

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 19, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:09 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: Ron Frazier, Tony Thorton, Susie Johnston, Connie Brown,
Emmett Brown, James A. Humes, Don Gahagan, Jessie Kemp,
Tom Bolitho, Buck Cheadle, Mooniene Ogee, Jay Keel, Cynthia
G. Johnson-Perkins, Taylor Perkins

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 28, 2005
July 15, 2005**

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the minutes of July 28, 2005.
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 the minutes July 28, 2005 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander made amendments to the minutes of July 15, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of July 15, 2005 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 the minutes of July 15, 2005, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Chairperson Briggs announced the Legislative Committee Report would be given at the end of the session.

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-068, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2006

This resolution approves the Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,847,000 and the Consolidated Governmental Budget in the amount of \$6,269,923,517.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR220-068. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Seawright offered an amendment to increase the Education Program line item by doubling the amount in the budget.

Ms. Hartman noted that \$3.4 million in the budget were uncommitted which can go to this increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend the Executive Department Budget, Line Item W. Education Programs, by increasing the line item by \$1 million. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Dr. Goforth Parker recommended increasing the budget as needed and consulting with a representative from the Education Department regarding the proposed increase.

A roll call was taken on the amendment.

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 failed.

A vote was taken to approve GR22-068 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 GR22-068 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(B.) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(C.) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-066, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada,

Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, 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 Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-066. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

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

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donn Hartman
2 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-066 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-067, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property and Lease and Construction of Office Building in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 2.26 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. This resolution also approves a Real Property Lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation and construction of an office building on property containing 2.26 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-067. The motion was seconded by Mrs. 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 GR22-067 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(D.) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(E.) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(F.) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(G.) ETHICS SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 22-011, Amendment to Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Ethics)

This resolution amends Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding legislative ethics.

Ms. Easterling explained the committee met and discussed amendments to PR22-011.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-011 as amended in committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Mr. Tim Colbert proposed an amendment by deleting the last sentence of Section 16-702 6.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend PR22-011 by striking the last sentence of Section 16-702 6, which would read, “‘Censure’ means the formal resolution of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature reprimanding one or more of its own members, for specified conduct.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Wanda Blackwood Scott
2 no votes

The motion to amend carried.

Mr. Seawright proposed an amendment to add to Section 16-702 4, “as long as it does not conflict with the Constitution.”

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 16-702 4. to read, “‘Confidential Information’ shall include the following as long as it does not conflict with the Constitution:” The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright,
6 yes votes

Members voting no:

Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
7 no votes

The motion to amend failed.

A vote was taken to approve PR22-011 as amended by Mr. Tim Colbert.

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 PR22-011 as amended carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(H.) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-010, Amendments to Title 18, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Purchase Protocol)

This resolution clarifies the protocol to be used in making real property purchases. It clarifies current statutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated Section 18-107 C should reference Section 16-702.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to amend Section 18-107 C to read, “All such information provided by the Governor shall be treated by the Legislature as confidential information pursuant to Section 16-702 et seq.” 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 the amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Seawright offered an amendment to the last sentence of Section 18-107 B by adding, “as well as the asking price or negotiated price.”

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 18-107 B to read, “The Governor shall also include with such submission pertinent facts relating to the real property, including any proposed or suggested plans for such real property and its appraised value as well as the asking price or negotiated price.” The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, 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:

Melvin Burris
1 no vote

The motion to approve the amendment carried.

A vote was taken to approve PR22-010 as amended.

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 PR22-010 as amended carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments by Mr. James Humes

Mr. Humes made comments regarding proposed legislative action to provide services to all Chickasaws regardless where they reside.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature