

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
April 16, 2004**

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

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2            ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Beth Alexander  
Linda Briggs  
Melvin Burris  
Scott Colbert  
Tim Colbert  
Holly Easterling  
Mary Jo Green  
Donna Hartman  
Dean McManus  
Judy Goforth Parker  
Wanda Blackwood Scott  
Wilson Seawright  
Steve Woods

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

**Guests present:** Rebecca Travis, Juanita Judge Mollau, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner, James A. Humes, Mary Jane Lowery, Mary L. Jones, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Evonna Cannon, Traile G. Glory, Misty Barker, Leo Kelley, Tony Choate, Carolee Maxwell, Robyne Elliott, Cindy Johnson, Sarah Lea, Patricia Bostick, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Betty Kemp, Smith Cole, Anna Cole, Robert Cole, Betty Smith, Sharon Moore, Edna Welch, Leona Welch, Kimp C. Smith, Thurl Harris, Bill Bomboy, D. Brown, Romona Sealy, Zack Anderson

Chairperson Briggs welcomed the guests to the session.

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - March 19, 2004**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the March 19, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

**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**

**Member abstaining:** Donna Hartman  
**1 abstention**

**The motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2004 carried.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

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

**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Steve Woods

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-016, Amendments to Section 18-110 and Section 10-202 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Development Budget)**

This resolution amends Section 18-110 of the code by deleting one subsection which defines and delineates what was once termed the "Capital Improvements Plan." A new subsection is added to Section 10-202 which defines and delineates a Development Budget, which will take the place of the Capital Improvements Plan, and will be included in the portion of the Code which deals with the tribe's budget process. The amendments include details as to what is required for reporting to the Legislature on all projects involving capital improvements and provides for monthly reporting from the Governor to the Legislature on financial expenditures for all such projects.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods to Approve PR21-016. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 10-202, B.3. to read, "Total expenditures for any single project may not exceed more than 10% over the budgeted amount of that project; however, should it become apparent that completion of the project shall exceed such amount, the Governor shall submit a revised project budget to the Legislature for approval." The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.**

**Members voting yes:**

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

Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously.**

A vote was taken on the motion to approve PR21-016 as amended.

**Members voting yes:**

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

**The motion to approve PR21-016, as amended, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert read the dates for the budget hearings in June and concluded his report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 21-046, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) Grant**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant. The Chickasaw Nation Health System would partner with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researchers. The grant award amount is up to \$800,000 for four years. At least 30% of the total award is required to remain with the grantee. The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Research Review Committee, and collaborate with OUHSC and other tribes to facilitate and complete such projects. Individual projects would be managed via subcontracts with OUHSC and other tribes.

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-046. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

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

**The motion to approve GR21-046 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-048, Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies Program**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Social and Economic Development Strategies Projects Program, for the establishment of the Chepota Apisa Chi Li program, an initiative to recruit and retain Native American foster/adoptive families. The application requests funding in the amount of \$480,000 over the three-year project. The tribe’s required 20% match will be provided through in-kind and tribal funds.

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-048. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.**

Mrs. McManus explained the program applying for this grant requested the word “adoptive” be removed in the resolution and the required amount of 20% be amended to 25%.

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-048 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.**

**Members voting yes:**

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

**The motion to approve GR21-048, as amended, carried unanimously.**

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 21-049, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property, containing 2.17 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto.

Dr. Goforth Parker explained the intent of the resolution was for the protection and safety of our leader and his family. However, Governor Anoatubby has expressed his gratitude for the gesture, and has declined the offer. Therefore, no action will be taken on GR21-049 or GR21-050.

Chairperson Briggs announced that GR21-049 failed for lack of a motion.

**General Resolution Number 21-050, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 14.90 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto.

Chairperson Briggs announced that GR21-050 failed for lack of a motion.

Dr. Goforth Parker 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 stated the hospital administrator gave a report to the committee Monday evening, and there were no resolutions to present at this time.

**(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

No report.

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

Mr. Colbert reported his committee met Monday evening and was working on two resolutions which would be presented at a later time.

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

Comments by Lucy Wiley

Ms. Wiley made comments regarding citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation not being able to benefit from the services offered by the Nation.

Sue Simmons voiced displeasure of her comments being edited in the September 19, 2003 Legislative Session minutes.

James Humes announced he was starting a not-for-profit organization called Urban American

Indian League (UAIL), and that there would be more in attendance at the session meetings if they were held on Saturday. He stated that the people wanted more input in the decisions that were made by the Legislature.

Rebecca Travis commented on health care issues her family was facing. She asked that the health care needs of those that live outside the Nation be considered.

Betty Kemp announced she was the newly elected chair for the Purcell Chickasaw Community Council and she invited all to attend their meetings. She also thanked the Governor for declining the expenditure on his behalf.

Juanita Monroe voiced her concern of the medical needs of the people. She asked that the Chickasaw people be taken care of.

Bill Bomboy thanked the Legislature for the building in Oklahoma City where they held their community council meetings.

Sara Lea thanked the legislators for attending the Enos monthly community council meetings. She announced they were having a Music Festival on May 15 at the Enos Community Center and invited everyone to attend.

Carolee Maxwell stated she was in full support of those that have stood up and asked for health care. She felt the Chickasaw Nation could have state of the art health programs.

Juanita Tate encouraged the legislature to listen to the people and let the people have input. She voiced her displeasure of the consideration of acquiring property for the Governor. She asked the Legislature to consider renovating the Carter site for the elders.

Mike Watson made comments on the health care service. He asked for more tutors in the public schools, and for a directory assistance that gives guidelines to help citizens determine if they qualify for service programs.

Evonna Cannon commented on accountability of the Legislature and the newspaper needing information which would be useful to citizens living outside the Nation.

Kathleen Stoner voiced problems she experienced with the Health Care System.

David Brown made comments on Health Care Services.

Mrs. Alexander stated she appreciated the comments that were made.

Mrs. Hartman thanked the citizens for their comments and she shared their concerns regarding health care.

Mrs. Green stated she welcomed the comments made, and as chairman of the Health Care committee she would take the health care questions to the hospital administrator.

Mr. Watson thanked the Legislators for providing programs to help the people get their medications.

**AGENDA ITEM #8            ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature