

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
March 15, 2002**

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

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 Blackwood Scott declared a quorum.

**Staff present:**            Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
   Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms  
   Monette Richardson, Administrative Aide  
   Lori Hamilton, Legislative Legal Assistant  
   Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

**Guest present:**            Danny Key, Brian Campbell, Robin Phillips, Jade Eason, Breken Eason,  
   Freda Ozbirn, Evan O. John, Josie Crow, Mike Watson

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mrs. Alexander.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - February 22, 2002  
   February 15, 2002**

Mrs. Alexander noted a typographical error on page seven.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson-Billy to approve the minutes of February 22, 2002 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**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 February 22, 2002, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve the minutes of February 15, 2002. 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 February 15, 2002, carried unanimously.**

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

There was no unfinished business.

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

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

Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott relinquished the chair to Mrs. McManus and asked Mrs. Briggs to present PR19-014 and PR19-015.

##### **Permanent Resolution Number 19-014, Title 2, Chapter 7, Article A of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Nation Ethics Commission)**

**Explanation:** This resolution creates an Ethics Commission as an administrative hearing

panel to issue opinions regarding violations of the Chickasaw Nation Ethics in Government Act of 2002 and other matters as authorized by law.

Mrs. Briggs stated a lot of work had gone into this legislation by the Ethic Ad Hoc Committee and by the Legislative Committee. After it was presented to the Legislative Committee, it was presented to the Judicial and Executive Department for their review. All three branches of government are in accord with this legislation.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve PR19-014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mr. Seawright stated this legislation is asking people, who volunteer, to make decisions on violations of the law. It was his opinion these issues should be addressed by the Judicial system. The Judicial Department is in the process of establishing a lower court, which should be responsible for handling these types of issues.

Mrs. Briggs noted the Ethics Commission would be under the umbrella of the Judicial Department.

A roll call vote was taken on PR19-014.

**Members voting yes:**

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Lisa Shephard, Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**8 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright  
**5 no votes**

**The motion to approve PR19-014 carried.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 19-015, Title 2, Chapter 7, Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Nation Ethics in Government Act)**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves a code of standards for ethical conduct by elected officials and employees of the Chickasaw Nation.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve PR19-015. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mr. Seawright stated he would vote for this legislation, however, he felt that this was not the best document the Legislature could devise. He suggested assigning PR19-015 to a committee for further work and evaluation.

A roll call vote was taken on PR19-015.

**Members voting yes:**

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.  
**12 yes votes**

**Member voting no:**

Beth Alexander  
**1 no vote**

**The motion to approve PR19-015 carried.**

**General Resolution Number 19-032, Capital Improvements Plan for 2002**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the  
Capital Improvements Plan for 2002.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR19-032. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR19-032. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

Mr. Seawright stated there was more information that needed to be brought forward before voting on this resolution.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard  
**6 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo green,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,

Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**7 yes votes**

**The motion to table GR19-032 failed.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend GR19-032 by adding: Be It Further Resolved, that this is approval for the plan only. Each project shall be presented in detail for Legislative approval of funding. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Billy.**

Mr. Walton stated this is the governor's department and he is presenting the budget. He felt that the plan should go forward.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated that Mr. Key recommended to approve or not approve this plan. By including the amendment it would be as if voting no.

Mr. Colbert stated he felt that the Tribe would never get these projects underway if the Executive Department had to come back to the Legislature for their approval. He recommended that the plan and the budgets be presented at the same time in order to have all the questions answered.

she (Amended 4/19/02 in session.)

Mrs. Ogee stated ~~she~~ would vote no on this resolution because it takes \$130,000 from the Chickasaw Health System.

Mrs. McManus stated she did not want to delay any of the listed projects, therefore she was in favor of the plan.

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott noted that Mr. Key agreed to come before the Legislature to discuss any of their questions or problems they had with the plan.

Mrs. Shephard stated the Legislature received this plan on November 28, 2001. She felt that the Legislature should not procrastinate and communicate more.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard  
**6 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Robert Walton, Wanda Blackwood Scott

**7 no votes**

**The motion to approve the amendment failed.**

A roll call vote was taken to consider GR19-032.

**Members voting yes:**

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Lisa Shephard, Robert Walton,  
Wanda Blackwood Scott

**8 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright

**5 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-032 carried.**

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

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

No report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-028, Approval of Application for Funding - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention JUMP Grant**

**Explanation:** This resolution will allow the application for federal funding to assist in the creation of a Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP). This JUMP grant will create one-on-one mentoring projects for Chickasaw and Native American youth at risk of failing school, dropping out of school or becoming involved in delinquent behavior including gang activity and substance abuse.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-028. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson-Billy.**

**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 GR19-028 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Shephard concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-031, Revocable Permit No. G03-2453 in Love County**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G03-2453 in favor of Lamar Advantage Outdoor Company, LP, on property described as, Northwest corner of the NW/4 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, in the amount of \$510.00 per annum, for a term of two (2) years beginning April 1, 2001, and ending March 31, 2003.

**A motion was made by Mr. Walton to approve GR19-031. 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 GR19-031 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Walton concluded his report.

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

Mrs. Alexander announced the Education Summit on May 17-18, in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Alexander concluded her report.

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

No report.

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

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 Mooniene Ogee

No report.

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

Dr. Goforth Parker stated the Legislature started on the Ethics Act two and a half years ago, and it was put on hold for a year. She commended everyone serving on this committee for their work on this project.

Dr. Goforth Parker announced a meeting between the Legislature and the Bank Board on March 25.

Mr. Watson voiced his objections to PR19-015 stating there were phrases and definitions that need to be determined by the Supreme Court. He stated that he will take this legislation to Tribal Court.

Dr. Goforth Parker announced “Save the Date Diabetes Prevention in American Indian Communities” convention, scheduled for December 10-13. It is sponsored by the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, of which she is a part. She reported the legislation for diabetes funding was coming close to the end. They are receiving \$100 million dollars per year which would continue through next year. The critical issue is to make this demonstration project into a congressional act.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

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