

**Minutes**  
**Business, Finance, & Justice**  
**Committee**  
**September 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Golden, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Representative Randall Hicks

**ROLL CALL:** April Lindsey, Legislative Clerk accounted for five members present and none counted as absent/excused at the time of roll call. **Members present:** Patrick Freeman, Randall Hicks, Mark Randolph, Sandra Golden. **Members absent/excused:** Thomasene Yahola Osborn.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** Yes. Four members present constitute a quorum. Therefore, any business transacted will be valid.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**8/17/23, 8/29/23 (Budget), 8/31/23 (Budget)**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes

Sandra Golden –  
Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

Randall Hicks – Yes

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**\*Vice-Chair S. Golden relinquished the Chair to the Senior Member M. Randolph.**

**NCA 23-081** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION § 2-135 ENTITLED “Rules of Civil Procedure” IN MCNCA TITLE 27, CHAPTER 2

Representative Sandra Golden made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Sandra Golden made a motion to **Postponed Indefinitely**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph –                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-082** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION § 2-136 ENTITLED “Adoption of Restatement of Torts, Second and Third” IN MCNCA TITLE 27, CHAPTER 2

Representative Sandra Golden made a motion to **Postponed Indefinitely**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph –                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**\* Senior Member M. Randolph relinquished the Chair back to Vice-Chair S. Golden.**

**NCA 23-108** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE 2023 ENBRIDGE FUELING FUTURES GRANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden –                              Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**\*Vice-Chair S. Golden relinquished the Chair to the Senior Member M. Randolph.**

**NCA 23-109** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR MUSCOGEE INTERNATIONAL, LLC

Representative Sandra Golden made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph –                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-110** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR MUSCOGEE  
NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Representative Sandra Golden made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph –                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**\* Senior Member M. Randolph relinquished the Chair back to Vice-Chair S. Golden.**

**NCA 23-111** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden –                              Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-112** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 36, § 1-104 ENTITLED “Powers and duties of the Tax Commissioner”

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden –                              Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                              Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

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**Referred Legislation:**

**NCA 23-075** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN ORDER TO CREATE THE RAMP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **Sponsor: Charles McHenry Co-Sponsor: Robert Hufft (\$50,000.00)**

**NCA 23-097** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FACILITIES

DEPARTMENT FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATED IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks (\$16,308.00)**

**NCA 23-100** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE LAGOON CLOSURE AT DUCK CREEK AND OKEMAH CASINOS **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks (\$70,000.00)**

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Approve the funding source**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden –                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Add TR 23-099 to the Agenda**. No Second.

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **All in favor, None against. Motion carried**

In Executive Session at: 3:52 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at: 4:02 p.m.

**Discussion:**

MNGE (GOAB)

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Patrick Freeman gave benediction and served as adjournment.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.**

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**APPROVAL**

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Sandra Golden, Vice-Chairperson

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Legislative Clerk

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Date