

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 16, 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
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright

Members absent: Holly Easterling
 Steve Woods

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

Guests present: ‘Rena Duncan, James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson,
 Della Wilson, Bill Paul, Jay Keel, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 19, 2005

Amendments were made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the August 19, 2005 minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

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,
Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2005, as amended, 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

Dr. Goforth Parker presented the Legislative Committee Report in the absence of Chairman Woods.

Permanent Resolution Number 22-021, Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Sales Tax)

This resolution repeals the tribal sales tax.

Mr. Seawright offered an amendment to PR22-021 which would delete all language that referred to repeal and rescind and it would exempt the sales tax for senior citizens.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend PR22-021, Section 10-511 to include "Senior Citizen Exemption. An exemption to this tribal sales tax is granted to individuals, Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Senior Citizens." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert,
Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright
4 yes votes

Members voting no:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
7 no votes

The motion to amend PR22-021 failed.

A roll call was taken on PR22-021 as presented.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
7 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert,
Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright
4 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-021 carried.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-072, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$6,961,455 for construction of administrative offices for the Division of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-072. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Mr. Seawright stated he supported education and was aware the Education Department needed office space. However, he could not support this legislation because the cost to construct the building was over \$6.9 million which would equate to \$212.00 per square foot for a 31,000 square foot facility. Mrs. Alexander reiterated Mr. Seawright's comments.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,
Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
8 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright
3 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-072 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-073, 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. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of 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 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-073. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

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,
Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-073 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

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

General Resolution Number 22-069, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County

This resolution approves an oil and gas lease in favor of Oracle Resources Oklahoma Limited Partnership, Dallas, Texas, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$40.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$200.00. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$50.00 on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, in Bryan County, containing ten acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-069. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

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, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-069 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-070, Recreational Lease No. G09-1585 in Bryan County

This resolution approves a recreational lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Bryan County. This lease covers a term of five years, beginning on June 1, 2005, and ending on May 31, 2010. During the first year of the lease, the lessee agrees to provide improvements to the property in lieu of rental payment by installing a permanent gate and to practice brush and weed control; the second year, the lessee agrees to pay \$50.00 as rental payment, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$12.50, plus practice brush and weed

control; the third through the fifth year the lessee agrees to pay \$100.00 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 25.00 per annum, plus practice brush and weed control. Also, the lessee agrees to maintain entrance gate to property to control public access to the Red River.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-070. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

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, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-070 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-071, Business Lease No. G09-1588 in Latimer County

This resolution approves business lease in favor of Allegiance Communications, LLC, for use as a cable television satellite station, on lands jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, in Latimer County, containing 0.23 acres, more or less. This lease will cover a term of five years, beginning on June 1, 2005, and ending on May 31, 2010, with a per annum payment of \$300.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$75.00 per annum.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-071. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

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, Linda Briggs
11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-071 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-074, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for construction of a road on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, in Love County, containing 3.85 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-074. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

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, Linda Briggs
11 Yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-074 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-075, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way to Oklahoma Department of Transportation for construction of a road upon property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, in Love County, containing 8.60 acres, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's participation in the road project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-075. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

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, Linda Briggs
11 Yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-075 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-076, Temporary Rights-of-Way Easement in Love County

This resolution authorizes and approves a temporary right-of-way easement to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the construction of driveways for a roads project described as four parcels of land, in Love County, containing 3.62 acres, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's participation in the road project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-076. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes:

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

(Mr. Scott Colbert was not present for the vote.)

The motion to approve GR22-076 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Presentation by a representative from the Toy and Action Figure Museum, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Mr. Bill Paul invited the legislators to the grand opening of the Toy and Action Figures Museum on October 15, 2005.

Ms. Hartman thanked the Chickasaw people of Pickens District for the privilege of serving as their legislator. Chairperson Briggs presented Ms. Hartman with a plaque for her service. Dr. Goforth Parker also presented Chairperson Briggs with a beaded gavel for her two years of service as Chairperson of the Legislature.

Mr. James Humes commented on the resolution passed in August that he believes will allow for withholding information from the citizens. He encouraged all to visit the Oklahoma City Community Council website and he invited the Legislators to attend the community council meetings.

Mr. Mike Watson addressed issues concerning the primary election and the recount.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Sincerely,

Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature