

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION**

**David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 26, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Linda Briggs
 Tim Colbert
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright
 Lisa Shephard

Members absent: Beth Alexander, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Mooniene Ogee

Chairperson Blackwood Scott declared a quorum.

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guest present: J. L. Green

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mrs. Shephard.

AGENDA ITEM #4 NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott asked Mrs. Shephard to introduce the following resolution.

A. General Resolution Number 19-045, Tribute to Legislator Robert Walton

Explanation: This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Robert Walton for the enrichment and betterment of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people.

A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-045. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR19-045 carried unanimously.

B. General Resolution Number 19-046, Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

Explanation: This resolution declares that a vacancy exists on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and that the vacancy creates an emergency. Further, this resolution requests the Governor to call a special election to fill such vacancy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-046. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus

Mrs. Hartman asked to amend the third whereas to include the district and the seat number.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hartman to amend the third “Whereas” in GR19-046 to include the district and the seat number. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Seawright asked that the “Be it Further Resolved” paragraph be amended to include Section 8-502, after Title 16, Chapter 1, Section 16-109. B. 1.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend the last paragraph of PR19-046 to

include Section 8-502. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shephard.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

The motion carried unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken on GR19-046 as amended.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR19-046 as amended carried unanimously.

C. General Resolution Number 19-047 A, Dates and Specific Rules and Procedures for the Special Election

Explanation: This resolution approves and adopts dates and specific rules and procedures for the special election to fill a vacancy on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Colbert to approve GR19-047. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mr. Seawright explained there were two resolutions with the same number, GR19-047 A and GR19-047 B.

Mr. Colbert stated he was in favor of GR19-047 B because it provides for a run off election.

Mrs. Hartman noted in Section 8-502 of the Code, it states the same rules should be followed as in a regular election.

Mr. Cheadle stated in Section 16-205 of the Code it states the Legislature enacts the specific rules for such special elections. The intention was for the Legislature to discuss GR19-047 A and GR19-047 B and make a decision on which to approve. Before submitting the resolution for signatures the letter to distinguish the resolutions will be dropped.

There was discussion of which of the two resolutions would be considered. Mr. Cheadle explained he heard Mr. Colbert amend his motion to approve GR19-047 B, however the Chairperson was introducing GR19-047 A.

Mrs. Green noted the difference between GR19-047 A and GR19-047 B was a run-off election.

Mr. Seawright stated that he asked the Legislature to amend the previous resolution to include Section 8-502. This section states that special elections shall follow all rules, regulations, and procedures as the regular elections. Mr. Seawright stated he supports resolution GR19-047 B because of the large number of candidates anticipated to run. He also stated that he did not see a need to hold a special election. Filing for the regular election is five weeks away. To have a special election before the regular election will cause confusion and will cost more. The only difference is that a candidate will be seated a month or two earlier.

Mr. Colbert noted the Governor has the authority to call a special election.

Mrs. Briggs called for the vote.

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott explained the vote would be on GR19-047 B.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott
9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR19-047 B carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 Comments from Citizens

AGENDA ITEM #6 ADJOURNMENT

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature