

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
January 18, 2002**

**AGENDA ITEM #1            CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2            ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**            Beth Alexander  
   Linda Briggs  
   Tim Colbert  
   Mary Jo Green  
   Donna Hartman  
   Lisa Johnson-Billy  
   Dean McManus  
   Mooniene Ogee  
   Judy Goforth Parker  
   Wanda Blackwood Scott  
   Wilson Seawright  
   Lisa Shephard  
   Robert Walton

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott declared a quorum.

**Staff present:**            Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
   Overton "Buck" Cheadle, Sergeant-At-Arms  
   Monette Richardson, Administrative Assistant  
   Lori Hamilton, Legislative Legal Assistant

**Guest present:**            Evan O. Toen, Wilma Watson, Josie Crow, Mike Watson, Freda Ozbirn,  
   Traile G. Glory, Jerry Imotichey, Buck Cheadle, Leah Cheadle, J.L.  
   Green, Marlene Tims, Don Tims, Kim Abbott, Jade Eason

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mrs. Ogee.

### **Appointment of Sergeant-At-Arms**

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott announced that our Sergeant-At-Arms would not be present today.

**Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott nominated Mr. Overton “Buck” Cheadle serve as the Sergeant-At-Arms.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve the nomination. Mrs. Alexander seconded the motion.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard,  
Robert Walton  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Overton “Buck” Cheadle to serve as the Sergeant-At-Arms carried unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - December 21, 2001**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve the December 21, 2001 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walton.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard,  
Robert Walton  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2001 carried unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott relinquished the Chair to Mrs. McManus.

### **(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

#### **Permanent Resolution Number 19-006, Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 9, Section 2-904 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Vetoed 12/21/01)**

This resolution requires the Editor and Staff of the Chickasaw Times to publish all Legislative Session minutes (Regular, Additional, and/or Special), as approved by the Legislature, in their entirety in the monthly issues of the Chickasaw Times Newspaper, in order to better inform Chickasaw citizens of current issues pertaining to all aspects of the Chickasaw Nation.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson-Billy to override the veto on PR19-006. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott read the memorandum from the Governor stating the reasons the resolution was overridden.

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott stated it is important to give the people the exact words that are said, and to present all the laws that are enacted. Being able to communicate in the *Chickasaw Times* is essential in the way the government is ran.

Mrs. Johnson-Billy stated she reviewed the past twelve month's session minutes and they were not cumbersome. They include the majority of the content of each session, and she felt that the Chickasaw people will be better served by having the opportunity to read the minutes in the *Chickasaw Times*.

A roll call vote was taken to override the veto on PR19-006.

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman,  
Lisa Johnson-Billy, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**8 yes votes**

#### **Members voting no:**

Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Robert Walton  
**5 no votes**

**The motion to override the veto on PR19-006 failed.**

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott concluded her report and resumed the chair from the Secretary.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright informed the group that the budgets were due to the Executive Department February 1. The budgets would be presented to the Legislature in May and budget hearings would be held in June.

Mr. Seawright concluded his report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Lisa Shephard

**General Resolution Number 19-018, Approval of Application for Funding Ford Foundation Women of Color Initiative**

This resolution authorizes and approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for the Women of Color program funding from the Ford Foundation Women of Color Initiative.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Dean McManus,  
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-018 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Shephard concluded her report.

**(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Robert Walton

**General Resolution Number 19-019, Right-of-Way Utility Easement in Pontotoc County (Family Life Center Property)**

This resolution approves a 10' Right-of-Way Utility Easement to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric to construct and maintain an electrical line across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation, located in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Due to the Right-of-Way providing electrical services to the Family Life Center, compensation is hereby waived.

**A motion was made by Mr. Walton to approve GR19-019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-019 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-021, Authorization for Purchase of Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to purchase a 13,500 square foot building and a tract of land in Block 37 of the Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing .939 acres, more or less, and shall be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after property is acquired.

**A motion was made by Mr. Walton to approve GR19-021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus**

Mrs. Ogee asked why the Records Management Department was not using microfilm to store information. She felt this would be more cost efficient than purchasing a building. She asked if the cost of remodeling the building to meet the needs of a records storage facility was researched.

Mrs. Briggs stated the Tribe could use the building in its current condition, without remodeling.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted that all documents could not be microfilmed.

Mrs. Lisa Johnson-Billy noted that federal regulations required that records be retained for a certain period of time

A roll call vote was taken on GR19-021.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,

Mary Jo Green, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**11 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee  
**2 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-021 carried.**

Mr. Walton concluded his report.

**(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Beth Alexander

**General Resolution Number 19-022, Authorization and Approval for Additional Funding for Education Foundation Scholarships**

A need exists to increase the amount of money being appropriated for education scholarships due to a growth in the number of applications being submitted by Chickasaw students. This resolution approves additional funding in the amount of \$115,000, from tribal funds, non trust, for Education Foundation scholarships.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR19-022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colbert.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend the resolution to include another paragraph which reads, “Be It Further Resolved, per Chickasaw Code 2-1027 which relates to revisions that require Legislative approval, the minimum grade point level shall remain at 2.5, until such time that an official plan/revision is approved by this Legislature. Therefore, college students who maintained a 2.5 GPA for the fall semester shall be eligible for an Education Foundation Scholarship provided they meet other criteria.” The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hartman.**

Mr. Seawright stated last year \$310,000 was spent from the education budget. This year the budget is \$321,000. He also noted that the Code states there shall be a plan and revisions from the Education Foundation brought to the Legislature, so far this has not been done.

Mrs. McManus stated October 1, \$115,000 was budgeted. Last year the program went over budget twice and more funding had to be added. She stated she had spoke with the Governor who invited the Education Foundation and the Education Committee to meet with him to devise a plan. He was willing to put more funding into the program.

Mrs. Alexander noted there were 25 - 30 students that were cut from receiving a scholarship due to the increase of the Grade Point Average (GPA).

Mrs. Briggs stated at the committee meeting Mr. Buck Cheadle explained the reason the grade point average had been raised. She asked that GR19-022 be considered as presented and possibly present a new resolution at a later time.

Dr. Goforth Parker suggested that the resolution be tabled and sent back to committee to be worked on. She stated last year the program asked for additional funding, and it was provided to them.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Green to table GR19-022, and put it back into committee.**

Mr. Walton noted the reason the grade point average was changed to 3.0 was because the Education Foundation was trying to stay within their budget.

Mrs. Alexander asked Mr. Buck Cheadle for his comments.

Mr. Buck Cheadle stated the past two years the Education Foundation ran out of money and asked for additional funding. The Governor met their request each time. The Foundation did not have funding for the fall semester because they did not receive their funding until October. They asked for \$115,000 to start the first semester. The money was used from the middle of August until the first week of October. There were 25 students that were not funded because of the shortfall. The first of October the Education Foundation received \$115,000. They decided to keep this and use it for the second semester and summer school. More funding will be needed again in August. Last year the Education Foundation spent \$277,710 and they felt their budget should be increased. Mr. Cheadle stated he would like to see their budget increased to \$300,000 so applicants could be funded.

Mrs. Alexander asked Mr. Don Tims for input.

Mr. Tims stated that the supplement program covers only the students who do not have needs. The Education Foundation gave scholarships to students because they are Chickasaws. He was informed by Mr. Chris Wesberry if a student was dropped from the Education Foundation Scholarship, the Supplement Program would not pick them up.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated that students that fell below a 3.0 PGA had been helped. There was confusion regarding this matter and she suggested working on it next month.

A roll call vote was taken to table GR19-022.

**Members voting yes:**

Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Robert Walton,

Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**6 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Donna Hartman,  
Lisa Johnson-Billy, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard  
**7 no votes**

**The motion to table GR19-022 failed.**

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard,  
Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**11 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker  
**2 no votes**

**The motion to amend GR19-022 carried.**

A roll call vote was taken on GR19-022 as amended.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard,  
Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Dean McManus  
**1 no vote**

**The motion to approve GR19-022 as amended carried.**

**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Donna Hartman

Mrs. Hartman reported that she received information that the Moccasin Trails Program would be incorporated in the Diabetic Clinic as well as the clinic in Purcell.

**(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

Mrs. McManus announced a tour had been scheduled for the committee to visit Chickasaw cemeteries.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mr. Seawright announced the Johnson O' Malley Conference (J.O.M.) was scheduled for March 25 -28 in Oklahoma City. He encouraged all to attend the conference and talk with their J.O.M. coordinators and educators.

Mrs. Ogee asked that the letter received from Keith Frazier requesting financial assistance be sent to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Mr. Walton announced that Dr. Goforth Parker and Bobby Saunkee conducted a diabetes presentation at the Connerville Community Council. He encouraged everyone to read the handbook on diabetes.

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding archival rules and regulations. He encouraged the Legislators to establish a scholarship for ranch management, and also told of the broken treadmill that the Tribe donated to the Ardmore Senior Citizen Site.

Mr. Jerry Imotichey made comments regarding the lack of integrity of the Legislature. Mr. Robert Cheadle called for a Point of Order explaining that no one had the right to make personal attacks.

Further comments were made by Mr. Watson regarding the establishment of the Education Foundation through the Rail Road Station Ground settlement.

Mr. Cheadle clarified for the record that his intention for the Point of Order was not to stop comments from the citizens, but to restrict personal attacks on elected officials.

Mrs. Hartman requested the Legislature to go into Executive Session to discuss Legislative issues.

The Legislature went into Executive Session.

**AGENDA ITEM #8            ADJOURNMENT**

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by,

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature