

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 17, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 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, Traile G. Glory, Justin Presley, Toby Perkins,
 Mooniene Ogee, Tony Choate, Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson,
 Mike Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 20, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the May 20, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

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 May 20, 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

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-051, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$1,360,456. This amount is in addition to the Indian Community Development Block Grant tribal match of \$275,360 previously approved by General Resolution 22-009. The total request of tribal funds is \$1,635,816.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-051. The motion was seconded by Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

Ms. Hartman inquired of the amount to be approved. Mr. Scott Colbert noted an estimated budget for the activities was included with the resolution. It included \$800,000 from the ICDBG grant, \$275,360 for matching funds and \$1,360,456 was additional tribal funds requested.

A motion was made by Ms. Hartman to amend GR22-051 by striking the last sentence of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman,
Wilson Seawright
4 yes votes

Members voting no:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
9 no votes

The motion to amend GR22-051 failed.

A roll call vote was taken on GR22-051 as presented.

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 GR22-051 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 22-052, Assurances for the Youthbuild 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 a Youthbuild Grant. The application will seek approval to train at-risk youth for job readiness. The resolution assures that the Chickasaw Nation has followed the citizen participation requirements for the Youthbuild program prior to submission of the application for the Youthbuild grant. The resolution states the Chickasaw Nation will commit up to \$69,000 cash and up to \$56,000 in-kind for leverage to support this project. The resolution states future project benefits will be directed to low- and moderate-income, at-risk youth as required annually.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-052. 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 GR22-052 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 22-053, Utility Right-of-Way in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves a Utility Right-of-Way easement to the City of Ada to construct and maintain utility services across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation containing 0.177 acre, more or less. Compensation for this Right-of-Way is waived in exchange for the establishment of utility services to tribal property between Rosedale and Seabrook Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-053. 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 GR22-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-054, Request to Place Land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Office of Field Solicitor requests a resolution specifically describing said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to approve GR22-054. 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 GR22-054 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-055, Agricultural Lease No. G03-2689 in Love County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2689, for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation. The lease contains 4.00 acres, more or less, and is in favor of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning August 1, 2004, and ending on July 31, 2009, with a per annum payment of \$70.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$17.50.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-055. 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 GR22-055 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-056, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Thackerville, Oklahoma, containing 164.45 acres and 58.69 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to approve GR22-056. 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 GR22-056 carried unanimously.

Ms. Hartman asked for an update on land acquisition for the Duncan area. Dr. Goforth Parker stated the Nation is searching for a large track of land so the facilities can be consolidated into one area. They were looking for property located between Marlow and Duncan in order to service both areas. 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 as soon as possible.

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

Ms. Green reported the committee met with the Health Care Administrator, Mr. Bill Lance. He gave an update of the health care services.

Ms. Hartman asked for information regarding funding issues on Medicare and Medicaid in Indian Country. Ms. Green stated she would attempt to get the information requested.

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

No report

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

Permanent Resolution Number 22-015, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)

This resolution performs a housekeeping chore by amending a reference to the CFR Court to read “the courts of the Chickasaw Nation.”

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR22-015. 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 PR22-015 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes invited the candidates running for office to speak at a forum hosted by the Oklahoma City Community Council. He also encouraged the Legislature to create a Chickasaw Warrior Society for the Chickasaw veterans.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on problems his family has experienced at the Ardmore Clinic.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature