green, Teresa Stoel, Kathy John, James John,
Melissa Wilkerson, Chefy Greenwood, Mike Watson, Rita Loder,
Dana Hudspenth, Tony Choate, Michael L. Wingo, Jerry
Imotichey, Adam Fillmore, Traile G. Glory

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 19, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve the December 19, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 26-013, Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Artesian Hotel

The site where the Artesian Hotel was located is also the site of the Chickasaw Nation's first business. After the 1962 fire another hotel was built but fell into foreclosure. The Chickasaw Nation bought the hotel land in 1972 and built the Chickasaw Motor Inn, which had a modern appeal but lacked the historical beauty of the original Artesian.

The town of Sulphur has not had a destination type of hotel since the Artesian. Currently, there is no adequate facility to host the type of functions that were once held there. In addition to returning some of the glory to downtown Sulphur and providing a much needed venue, the new hotel will be a natural complement to the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Guests who visit the Cultural Center could extend their cultural and historic experience by staying in a hotel which evokes memories of the glory days the area enjoyed during early statehood.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Artesian Hotel, Project Number 20-0081-08 in the amount of \$21,912,196.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-013.

Members voting yes:

Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander
1 no vote

The motion to approve GR26-013 carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-012, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. Funds from the grant will be used to assist clients with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. It will also provide crises counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, “Spirit Circle.” Many referrals are made to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native America and non-Native American victims.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-012.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-012 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 26-014, Approval of Application for Funding
National Park Service Grant**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the National Park Service to start up a program to preserve and document the oral history of Chickasaw citizens who are direct descendants of people buried in various cemeteries documented by the Chickasaw Cemetery Archives Project team. The interviews will be edited and made available, upon request, to the public for viewing. The public will be made aware of the edited interviews through brochures. With the funds from the grant, audiovisual recording and computer equipment plus program costs including brochure development and printing, travel and office supplies will be purchased.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-014.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-014 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

- (D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

**General Resolution Number 26-015, Authorization to Terminate and Replace
Existing Lease in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to terminate the existing lease with Crooked Oak Properties and replace with a new lease in favor of Arthur H. Chapman Living Trust. This lease is to be used as a buffer between the Chickasaw Nation property and the Chaprell Dodge property, and was negotiated with the original sales contract. Mr. Chapman has agreed to vacate a portion of the buffer for the KADA expansion project. This proposed lease covers a tract of land in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This resolution is deemed emergency legislation because it was received after the first Friday of the month.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-015.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-015 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert reported the opening of the Cultural Center is targeted for the beginning of the tourist season. He concluded his report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATION AD HOC COMMITTEE by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 26-002, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 8-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Voter Lists)

This resolution amends the election rules and procedures to ensure that all candidates receive a complete and accurate list of eligible voters in their district(s).

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve PR26-002.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR26-002 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 26-003, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Changing Voter Districts)

This resolution amends the election rules and procedures so that Voters living out side the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation cannot be changed from one (1) district to another starting April 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-003.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Scott Colbert
1 no vote

The motion to approve PR26-003 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mrs. Beth Alexander, Mr. Scott Colbert, Mr. Mike Watson and Mr. Jerry Imotichey.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Presented by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature