

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 19, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Chairperson Scott Colbert appointed Holly Easterling to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the session, in the absence of Ms. Briggs.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present:

Beth Alexander
Tim Colbert
Holly Easterling
Mary Jo Green
Dean McManus
Judy Goforth Parker
Wanda Blackwood Scott
David Woerz
Steve Woods
Scott Colbert

Members absent:

Linda Briggs, Katy Case, Donna Hartman

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

James A. Humes, Melissa Walker, H.D. Gardner, Tom Bolitho,
Traile G. Glory, Ron Frazier, Tony Choate, Barbara Goodman

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 15, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the December 15, 2006 minutes.

Ms. Alexander noted a correction in the vote count on GR24-003, page two.

A motion was made by Ms. Alexander and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to table the minutes of December 15, 2006.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
10 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of December 15, 2006 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 24-015, Authorization for an Escrow Agreement
Relating to and the Defeasance of Chickasaw Nation Certificates of Participation
(Indian Health Services, Regional Supply Service Center)**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) currently leases a warehouse in Ada owned by the Chickasaw Nation. Certificates of Participation were issued by the tribe to build the warehouse. The original amount of the Certificates was \$3,015,000 of which \$1,750,000 are currently outstanding. Due to a change in its operating plan, IHS wishes to cancel its lease with the Nation as of March 31, 2007. The lease has seven and one half years remaining. The warehouse sets next to the hospital complex and has many uses, the value of which exceeds the amount necessary to defease the bonds, also referred to herein as the Certificates. The facility has approximately 32,400 square feet of space. Due to the fact there was no call provision set forth in the original bond indenture, we have no ability to prepay the bonds and or Certificates; therefore, it is necessary to deposit with the trustee bank an amount which along with the interest earned by such funds will pay the principal, interest and trustees fees as they come due. This defeasance will allow the Nation to release IHS from its lease agreement without default. The exact amount of the funds required is unknown until the investments are purchased, as the purchase price is a function of the interest rate which changes daily. It is in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation to proceed with bond defeasance and terminate the lease agreement with IHS.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-015.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,

Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-015 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 24-016, Approval of Application for Funding U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (FY 2007 Tribal Youth Program)

This resolution approves the application for federal funding to provide culturally-sensitive prevention services and alcohol and substance abuse programs to those youth of the Chickasaw Nation in need. The proposed project will identify risk factors for delinquency and then identify youth at risk of delinquency and provide them with prevention programs. The proposed project will also provide drug and alcohol screening and testing to youth at the request of parents and/or guardians. Referrals will be offered to those families in need. Alcohol and drug abuse prevention education will also be provided.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-016.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-016 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

Dr. Goforth Parker reported the Status Report of Rural Property will be discussed at the next Land Development Committee.

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

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported new information regarding Education will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

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

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes voiced his concern about information that is made available to the citizens related to property purchased by the Nation and information in a resolution presented by the Human Resources Committee. He stated that he will be attending the North Texas Community Council meeting, and asked the Legislature to change the date of the Legislative Sessions to Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Easterling, Secretary Pro Tempore
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature