

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
May 17, 2002**

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

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott called the meeting to order at 8:59 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  
   Wilson Seawright  
   Lisa Shephard  
   Wanda Blackwood Scott

Chairperson Wanda 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:**                Mike Watson, Josie Crow, Wilma Watson, Cindy Griffin, Theea Stephens,  
   Michelle Wilson, Freda Ozbirn, Traile G. Glory, Jade Eason, Jay Keel,  
   Robin Phillips, Tony Choate, Rick DeCora, Shirley Duncan, Carolee  
   Maxwell, Shanna Campbell, Sharri Campbell, Jeremy Cantrell, Kim  
   Abbott, Evan O. Zorn, Lenora Hobbs, Wanda Farrow, Ruby Adkins,  
   Gayle Mitchell, Ernestine Talbson, Virginia Sullivan, Earnest Guess

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - April 19, 2002 and April 26, 2002**

Mrs. Shephard noted typographical errors in the minutes of April 19, 2002 and asked that they be corrected.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve the April 19, 2002 minutes, as amended, and the April 26, 2002 minutes. 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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2002, as amended, and the minutes of April 26, 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

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott relinquished the chair to Mrs. McManus.

**Permanent Resolution Number 19-018, Amendment to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Dissolution of Marriage)**

This resolution approves of a domestic relations code. The Chickasaw Supreme Court participated in the drafting of this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve PR19-018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ogee.**

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR19-018 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 19-021, Amendment to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article C of the Chickasaw Nation Code (General Provisions)**

This resolution approves and adopts a fee schedule pertaining to documents filed in or otherwise handled by the courts of the Chickasaw Nation. This resolution also approves and adopts rules and procedures related to such fees. The Chickasaw Supreme Court participated in the preparation of this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve PR19-021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.**

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR19-021 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott concluded her report and regained the chair from Mrs. McManus.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-048, Authorization for Construction – Senior Nutrition Center Purcell, Oklahoma**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request for funds to be used to construct a Senior Nutrition Center in Purcell, Oklahoma.

This request seeks funding not to exceed the total amount of \$778,000. If funded, \$475,000 will be used for the facility construction cost, \$53,000 for architectural and site engineering fee and \$250,000 for infrastructure cost. This request will allow the new center to replace the temporary accommodations that are currently being housed in the Area Office.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to approve GR19-048. 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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-048 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-049, Authorization for Expenditure of Tribal Funds  
CNHS Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

This resolution authorizes the expenditure of tribal non-trust funds in the amount of 10 % of the program costs for the Chickasaw Nation Health System Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The match had been provided by IHS interest funds. This resolution authorizes general fund monies to be used.

Mr. Seawright stated the 10% would be approximately \$75,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to approve GR19-049. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mrs. Hartman asked if this was the amount given at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Seawright stated information given at the Committee of the Whole meeting was an approximated amount. The figure given today was more in line with the information received.

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-049 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Seawright announced the Legislature will hold budget hearings the latter part of June. The meetings will be held June 18, in Ada, the location will be announced; June 20, in Tishomingo, at the Community Center; June 25, in Purcell at the Area Office; and June 27, in Ardmore at the Senior Citizens Site. All Chickasaw citizens are allowed to attend these meetings and submit their concerns and questions, preferably in writing prior to the meetings. The intention is to hold public hearings to allow comments from all citizens.

Mr. Seawright concluded his report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-050, Approval to Contract -Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Small Ambulatory Program**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation to contract with the Indian Health Service for funding to construct and equip a health care clinic in Purcell, Oklahoma. The clinic will be modeled after the existing health clinics in Ardmore and Tishomingo. This will increase the accessibility of health care to the northern area to include those Chickasaw citizens residing in the Oklahoma City Service Unit.

The contract for the construction and necessary equipment for a health clinic to initially operate a family practice clinic, pharmacy, laboratory and other necessary supportive services. The facility will be built to facilitate the addition of other disciplines such as dental and optometry after the initial family practice operation has been established.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-050. 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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-050 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-051, Authorization for One -Time Funding for the Head Start Program**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's supplemental grant application for one-time funds to improve and enhance operations of the Head Start Program. The application seeks funding to assist the program in health and safety and licensing issues.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-051. 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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-051 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-052, Authorization for COLA/Quality Grant Application of the Head Start Program**

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is currently funded to serve 256 children. This resolution seeks funding to increase funding to enhance operations of the Chickasaw Nation's Head Start funding application.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is funded by the Congressional Head Start Act through the DHHS Head Start Bureau, American Indian Programs branch. As a federally recognized Indian Tribe, the Chickasaw Nation applies for the continuation of services grant each year.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-052. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.**

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-052 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-055, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs**

This resolution approves the tribe's application and funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs, for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) project. The application will seek approval to construct a wellness center.

This resolution assures that the Chickasaw Nation has followed the citizen participation requirements for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program prior to submission of the application for the ICDBG grant. The first public hearing is to explain the availability of the funding as well as the eligible and ineligible projects that might be undertaken through the ICDBG program. The second public hearing is to give the Indian community the opportunity to review the tribe's application.

This resolution states the Chickasaw Nation will commit \$250,000 for leverage and \$111,000 contribution for operational maintenance of the Chickasaw Nation's wellness center to support this project.

This resolution states future project benefits will be directed to low and moderate income persons as required annually.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-055. 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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-055 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Shephard concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-053, Agricultural Lease G03-2508 in Jefferson County**

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2508 on property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Jefferson County, Oklahoma, containing 57.5 acres, more or less, in favor of Robert W. Martin. The lease covers a term of five (5) years beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2006, with a per annum payment of \$310.00.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-053. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mr. Colbert asked for a report from the BIA on the intended use of the property.

Mr. Traile Glory reported the leasee owns property adjoining the lease property. He utilizes the lease property to keep out trespassers. The lease property is sandbar and dense brush.

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-053 carried unanimously.  
General Resolution Number 19-054, Request to Place Land U.S.A. in Trust for the  
Chickasaw Nation**

This resolution authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept title to a tract of land owned by the Chickasaw Nation, comprising 8.9 acres more or less, that is contiguous to the Ada Travel Stop, U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation. It further authorizes the Governor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect this trust acquisition. The property contains a building that is intended to become the new Ada Gaming Center.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-054. The motion was  
seconded by Mrs. Briggs.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,  
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott

**11 yes votes**

**Member voting no:**

Lisa Johnson-Billy  
**1 no vote**

**The motion to approve GR19-054 carried.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

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

Mrs. Alexander reported they have received an updated version of the Chickasaw Nation Education Foundation Scholarship Plan. The committee will review this plan at the next committee meeting.

**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Donna Hartman

No report.

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

No report.

- (H) HISTORIC CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

- (I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Mooniene Ogee

**General Resolution Number GR19-056, Amendment to GR19-047 (Dates and Specific Rules and Procedures for the Special Election)**

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

Mrs. Ogee explained the resolution would amend a typographical error changing the year for the unexpired term ending September 30, 2002 to September 30, 2003.

Mrs. Ogee asked for the rules to be suspended in order to consider emergency legislation GR19-056.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to suspend the rules in order to consider emergency legislation GR19-056. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.**

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to suspend the rules in order to consider emergency legislation GR19-056 carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-056. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.**

**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, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-056 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Ogee concluded her report.

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

Mr. Mike Watson informed the Legislature that his mother received the medication she needed, however, he learned that other senior citizens have not been as fortunate. They are being told there are no funds available. He recommended that the senior citizen sites disburse information regarding medication to the senior citizens.

Mrs. Johnson-Billy recognized the Purcell Senior Citizens.

**AGENDA ITEM #8            ADJOURNMENT**

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by,

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature