

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 21, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander
 Linda Briggs
 Melvin Burris
 Tim Colbert
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Mooniene Ogee (Late arrival, 9:05)
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright
 Steve Woods

Member absent: Scott Colbert

Chairperson Blackwood Scott declared a quorum.

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Warren Reed, Sergeant-At-Arms Pro Tempore
 Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Teresa Stofel, Ann D. Thomas, Mike Watson, Josie Crow,
 Wilma Watson, Darlene Gustitus, Buck Cheadle, Vera Tims, Georgia
 Malone, Amy Ellis, Kim Abbott, Danny Key, Jay Keel, Ramona McKee,
 Robyn Elliott, Robin Phillips, Misty Barker

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Mrs. Green gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM #4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PRO TEMPORE Honor Guard Warren

Reed

Chairperson Blackwood Scott introduced Mr. Reed to the Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - January 17, 2003
December 20, 2002 (Tabled 1/17/03)

Mrs. Briggs made a motion to approve the January 17, 2003 minutes. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2003 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker made a motion to approve the December 20, 2002 minutes. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Mrs. Briggs noted a correction.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated the motion was to approve the minutes with corrections.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2002, as corrected, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #7: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

No Report

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mrs. Hartman gave the Finance Report in Mr. Scott Colbert's absence.

General Resolution Number 20-028, Authorization for Tribal Non-Trust Funds to be Used for the Chickasaw Children's Village Facilities

This resolution is a request for funds to complete construction of the Chickasaw Children's Village facilities in Kingston, Oklahoma.

This request seeks funds not to exceed the total amount of \$900,000. The funding will be allocated as follows:

Maintenance Building - \$175,000; This will be approximately 3,500 sq. ft. and will house maintenance and custodial supplies, tools, vehicles and implements as well as serving as a workshop for the maintenance crew. The estimated cost, at \$50 per sq. ft., is \$175,000.

Storage Building - \$35,000; This will be approximately 1,000 sq. ft. and will provide space to store furniture, files and various excess materials. The estimated cost, at \$35 per sq. ft., is \$35,000.

Animal Facility - \$240,000; This will be approximately 12,000 sq. ft. and includes a small office space for the agricultural program coordinator, restrooms, feed and stable area, tack and supply area, and a large arena. The main area is where students participating in the livestock program will work with the animals. The estimated cost, at \$20 per sq. ft., is \$240,000.

Site Development - \$450,000; This requested funding will meet the cost of finishing campus utilities, streets, sidewalks, landscaping, and unforeseen contingencies resulting from the lengthy BIA approval process.

Total funds requested: \$900,000.

The request of \$900,000 represents approximately 20 percent of the total cost of the project with the remaining 80 percent funding by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hartman to approve GR20-028. Mrs. Briggs seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-028 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hartman concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 20-025, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Neal A. McCaleb

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Neal A. McCaleb to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. The Board has asked that its composition be expanded so that it may more easily conduct its official business with a larger number of board positions.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. With this being the first appointment for Mr. McCaleb, he will fill a full three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2006.

A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve GR20-025. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Seawright voiced his concerns of the allegations made of Mr. McCaleb. He recommend GR20-025 be tabled until these issues were resolved.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR20-025. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman,

Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright,
4 yes votes

Members voting no:

Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods,
Wanda Blackwood Scott
8 no votes

The motion to table GR20-025 failed.

A vote was taken to approve GR20-025.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods,
Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright
3 no votes

The motion to approve GR20-025 carried.

General Resolution Number 20-026, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Bank, Ross A. Hill

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Ross A. Hill to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank. Mr. Hill will fill the unexpired term resulting from Mr. Tom Cole's resignation from the Board. The terms of office of each board member shall be determined by the bank charter, which will be submitted to federal banking authorities for final approval.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR20-026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,

Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-026 carried unanimously.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 20-027, Request to Place Land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in McClain County, Oklahoma. The Office of the Field Solicitor requests a resolution specifically addressing the placement of said tract U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR20-027. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted this was general resolution and the word “General” should be at the top of the resolution. She amended her motion to reflect this correction.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-027 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 20-030, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County (East of Headquarters Complex)

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire a tract of land including 3 building, and 2 storage buildings, located at Sunnyside Acres Addition, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The property contains 4.3 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 Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR20-028. Mrs. Briggs seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-030 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mooniene Ogee

Mrs. Ogee reported the committee met with representatives from the Education Department and they are in the process of installing a tracking system of the students assisted with grants and scholarships.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 20-029, Support for the Chickasaw Nation Health System Diabetes Program

Mortality rates for American Indian and Alaska Natives (*AI/AN*) continue to surpass those of the general population. AI/AN's have a 249% greater chance of dying from diabetes than all U.S. races. It has been shown that healthy lifestyles can prevent the development and complications of diabetes. The leaders of the Chickasaw Nation through this resolution acknowledge the diabetes epidemic in Native people and reaffirm their support for the Chickasaw Nation Health System Diabetes Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve GR20-029. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-029 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Green announced the Oklahoma Lupus Association along with the Chickasaw Nation are supporting Lupus Awareness Day. A program will be held at Pontotoc County Votech on April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Green concluded her report.

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

No report.

(H) HISTORIC CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Steve Woods

Mr. Woods reported the committee had been working with the Tribal Registrar/Election Secretary and the Election Commission in reviewing and revising the current election procedures.

Mr. Seawright asked for an update of the number of registered voters.

Mr. Woods stated he would request that information.

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC SUB COMMITTEE REPORT By Chairman Scott Colbert

Dr. Goforth Parker reported the committee referred two topics of discussion to the Legislative Committee for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Briggs introduced her daughter, Teresa Stofel, and her sister, Ann Thomas.

Mr. Jim Humes referred to the Bill of Rights, Article IV of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation. He stated it is the time for taxes to be paid to the federal government and to the State of Oklahoma. He would like nothing better than to pay his taxes to the Chickasaw Nation, have a car tag issued by the Chickasaw Nation instead of the State of Oklahoma, have a company incorporated under the laws of the Chickasaw Nation, and to have more governmental activities for the benefit for the citizens. He stated the Bill of Rights are an important component of the Constitution. If it is not believed, protected or enacted upon, it is not serving the best interest of the Chickasaw people.

Mr. Watson encouraged the Legislature to look at the laws to incorporate businesses so taxes could be paid to the Chickasaw Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by,

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature