

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 20, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander
 Linda Briggs
 Melvin Burris
 Scott Colbert (Late arrival, 9:06)
 Tim Colbert
 Holly Easterling
 Mary Jo Green
 Dean McManus
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright
 Steve Woods

Member absent: Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
 Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
 David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present: Lizette Stephens, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, James A. Humes,
 Mary Johnson, Kathleen Stoner, Melvin Stoner, Ramona McKee,
 Cindy Johnson, Misty Barker, Tony Choate, Robert L. Cole, Jessie
 Kemp, Rita Loder, Tim Rhynes, Summer Stick, Rachel Wedlow,
 Paul Wilson, Anna Cole

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

Special Presentation

Chairperson Briggs presented Monette Richardson, Legislative Administrative Assistant, a plaque for 20 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES

January 16, 2004 Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the January 16, 2004 minutes. Dr.

**Goforth Parker seconded the motion.
Members voting yes:**

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

The motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2004 carried unanimously.

December 19, 2003

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve the December 19, 2003 minutes.
Mr. Seawright seconded the motion.**

Members voting yes:

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

**The motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2003 carried
unanimously.**

September 19, 2003

Chairperson Briggs noted a typographical error on page six of the minutes.

Mrs. Alexander made a suggestion to table the September 19, 2003 minutes due to citizens comments being excluded.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table the September 19, 2003 minutes.
Mr. Seawright seconded the motion.**

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to table the minutes of September 19, 2003 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 21-039, Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a gaming compact for specific electronic games or devices, referred collectively as “authorized games,” pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation with the State of Oklahoma once appropriate legislation is passed and authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR21-039. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-039 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 21-040, Approval of Revised Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2004

This resolution approve the revision to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$3,512,710 and approves the revised Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,284,368,100.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR21-040. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Mr. Seawright stated he opposed the dollars for the salary increases, however, he would vote in favor of the resolution because of the \$1.2 million increase for education.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,

Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-040 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 21-030, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Campbell is filling the seat vacated by Mr. Guy McElroy, filling the remainder of Mr. McElroy's term which would have begun on October 1, 2003.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-030. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Seawright stated he did not have an opposition with Mr. Campbell, however, he did serve on several other boards and committees. He felt there were others that could serve the Chickasaw Nation adequately, and those people should be considered. Mr. Seawright commented that he has asked how many other boards Mr. Campbell serves on, but has not received an answer.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR21-030. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Chairperson Briggs gave the chair to the Secretary to make comments. She stated that she serves on this board, and there were only two members on the board, other than the Governor. She commented it was difficult to find people who understood electricity to serve on this board. They are in hopes the next seat would be filled by a citizen. She encouraged the Legislators not to table this resolution. She regained the chair from the Secretary.

Mrs. Alexander stated she agreed with Mr. Seawright, however, the Chairperson also had good points about the board members having knowledge of electricity. She would like to see the boards expanded to include citizens. She asked for the names of the members who are serving on the boards.

Chairperson Briggs stated she would ask again for this information.

A vote was taken on the motion to table.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright
2 yes votes

Members voting no:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 no votes

The motion to table GR21-030 failed.

A roll call was taken on the motion to approve GR21-030.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods,
Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright
2 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-030 carried.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 21-031, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games for property in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 18 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-031. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-031 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-032, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property

in McClain County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games in McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 44.546 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-032. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-033, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 20 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-033. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-033 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-034, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Bryan County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Southern Aggregates LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, containing approximately 60.0 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-034. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-034 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 300 acres, more or less, in Kingston, Marshall County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-035. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-035 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-036, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing approximately 1,359 acres, more or less, in Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-036. Mrs. McManus seconded the motion.

Mrs. Alexander noted this property was contiguous to Drake Farms.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-036 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 21-037, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property
in Murray County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Murray County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-037. Mr. Burris seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve GR21-037 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 21-038, Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 in Latimer
County**

This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 for seismic survey lines to cross property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Latimer County, Oklahoma, containing 110 acres, more or less. This permit allows foot traffic only across said tract in order to perform vibration surveys upon adjacent land. The permit will cover a term of six months beginning at time of approval of this permit by signatures, with a one time payment of \$400.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$100.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-038. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,

Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-038 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked Jessie Kemp and Cindy Johnson for providing information on these resolutions. She concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

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

Mrs. Green reported their committee had an informative meeting and concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

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

No report.

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

Permanent Resolution Number 21-014, Amendments to Title 2 and 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

This resolution amends Title 2 and Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar participated in the drafting of this Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR21-014. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve PR21-014 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods thanked the committee members and the Election Commission and Election

Secretary for work and input of this legislation. He concluded his report.

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-009, Amendments to Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules and Procedures for the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation)

This resolution amends language of Title 5 regarding the selection of Special Justices and Special Judges. This resolution also amends a section number, a chapter title and definitions in Titles 5 and 6.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert made a motion to approve PR21-009. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

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

The motion to approve PR21-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs recognized the family of Ms. Monette Richardson and thanked them for attending the session.

Dr. Goforth Parker introduced a new member of the security team, Paul Wilson.

Comments from Citizens

James A. Humes made comments regarding citizens who live outside the boundaries of the Nation receiving no services from the Nation. He also commented on the resolution that was submitted from the Oklahoma City Community Council requesting the Legislative Session date be changed, and on expanding the search for Chickasaws to serve on boards and committees.

Mike Watson made comments regarding the mailing addresses pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature