

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 17, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the guests.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present:

Beth Alexander
Connie Barker
Katie Case
Scott Colbert (Late arrival; 9:04 a.m.)
Tim Colbert
Holly Easterling
Mary Jo Green
Dean McManus
Wanda Blackwood Scott
David Woerz
Steve Woods
Linda Briggs

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

Michael L. Wingo, Trail Glory, Ashlee Palmer, Nancy Elliott, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Deanna Kendall, Tonya Bierce, Toni Pace, Dana Hudspeth, Tony Choate, Melissa Wilkerson, Shannon Brown, Bryan Lyon, Micha Hart, Gi Gi Bridgmam, Chance Brown, Marlee Erwin, Jared Alexander, Devon Lyon, Desiree Lyon, Laura Ash, Morgan Hennigan, Aaron John, Leslie Westberry, Caleb McDonald

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - June 19, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the June 19, 2009, minutes.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2009, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

**General Resolution Number 26-056, Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Ardmore Elder Housing**

The Ardmore Elder Housing will provide safe and comfortable housing for our elders. The project is to build 4 duplexes in Ardmore on the existing Carter Seminary campus that has existing facilities to serve the elders, including a Nutrition Center, Community Center, Wellness Center and a Senior Center which provides daily meals to our elders. There is also a large storm shelter steps away from the proposed location. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Elder Housing, Project Number 30-0076-08, in the amount of \$888,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR26-056.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-056 carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbert arrived.

**General Resolution Number 26-062, Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Intern Housing Duplexes**

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Intern Housing Duplexes, Project Number 30-0089-09, in the amount of \$501,000. The project will be submitted for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through NAHSDA.

**A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve
GR26-062.**

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-062 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 26-053, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of
Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Bill Lance**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Lance will fill a new seat on the

Board, and is appointed by virtue of his position as Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. Mr. Lance will fill an unexpired three-year term of office ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-053.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-054, Authorizing the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to Participate with and Accept Funding on Behalf of the Community from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

As of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is mandating that all tribal Boys & Girls Clubs have a tribal resolution in place that supports all future funding from the OJP. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to receive any funding supported by the OJP. All funding received from OJP enables the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, Inc. to continue serving youth within the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-054.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-054 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-055, Application for Recovery Act – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – Formula Grant

This stimulus formula grant opportunity has been released. The Chickasaw Nation has been allocated \$1,022,300 but must make application to receive an award. Matching funds are

not required but leveraged, in-kind funds in the amount of \$25,384 have been budgeted, comprised of a percentage of salary for a project coordinator. The grant allows for multiple projects designed to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy costs as well as the composition of a tribal energy plan. Six projects, in addition to the written energy plan, will be submitted. Project one is the energy plan. Project two is the replacement of old heating/cooling system at the Tishomingo Health Clinic. Project three is replacement of old heating/cooling system at the IT building in Ada and the replacement of all the old light bulbs with new, energy-efficient LED light bulbs. Project four is a computer power management system designed to more effectively manage computer updates and the amount of energy consumed by unused computers. Project five is a headquarters campus retrofit project including replacement of heating/cooling systems at headquarters main building, the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. This project will also include a light bulb replacement component at the David Stout building and the nutrition services building. All three buildings will receive occupancy sensors to turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms. Project six is the replacement of heat pumps at the Chickasaw Nation Health System warehouse. Project seven is an unspecified project to be determined by the energy plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-055.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-055 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-063, 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 expansion of the head start located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-063.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,

Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-064, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the renovation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the Legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, the total project cost could be as much as \$24 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-064.

Members voting yes:

Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott
Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Beth Alexander
1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-064 carried.

General Resolution Number 26-065, Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Ardmore, Oklahoma

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the Indian Health Service's Joint Venture Construction Program. Participation in the program requires several steps, beginning with an initial review of the proposed project which will reveal the recommended square footage of the facility and the staffing. The Chickasaw Nation will pay for the renovation or construction costs with tribal funds. Once it has been determined by the program what size of facility is justified, the legislature will be provided with an amended Development Budget, which will include the costs necessary to complete the project's requirements. Based upon population to be served and the Indian Health Service's estimate, total project cost could be as much as \$34 million. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer enhanced services over what is currently available.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-065.

Members voting yes:

Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Beth Alexander
1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-065 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander stated she abstained because she was unable to attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting that morning.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 26-057, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Bryan County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's with the acquisition of real property in Colbert, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 1.89 acres, more or less and a part of Tract 1 of Custom Corners in Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, containing 1.33 acres, more or less. The use is for a senior citizen site.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-057.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz
2 no votes

The motion to approve GR26-057 carried.

General Resolution Number 26-058, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 10.02 acres, more or less. 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. The use is for a Cemetery site.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR26-058.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-058 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-059, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acquisition of real property in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. 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. The property is to be utilized as location for the Division of Education and the Division of Youth and Family Services.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-059.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-059 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-060, Right-Of-Way Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a Right-of-Way Easement granted to People's Electric Cooperative (PEC) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide PEC with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement PEC will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures. The property location is the Firehouse Tract.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-060.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-061, Authorization for Exchange of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property through a like-kind exchange in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 0.34 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-061.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker,
Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-061 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Easterling thanked the Legislature for their assistance during the time of her father's passing.

The Chickashsha Apihchi lkby youth leadership group (CAIP) introduced themselves. Chairperson Briggs relinquished the Chair to explain the legislative procedures to the group, then regained the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson regarding the Ardmore land acquisition and problem at the Ardmore Clinic with the air conditioner.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Easterling, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Submitted by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature