

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 16, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander
 Linda Briggs
 Katie Case
 Tim Colbert
 Holly Easterling
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 David Woerz
 Steve Woods
 Scott Colbert

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

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Traile G. Glory, Michael
 F. Wingo, Paul Yates, Barbara Goodman, Melissa Walker, Monica
 Mulsom, Rita Loder, Tony Choate, Robyn Elliott, Kevin McDonald

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 16, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the February 16, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2007 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

No Report.

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

General Resolution Number 24-020, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant clients are assisted with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. Services provided include crises counseling, safety planning, education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and the program facilitates a weekly support group called "Spirit Circle." Many referrals are made to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native America and non-Native American victims.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-020.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-020 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 24-023, Utility Easement in Stephens County

This resolution approves an additional 22 foot (22') wide (east to west) by 40 foot (40') long (north to south) utility easement adjoining a previously conveyed utility easement to the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation, for constructing, maintaining and operating public utilities across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation for these utility easements is waived for providing utility services to the Duncan Senior Site.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-023.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-024, Right-of-Way in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for drainage purposes along Rogers Road across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-024.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-025, Right-of-Way in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way granted to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to construct a portion of the roadway

on Merle Wolfe Road that connects to I-35 across property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Compensation is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR24-025.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-025 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

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

No report.

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

Ms. Green reported there will be an optometrist at the Purcell Clinic once a week, and a dentist and an assistant will be at Carl Albert two Saturdays a month. Ms. Green concluded her report.

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

Ms. Briggs stated the recent wind storm damaged the roof at Burney Institute. Repairs are underway.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-004, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

This resolution amends the rules and procedures for the election of tribal officials in the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Woods explained how GR24-004 derived, was tabled in the February 16, 2007 session, and referred back to committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to take PR24-004 from the table.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander
1 no vote

The motion to approve GR24-020 carried.

Mr. Woods read PR24-004 in its entirety.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR24-004.

Ms. Hartman stated her main concern was the shortened period of time for citizens to return their ballots. Therefore, she would not support PR24-004.

Mrs. Alexander stated she would not support PR24-004 because of the increase of filing fee for the gubernatorial race and because of the shortened period of time for ballots to be returned.

A roll call was taken.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman
2 no votes

The motion to approve PR24-004 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments from Mike Watson

Mr. Watson commented on past business ventures and his disapproval of how the Legislature handled them.

Mr. James Humes voiced his disappointment with the current Legislature because of their actions.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to adjourn.

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature