

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
July 15, 2005**

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

Chairperson Linda Briggs 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  
   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, Ron Frazier, Paul Yates, Rita Loder, Mooniene  
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**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - June 17, 2005**

**A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the June 17, 2005 minutes. 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 the minutes of June 17, 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

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-019, Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 8, Title 3, Chapter 3 and Title 10, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Code of Laws of the Chickasaw Nation (Comptroller Act)**

This resolution updates and streamlines the codified processes of the budget and accounting procedures of the tribal government. It amends those sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the Comptroller Act of 1994 to describe that all functions can be performed by existing personnel without the need for a Comptroller.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**

Mr. Seawright noted the resolution was not received in a timely manner and there was not sufficient time for the Legislature to review PR22-019.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table PR22-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,  
Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods  
**9 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs  
**4 no votes**

**The motion to table PR22-019 carried.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-057, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw

Nation Election Commission, Ms. Billie Easterling

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Billie Easterling to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, becoming effective on the date the Governor signs this resolution and ending on December 31, 2005.

**A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-057. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.**

Mr. Seawright noted if the resolution was approved, the term of office would be in excess of three years. He suggested the term end December 31, 2005, and follow up with a resolution for reappointment with the term beginning in December, 2005 and ending in December 2008.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend GR22-057 by amending the ending date to December 31, 2005. Mr. Burris seconded the motion.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods  
**11 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs  
**2 no votes**

**The motion to amend GR22-057 carried.**

A roll call was taken on GR22-057 as amended.

**Members voting yes:**

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

**Member abstaining:**

Holly Easterling  
**1 abstention**

**The motion to approve GR22-057 as amended, carried.**

**General Resolution Number 22-058, Approval of Application for Funding –  
Administration for Native Americans Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative  
Program**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the establishment of the Healthy Marriages and Families project, an initiative to increase the well-being of our youth through cultivating healthy marriages within the Native American community. The application requests federal funding in the amount of \$400,000 over the three-year project. The tribe's required 20% match will be provided through in-kind and tribal funds.

**A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-058. 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 GR22-058 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 22-059, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant, clients will be assisted with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include, one month's rent and deposit and utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment, and groceries. The grant will provide crisis counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders, and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle". Also many referrals will be made to tribal and non tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal needs, etc. This grant serves Native and Non-Native victims.

**A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-059. 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 GR22-059 carried unanimously.**

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 22-047, Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690 in Marshall County**

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690, for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation. The lease contains 80 acres, more or less, and is in favor of Kenneth R. Muncrief, of Madill, Oklahoma. The proposed lease will be for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2005, and ending on December 31, 2005, with a per annum payment of \$350.00.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-047. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling,  
Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,  
Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs  
**10 yes votes**

**Member voting no:**

Steve Woods  
**1 no vote**

(Mr. Scott Colbert and Mr. Tim Colbert were not present for the vote.)

**The motion to approve GR22-047 carried.**

**General Resolution Number 22-060, Right-of-Way Easement in Pushmataha County**

This resolution approves a right-of way easement to The GHK Companies, LLC, for the purpose of a gas well location and road across a portion of property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, containing 3.67 acres, more or less. The proposed right-of-way will be for a twenty (20) year term, at a total compensation rate of \$9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$2,375.00.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-060. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

**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 GR22-060 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution 22-061, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Stephens County**

This resolution authorizes the transfer of a tract of land from the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation designated as surplus, containing 0.51 acre, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-061. 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 GR22-061 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 22-064, Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County**

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation in McClain County containing 0.10 acre, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-064. 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 GR22-064 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 22-065, Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County**

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation containing 1.18 acre, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-065. 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 GR22-065 carried unanimously.**

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.

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

Ms. Green reported that the Chickasaw Health System was the only one in the Nation that has health records data available in all the clinics throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

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

No report.

**(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Tim Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-016, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Marriage Ceremony Act)**

This resolution establishes the Marriage Ceremony Act of 2005 pursuant to which the Judges and Justices of the Chickasaw Nation and members of the clergy may perform marriages within the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation. The resolution also amends the application and filing fees for marriage licenses.

**A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR22-016. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus**

**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 PR22-016 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-017, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 6, Article D, Section 6-304.22 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Termination of Parental Rights)**

This resolution amends the Code of the Chickasaw Nation to provide better definitions of circumstances when the District Court may terminate parental rights. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-017. 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 PR22-017 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-018, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 8, Section 2-812 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rights of Majority)**

This resolution provides rules and procedures for the District Court enabling it to confer rights of majority to persons under eighteen (18) years of age in certain situations and upon certain procedures. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

Mr. Tim Colbert noted that the title should be Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend the Title to read, “Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Rights of Majority).” 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 carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-018, as amended. 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 PR22-018, as amended, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tim Colbert Concluded his report.

**(I) LEGISLATIVE ETHICS SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Holly Easterling

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-012, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)**

This resolution amends those sections of Title 16, Chapter 2 that describe the process for consideration of proposed legislation by the Tribal Legislature.

**A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Colbert.**

Mr. Seawright proposed to amend Section 16-204 B. by not deleting items 2. and 3. and to amend Section 16-205 B. 3. by deleting items b., c., and d.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend PR22-012 by reinstating items 2. and 3. of Section 16-204B, and by deleting items b., c., and d. of Section 16-205 B. 3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright  
**3 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,  
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**10 yes votes**

**The motion to amend failed.**

Ms. Hartman stated by deleting item 5. of Section 15-204 B. it would eliminate the right of a Legislator to present legislation in Legislative Session.

**A motion was made by Ms. Hartman to reinstate item 5. of Section 16-204 B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright  
**3 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

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

**The motion to amend failed.**

A vote was taken on PR22-012 as presented.

**Members voting yes:**

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,  
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**10 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright  
**3 no votes**

**The motion to approve PR22-012 carried.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 22-013, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee)**

The resolution creates a permanent Select Committee designated the “Legislative Ethics Select Committee” by adopting language to be codified at Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204.

**A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-013. 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 votes**

**The motion to approve PR22-013 carried.**

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

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

Chairperson Briggs announced there would be an Additional Regular Session on July 21, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., to reconsider PR22-019.

Mr. James Humes encouraged everyone to attend the Oklahoma City Community Council picnic on July 16, at 6:00 p.m. He made comments regarding the Chickasaw Festival and about Salara health care group.

**AGENDA ITEM #8            ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary