

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
July 19, 2002**

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

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2            ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**            Beth Alexander  
   Linda Briggs  
   Scott Colbert  
   Tim Colbert  
   Mary Jo Green  
   Donna Hartman  
   Lisa Johnson-Billy  
   Dean McManus  
   Mooniene Ogee  
   Judy Goforth Parker  
   Wanda Blackwood Scott  
   Wilson Seawright  
   Lisa Shephard

Chairperson Blackwood Scott declared a quorum.

**Staff present:**                Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
   Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms  
   Monette Richardson, Administrative Assistant  
   Lori Hamilton, Legislative Legal Assistant  
   Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

**Guest present:**            James A. Humes, Melissa Wilkerson, Georgia Malone, Ramona McKee,  
   Dusk Monetathchi, Traile G. Glory, Tony Choate, Danny Key, Jade  
   Eason, Evan O. Zorn, Betty Kemp, Melvin Burris

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - June 21, 2002**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve the June 21, 2002 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colbert.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 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 19-023, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1, Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Child Support Guidelines)**

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature enacted Child Support Guidelines for the Chickasaw Nation on June 21, 2002. By this Resolution, the rights of parents regarding child support obligations will be clarified.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR19-023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR19-023 carried unanimously.**

Wanda Blackwood Scott concluded her report and regained the chair.

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

Mr. Seawright reported the Finance Committee held four public Hearings and will meet next week to review the questions from those hearings as well as questions that derived from the Finance Committee meetings regarding the 2003 budget. The questions will be reviewed and submitted to the Executive Branch. After the responses are received, it is planned to have the budget presented at the next Legislative Session.

Mr. Seawright concluded his report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-069, Authorization for Continuation of the Head Start Program**

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is currently funded to serve 256 children. This resolution seeks funding to continue operation 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 GR19-069. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-069 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-070, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year, and is drafted in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the NCAI. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in

NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI as Governor Bill Anoatubby to serve as the delegate for the Chickasaw Nation, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel first alternate, and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker second alternate.

Mrs. Shephard noted a correction to the date in the resolution.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-070 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-070, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-071, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society (Mr. Robert Perry)**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Robert Perry to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. A resume and photograph for Mr. Perry are included with this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Shephard to approve GR19-071. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-071 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Shephard concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 19-065, Utility Easement in McClain County (Water Line) Repeals General Resolution No. 19-042**

This resolution approves a 15' utility easement to the Purcell Public Works Authority to construct and maintain a water line across tribal property in McClain County, Purcell, Oklahoma. Due to the easement providing water services to the Nutrition Services Center, compensation is hereby waived.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-065. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-065 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-066, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County (Adjacent to Lots 1-10, Block 83)**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire a tract of land which includes a 2,500 square foot shop building and automotive lifts, described as Lots 29 and 30, Block 83, Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma to be utilized in conjunction with adjacent property recently acquired by the Chickasaw Nation. Said property shall be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-066. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.**

Mrs. Johnson-Billy asked if the building adjacent to this property was being utilized.

Mr. Danny Key replied the Roads Department and part of the I.T. Department are temporarily housed in the building. Plans are for the facility to permanently house the Maintenance Department.

Mrs. Ogee asked what machinery was included with the purchase of the property.

Mr. Key replied the bank had taken over the property. Hand tools and two vehicle lifts were the only items included in the price of the property.

Mr. Colbert stated the voters would soon be voting on whether or not to build a new capitol. He did not understand why the Tribe continued to purchase property in Ada if there was a possibility of moving the capitol to another location.

Mr. Key stated he approached the Governor and the Land Development Committee on

the purchase of this property because the Maintenance Department is running short of space. If the capitol is located outside of Ada, the Tribe will still own the facilities and will be responsible to continue their upkeep.

Mrs. Ogee asked if the building previously purchased was put into trust.

Mr. Key replied to the affirmative.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-066 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 19-067, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County (Adjoins Family Life Center Property)**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire a tract of land contiguous to tribal property west of the Family Life Center, located in Pontotoc County, Ada, Oklahoma, containing 12.00 acres, more or less. Said property shall be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-067. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mrs. Green asked Mr. Key to explain the use of the property.

Mr. Key explained this property is owned by Ada Industrial Development Corporation. The purchase of this property would prevent another business from locating next to the Family Life Center. There are no immediate plans to construct a building on this property, however, it would be used for overflow parking. This property may also be used for tennis courts or a ballfield.

Mrs. Ogee stated the price of this property was inflated. She would support this purchase if the Tribe would match the price of the property and put that money into the education programs.

Mrs. Alexander stated Mrs. Ogee brought up a good point. As the Tribe expands the land base, it also needs to add additional funding to the education programs. It was brought to her

attention that the Tribe would not fund summer classes if they were offered during the fall and spring semesters. She felt the Tribe should be putting as much money into education and health as it is increasing the land base.

A roll call taken.

**Members voting yes:**

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert,  
Mary Jo Green, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott  
**10 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee  
**3 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR19-067 carried.**

**General Resolution Number 19-068, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Garvin County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire a tract of land located in Garvin County Oklahoma, containing 6.866 acres, more or less. Said property shall be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after property is acquired.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR19-068. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mr. Colbert asked if the Tribe bought property in Gavin County for Bedre' Chocolate Factory and if it was in operation.

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott replied in the affirmative. That purchase was made two years ago. The cement foundation had been poured at the new facility.

Mr. Colbert stated according to the financial statement Bedre would cost the Tribe money. He suggested moving the Senior Citizens to the facility and close the factory.

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott stated it was located outside the city and would be inconvenient for the Senior Citizens.

Mr. Colbert recommended to table GR19-068 to consider moving the Senior Citizens to the Bedre facility instead of spending money for additional property.

**A motion was made by Mr. Colbert to table GR19-068. The motion was second by Mrs. Hartman.**

A vote was taken.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,  
Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Lisa Johnson-Billy,  
Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright,  
Lisa Shephard, Wanda Blackwood Scott

**10 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker

**3 no votes**

**The motion to table GR19-068 carried.**

Mr. Colbert suggested inviting Mr. Hatton to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. Seawright stated last year the Legislators approved a Capital Improvement Plan which included Phase I of the Lake Texhoma property. Phase I included a travel plaza, bate shop, deli, boat storage, and tobacco shop. He was informed that a gaming center had been established before any of these facilities were built. The Legislature did not approve the gaming center in Phase I.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated the phases presented to the Legislature were tentative plans and not necessarily items for the Legislature to approve. She informed the Legislators that she spoke with Mr. Hatton and invited him to the next Land Development Committee meeting.

Mrs. Alexander asked for an update on the Drake Farm purchase.

Dr. Goforth Parker reported the Tribe had recently taken this property into possession.

Mrs. Shephard stated she spoke with Mr. Hatton who informed her that Mr. Eddie Easterling will be over this project. It will continue as a ranch. They will start out with 500 cow/calf pairs and 500 wild horses. The Tribe is working in conjunction with the Noble Foundation on setting up a plan.

Mr. Seawright asked if this was part of the wild horse project through the federal program.

Mrs. Green stated she was informed that the Tribe would receive \$48 per day per horse

for one year.

Mrs. Alexander voiced her concern about the information the Legislature receives on what property will be used for, prior to its purchase. The Legislators are under the assumption the property will be used for one thing and later learn that it is being used for another. She realized plans change, however, she would like to be informed of those changes. An example she used was the gaming facility at Texhoma. This project was not mentioned when the purchase of property came up for a vote. When the Drake Farms property came up for a vote, the cow/calf operation was not mentioned.

Mrs. Shephard requested Mr. Hatton to meet with the Legislature on a monthly basis at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Mrs. McManus reported three consultant firms have been contracted for the cultural center. A two day training session was offered last week. The first day included questions such as what do the people want in a cultural center and what do they expect. Goals were also set at this meeting. The land is in place and this project is going forward.

Mr. Seawright stated the Chikasha Renewal was last weekend. The comments he heard from the visitors were there was not enough information disseminated to the public to make them aware of this event.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

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

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

Mrs. Scott stated they were in the process of trying to complete the historical capitol building in Tishomingo. Plans include having the elevator in by the Chickasaw Festival.

Mrs. Scott concluded her report and regained the Chair from Mrs. McManus.

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

No report.

Mrs. Hartman asked what rules were in place that would address Mr. Scott Colbert's situation regarding him seated as a Legislator and his name being on the ballot for the judicial race.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated he withdrew from the judicial race.

Mrs. McManus stated the Election Commission contacted the company conducting the election and were able to have Mr. Colbert's name removed from the ballots.

Mrs. Ogee voiced her concerns regarding the Ethics Commission not being in place. She would like to have this commission in place before the elections are completed.

Mrs. Johnson-Billy thanked the Legislature for supporting the youth at the Temple of God Church. She also expressed her gratitude to the Youth and Family Services Department for the Native American youth camp they conducted. She reported the staff was well organized and the youth were very appreciative.

Mrs. Ogee stated she attended the Ada Community Council and the question was asked what progress had been made on the baseball field at Kullihoma. They would like to see lights at the ball field.

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

Chairperson Wanda Blackwood Scott welcomed Mr. Scott Colbert to the Legislature.

Comments were made by Mr. James A. Hume. Mr. Humes challenged the Legislators to create a corporation act for the Nation. This would encourage entrepreneurs to come into the Nation, purchase land, and create businesses. He requested additional time on the agenda for next month.

Ms. Betty Kemp announced the Purcell Community Counsel will host a candidate forum Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at the First American Bank Center.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Dean McManus, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature