

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 18, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:02 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: Cheryl Ehmans, Betty Boecker, Lizette Stephens, Emma Stephens, Misty Barker, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, James A. Humes, Pat and Bob Eqert, Cindy Griffin, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Traile G. Glory, Sue Hunter, Robert L. Cole, Anna Cole, Tony Choate, Robyn Elliott

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 21, 2004

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to table the May 21, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

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
12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander
1 no vote

The motion to table the minutes of May 21, 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

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 21-047, Approval of Development Budget

This resolution approves the Development Budget with four capital improvement projects. Those projects are: the Ardmore Nutrition Center; the Pharmacy Refill Center; the Newcastle Travel Plaza; and the Wilson Travel Plaza. The total cost for all four projects is just over \$8.6 million. Exhibit A provides all development projects, with documentation to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-047. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Hartman noted a zero amount for the Wilson Travel Plaza.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated the Wilson Travel Plaza was under a contract through Enterprises and the contract provides for no cost to the Nation at this point.

Mr. Seawright stated the information the Legislature received was the Wilson Travel Plaza would be vendor funded at \$4.5 million. The Nation will pay back one-third of the cost.

Mrs. Hartman asked if the amount to be expended on the Newcastle Travel Plaza was for gaming.

Mr. Scott Colbert explained the Newcastle Travel Plaza would be completed in stages.

Mrs. Hartman asked if there were additional funds from the vendor aside from the amount listed for Newcastle.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated he has the financial books and Mrs. Hartman was welcome to

review them.

Mrs. Hartman stated she had reviewed the financials and felt that in the Development Budget a majority of the funds was to support gaming. Approximately \$3 million of the \$8.6 million of this budget would provided services for the people.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted the revenue from gaming helps provides services to the Chickasaw people.

A roll call was taken to approve GR21-047.

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 GR21-047 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 21-063, Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has recently announced the availability of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program to address primary and secondary diabetes prevention demonstration programs. The Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for such grant and proposes to implement comprehensive programming aimed to prevent diabetes among the Chickasaw people. This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-063. 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 GR21-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-064, Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

The Indian Health Service(IHS) has recently announced the availability of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program to address primary and secondary diabetes prevention demonstration programs. The Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for such grant and proposes to implement clinical programming aimed at the prevention of cardiovascular disease among persons with diabetes. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation to apply for an IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-064. The motion was seconded by Mrs. 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 GR21-064 carried unanimously.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 21- 060, Business Lease No. G09-1536 in Atoka County

This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1536 in favor of CenterPoint Energy Field Services, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana, on lands jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations containing 1.31 acres, more or less. This lease will cover a term of twenty (20) years, beginning on December 12, 2003, and ending on December 11, 2023, with a per annum payment of \$3,000.00 for the first five (5) years, and subject to a rental adjustment provision thereafter at not less than five (5) year intervals. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$750.00 per annum for the first five (5) years and thereafter ¼ interest of the rental adjustments.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-060. 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 GR21-060 carried unanimously.

**General Resolution Number 21-061, Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620
Love County, Tract No. 773**

This resolution approves Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620, in favor of the Chickasaw Nation, 520 E. Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820, for a sand & gravel operation on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 33.26 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-061. The motion was seconded by Mrs. 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 GR21-061 carried unanimously

**General Resolution Number 21-062, Agricultural Lease No. G09-1534 in Coal
County**

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1534 for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less, in favor of Edgar A. Collins, Coalgate, Oklahoma. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31, 2006, with a per annum payment of \$120.00, plus weed and brush control at an annual value of \$120.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-062. 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 GR21-062 carried unanimously

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

No report.

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

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported the capitol building should be completed in time for the Chickasaw Festival.

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

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Seawright announced the Oklahoma City Community Council would hold their annual picnic on July 10.

Artistic Presentation by Cheryl Ehmann

Ms. Ehmann presented a sculpture of Chief Tishomingo, which she sculpted, to Governor Anoatubby in honor of his leadership. Chairperson Briggs accepted the sculpture for Governor Anoatubby in his absence.

Lavada “Sue” Hunter voiced her concerns of the lack of education and the drop out rate for Native Americans. She felt there was a disparity in the amount of funds given to education compared to the amount of funds given to the cultural center in Oklahoma City.

Jim A. Humes suggested placing the consolidated budget on the Chickasaw Nation website. He felt this site should be more expansive and informative.

Mike Watson expressed a need of more tutoring services for the children and made comments regarding the Chickasaw removal.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:55 a.m.