

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 20, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

Guests present: James A. Humes, J.D. Malaney, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner,
 Juanita Tate, Sue Simmons, Mary L. Gibbs, C. Mitchem, Margaret
 Ray, Rodney Brown, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Paul Yates,
 Buck Cheadle, Rita Loder, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier, Phillip
 Wood, Toby Perkins

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 15, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the April 15, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

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 minutes of April 15, 2005 carried unanimously.

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 22-014, Amendment to Title 10, Section 10-507 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Special Exemption Granted)

This resolution performs general housekeeping by deleting a section of the Chickasaw Nation Code which had granted exemption from the tribal sales tax by any Chickasaw citizen who purchased computers and related equipment from SmokeSignals Computer Company. As the company is no longer in existence, this resolution will remove the exemption.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

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 PR22-014 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-050, Approval of Amending the Office of the Gaming Commissioner Departmental Budget

This resolution approves the tribal budget increase in the amount of \$155,000.00 to the Office of the Gaming Commissioner. The Office of the Gaming Commissioner intends to hire three additional personnel for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2005 to accommodate the expansion of the Nation's gaming operations. Because of the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact, additional resources, both personnel and budgetary, are required to fulfill the Compact's requirements which include: open communication, increased report writing, availability to the State Compliance Agency (SCA), the licensing of virtually every vendor of the Chickasaw Enterprises and the renewal of such licenses every two years, increase training for office staff and the creation of an administrative hearing process.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-050. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

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 GR22-050 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-043, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Jerry D. Malaney

Ms. McManus introduced Mr. Malaney to the Legislators.

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney, a Chickasaw citizen, to fill the remainder of a three-year term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, beginning on the date of appointment and ending on December 31, 2007.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-043. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

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 GR22-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-044, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Mark Riesen

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's moving Mr. Mark Riesen from the at-large seat he currently occupies on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission to the now-vacant seat on the Commission which represents the Pickens Legislative District. The resolution approves Governor Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to a term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, ending on December 31, 2008.

A typographical error was noted in the fourth "Whereas" of the resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-044, 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 GR22-050, as amended, carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-048, Approval of Application for Funding Indian Health Service Tribal Injury Prevention Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Indian Health Service for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Health System in improving the delivery of health service by reducing injury-related mortality, morbidity and disability by implementing a comprehensive community-based injury prevention program. The Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention Program will include data collection, prevention programs, education, policy development and public awareness.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-048. 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 GR22-048 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-049, 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 Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Wellness Center to be located in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-049. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

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 GR22-049 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 22-045, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$227.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$749.10, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$187.28, on property belonging

to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The property is subject to prior rights of the United States to flood and submerge the land in the construction, operation and maintenance of the Eufaula Dam and Reservoir Project, containing 3.3 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$9.90, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$2.48 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-045. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

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 GR22-045 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-046, Oil and Gas Lease in Love County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith and Associates, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$307.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$25, 978.34, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,494.59, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 84.62 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$253.86, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$63.47 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-046. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

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 GR22-046 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott encouraged students to apply for scholarships for the fall semester.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated that Mr. Bill Lance, Hospital Administrator, gave a report to the committee on the Health Systems.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) LEGISLATIVE ETHICS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution 22-009, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-111 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Special Requests)

This resolution repeals and rescinds Section 16-111 and amends Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order that processes for approving special requests and Legislative travel may be approved by the Special Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mrs. Hartman stated her concerns of allowing three individuals to make decisions pertaining to travel and special requests on behalf of the Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 16-204 D.1. by adding, “All decisions shall be reported to the entire Legislature in a timely manner” to the end of the section. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander commented on the procedures used in conducting the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Ms. Easterling explained the budget dictates travel restrictions.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

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 amend PR22-009 carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve PR22-009 as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

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 voting no:

Donna Hartman
1 no vote

The motion to approve PR22-009, as amended, carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander explained she received a phone call regarding a situation where the Lighthorse Police was called. She commended that department for their quick response. She also commended the Chickasaw Nation for participating and supporting students showing their animals at the county livestock shows.

Mr. Humes voiced his concern of the lack of legitimate controversies in the Legislature over what decisions are to be made of the activities of our government. He would like to see more views of the citizen's discussions and fewer unanimous votes.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding appointments and reappointments of the commissioners, the Tishomingo Wellness Center, the need for a nutrition center in the Duncan area, per capita payments, and the lack of food being supplied to the senior citizen sites.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner commented on the need for a senior citizen's site in Duncan and per capita payments.

Ms. Juanita Tate expressed appreciation to Dr. Goforth Parker for reading the legal descriptions of the properties being voted on in the Land Development Committee.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature