

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 18, 2003**

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
 Melvin Burris
 Scott Colbert
 Tim Colbert
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Mooniene Ogee
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright

Member absent: Steve Woods

Chairperson Scott declared a quorum.

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Roy Worcester, Sergeant-At-Arms Pro Tempore
 Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guest present: James A. Humes, Buck Cheadle, Darlene Cheadle, Robert L. Cole,
 Mary Smith, Jim Beghs, Misty Barker, Tony Choate, Cheri L.
 Bellefeuille-Eldred, Jade Eason, Jessie Kemp, Ramona McKee, Jay
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AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

AGENDA ITEM #4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS PRO TEMPORE - Honor Guard Roy Worcester

Chairperson Scott thanked Mr. Worcester for his service.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - June 20, 2003

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the June 20, 2003 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2003 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #7: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Mrs. Briggs gave the report in Mr. Woods absence.

General Resolution Number 20-069, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for an Indian Health Service Elder Health Care Initiative Grant

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation Health System to apply for a grant for an Indian Health Service Elder Health Care Initiative Grant. The requested amount is up to \$50,000 for three years, with no matching funds required. The Project period is September 15, 2003, through September 14, 2006. The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) will collaborate with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging to develop reimbursable long-term care services for the elder population. The proposed project will develop an Elder Day Care Program designed to provide assistance in daily living activities in a group setting for elders with functional impairments.

A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve GR20-069. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR20-069 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Briggs concluded her report.

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

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mooniene Ogee

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Chairperson Scott relinquished the chair to Mrs. McManus. Mrs. Scott reported the progress of the Committee was going well and the completion of the Capitol Building was in sight. She concluded her report and regained the chair from Mrs. McManus.

(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Steve Woods

No report.

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC SUB COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 20-008, Title 5, Chapter 2, Article G of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Procedures for Appeals from Final Decisions of a Chickasaw Nation Commission Other Than the Election Commission)

This resolution defines the processes for filing appeals from a decision of a Chickasaw Nation commission or board other than the Election Commission to the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation. The Supreme Court assisted in the preparation of this resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Briggs to approve PR20-008. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR20-008 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 20-009, Title 5, Chapter 1, Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules of Procedure for the Supreme Court)

This resolution amends the rules of procedure for the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court and Legal Division assisted in the preparation of this resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR20-009. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR20-009 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 20-019, Title 5, Chapter 14 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Peacemaking Court)

This resolution establishes a Peacemaking Court for the Chickasaw Nation. The Peacemaking Court shall be a part of and under the direction of the Chickasaw Nation District Court. The Supreme Court and Legal Division assisted in the drafting of this resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR20-019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.

Mrs. Hartman referred to Section 5-1401.5, Use of Tribal Traditions and Customary Law. She asked if there were guidelines for this Section.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated tribal traditions and customary laws were part of the basic law of both the Supreme Court and the District Court as well as the Peacemaking Court. Tribal traditions and customs were unwritten.

Mrs. Hartman noted a clause in the Section that included present day religious teachings. She stated it was unclear as how the present day religious teachings was a part of tribal traditions

and customs.

Mr. Seawright stated the person serving as the peacemaker should have knowledge of Chickasaw customs and traditions. Although some feel that traditions and teachings are pagan rituals and do not conform to the current day religious teachings, it was the hope that the peacemaker will understand these things as he fulfills this role.

A roll call was taken.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR20-019 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Mary Jane Smith stated she worked for the Ada Youth Shelter which is a non-profit organization and serves 7 counties. Within the past year, 32% of the 350 residents were American Indian of which one-half were Chickasaw. The Youth Shelter works with other organizations such as the Indian Child Welfare Department and the Department of Human Services. The building in which they are housed is in need of major repairs and their rent is expected to increase by 84%. They are exploring the possibility of a new facility and asked for assistance with this endeavor.

Mr. Tim Colbert suggesting taking this request to the Governor's Office.

It was requested that the following comments be verbatim.

Jim Humes: Yakoke and Chuckma Madam Chairwoman, . . . James A. Humes, and I am a voting member of the Pontotoc District, land of hanging grapes, out of Oklahoma City. I saw several of you at our picnic last Saturday, and I am glad that you were there and I hope you enjoyed yourself. I would like to acknowledge we have a member of our Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council, Mr. Robert Coleman and his lovely wife, with us today. And we enjoyed you being there and . . . ah . . . I hope that soon we'll be able to hear something about our resolution to have the change at least temporarily, of the meeting dates of the Chickasaw Nation Legislature so more citizens can show up. I think it maybe bad that we don't have more citizens come to listen to the people that work for the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

I have a few things I would like to discuss this morning. First of all, as I always do, I would like to give something as a sort of a quotation or a motif for my talk, and it has to do with truth. Our truth, soft truth, but the truth. Truth goes through three stages at least. The first of which is considered absurd and ridiculous. The second stage is considered to be dangerous to the status quo. The third stage and lastly is considered wholesome and indeed self evident. Those are not my thoughts but taken

from Author a 1900 century philosopher. Read down more realistic things, when Harry S. Truman was campaigning in his famous Whistle Stop Tour across the United States, he was noted for making pithy and often . . . remarks, to the point that the reporters who covered it hollered out to Harry one day, "Give em Hell Harry". And Harry Truman responded by saying "I tell them the truth and they think it's hell". The reason why I started out with that is I'm very concerned about what I think is an ethical problem. I know this is the election season, and I know there are a lot of people who would like to represent, we the people. I have caller ID on my phone and I got several phone calls promoting, and requesting my vote, for certain candidates. I have caller ID on my telephone number, on my telephone. Those calls were from the Anoatubby for Governor Office. I think that is a severe breach in ethics and other things and I can guarantee you I will not vote for somebody that is being called from the Governor's campaign office. I think it is a conflict of interest. We should have a strict division, separation, between the Executive and Legislative branch. I think that it is ridiculous that we have that. I know, for one, why it happens. I know, and I have had experience with working with Bill Anoatubby, that he has, what he calls, his pet Legislators. Those are the ones that get to ride in the plane with him. Those are the ones who benefit from, maybe not money, but other services, for his selected candidates. And some of you may know what I am talking about.

Chairperson: Mr. Humes I hate to stop you in discussion, but I want you to be a little bit more precise in what you say. We here are trying to do our work, and we don't want you to demean us. Alright?

Jim Humes: Ok I will go back to my first statement about truth.

Chairperson: Yes.

Jim Humes: Your concerned with consider it absurd and ridiculous. I apologize if I have stepped on any toes. I think you may have gotten the gist of what my concerns are. Thank you.

Chairperson: I think we all have. Do we have anyone further? Will you come forward and state your name for the record.

Ms. Jo Ann Hunter informed the Legislators she was restoring a building in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma which dated back to 1898. It was part of the Chickasaw Commercial Center and was the Chickasaw Nation Furniture Store, which later also served as a funeral parlor. The building is on the registrar of the Historical Society. She asked for permission to use the Seal of the Great Chickasaw Nation on the building.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth to grant permission to use the Seal of the Great Chickasaw Nation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Briggs.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris

Mr. Scott Colbert questioned the Historical Society owning the building and granting use of the seal. He was unaware of what the law said in a case such as this.

Chairperson Blackwood Scott stated the seal could not be used for profit, but it could be used on something that is historically Chickasaw.

Mr. Tim Colbert to table the motion to use the seal.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to table the motion. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris,
Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,
Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott
12 yes votes

The motion to table carried unanimously.

Mr. Overton “Buck” Cheadle stated he was a member of the Historical Society and they would like to see this project completed. Next year the Society plans to place a granite monument on the Court House Lawn in Pauls Valley.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by,

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature