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ALSO PRESENT

Chairman Paul Brooks
Sheila Beck
Tony Hunt
Representative Charles Graham
Representative Garland Pierce

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. We're going ask
2 our secretary, Ms. Jan Lowery, to do a roll call,
3 please.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? Terry Hunt?

5 MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

7 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Here.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

11 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

13 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

15 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Present.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Here.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

19 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Robert
21 Chavis? Jan Lowery, here. Bill Brewington?

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds
24 Blanks?

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins? Frank Cooper?

2 MR. FRANK COOPER: Here.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

4 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Here.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

6 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Present.

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

8 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

10 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Here.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Fifteen. We have a quorum.

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We do have a quorum. Madam
13 Secretary, we'd like to ask to excuse Mr. Evan
14 Davenport. He did send me a text message that he had
15 to work tonight.

16 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, I move that
17 those not in attendance be excused, including Mr.
18 Davenport, be excused for tonight's meeting.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. All in favor,
20 say aye.

21 (The council voted.)

22 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any opposed? Thank you.
23 Next on our agenda is the review and approval of the
24 agenda. Can we get a motion?

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

2 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: I make a motion that we
3 approve the agenda.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

5 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Second.

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It's been made and second.
7 All in favor, say aye.

8 (The council voted.)

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any opposed? Any no?
10 Thank you. Next item is review and approval of
11 September tribal council minutes and actions.

12 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, on the -- down
13 on the front -- the fourth page, the third paragraph
14 from the bottom -- recognition of the Lumbee Boys and
15 Girls Club. Correction on the Dr. Rose Marie Lowery.
16 It's Lowry Townsend. That's a different name.

17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Please, make a note and
18 correct that, please.

19 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I move that the minutes be
20 approved.

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can we get the motion
22 approved?

23 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We got a second. All in
25 favor, say aye.

1 (The council voted.)

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any oppose? Thank you. We
3 do have with us as we -- and before we mention that,
4 Mr. John Lyon is here to do a presentation for us.
5 We're going to ask him to come at this time, and
6 Representative Charles Graham -- we're going to have
7 him in attendance tonight.

8 MR. JOHN LYON: Thank you very much. I feel
9 like I'm almost with family now. You folks have seen
10 me out here over the last six or seven years, and
11 it's always the same purpose. You know, with
12 budgets, you never know what kind of money is going
13 to be available. Fortunately, we've been very
14 successful with AT&T with supporting your
15 back-to-school supply program, and I want to present
16 a check in a second, but first, I want to thank all
17 the council members on another matter.

18 Let's see -- it was January or February I think it
19 was, and I have worked very closely with Larry Townsend
20 and Representative Graham in promoting the Inspired
21 Program -- the scholarship program where AT&T sponsors a
22 special program up in Washington, D.C., specifically for
23 American Indians or Alaskan natives. It's a three-week
24 course up at George Washington University on tribal
25 relations, and no one from the Lumbee Tribe has ever been

1 selected to go to that before -- and I appear before you
2 folks -- like I said, I think it was in January to get the
3 word out, and you certainly did. There were plenty of
4 applications from the Lumbee students. Only ten students
5 from across the entire country were selected. Hundreds of
6 entries were received, and one of them was a young lady
7 from the Lumbee tribe, Alexia Locklear -- and I hear from
8 her parents that she had a wonderful time -- and we're
9 probably going to set up a seminar a month before next
10 year's applications start locally here so that more of
11 your students can hear about it. Also, two other students
12 were actually included on the wait-list last year. They
13 put ten -- ten students on the wait-list in case any of
14 the original ten could not make it, and two of those were
15 Lumbee students as well. So I wanted to thank you for
16 getting the word out last year. It paid dividends, and
17 Alexia had a great time.

18 And on for tonight's presentation. As you know, AT&T
19 is very involved with educational initiatives -- that's
20 our primary philanthropic endeavor across the United
21 States, and the Lumbee Tribe has a fantastic program.
22 Your back-to-school supply program -- without those
23 necessary tools to get the kids started off right in the
24 school year, they're going to be behind. So I applaud you
25 for applying that program -- and so far, I think it's the

1 eighth consecutive year. If we can do the presentation
2 here.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bobby is the head of
4 our education committee.

5 MR. JOHN LYON: I've asked the two
6 representatives to join me as well because they are
7 both very involved in educational initiatives, very
8 supportive. But for the eighth consecutive year,
9 AT&T has very proudly supported the back-to-school
10 supply program with a check for \$2,000.
11 Representative Graham, would you like to say
12 anything?

13 REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: Well, I'll just
14 turn around and say to the council and -- I want to
15 personally thank John and AT&T for his outstanding
16 work with the boys and girls clubs. I was telling
17 one of the council members earlier everything helps,
18 every dime helps in terms of trying to promote
19 educational needs of our children. And, of course,
20 one of the benefits of education is that the boys and
21 girls club certainly does a great job with promoting
22 educational, cultural, and social means for our
23 children and will certainly go a long ways in
24 promoting that. Thank you, John. I just want to
25 personally thank you for staying committed to this

1 cause and to this tribe in this way. Thanks a lot.

2 REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: Yes. I do have
3 one other presentation. This is the Office Depot
4 Foundation called the Backpack Foundation. Had an
5 opportunity to collect several of these packs, and
6 they were in a box. Don't you like that, Mr. Bill?

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Looks like the symbol of
8 our culture.

9 REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES GRAHAM: How great they
10 did that. So we do have several of these on behalf
11 of Office Depot. I'd like to thank Office Depot
12 personally for this. These will serve our children
13 and our boys and girls club as an incentive or a
14 reward. It's a backpack, and you actually put it on
15 your back, and inside, we have a few little school
16 supplies as well, pens and crayons and things. It
17 will serve as a good way for boys and girls club --
18 and it will be able for us to make this presentation.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Representative.

21 REPRESENTATIVE GARLAND PIERCE: Well, I'd just
22 for a minute to thank all of you over the years, and
23 I'm just glad to be with you -- and I work well with
24 Charles, and obviously we do all we can for this
25 county, and I think you know that we're just a phone

1 call away. And I want to thank AT&T because years
2 ago, being a senior member of delegation when all of
3 this started years ago. So thank you for your
4 continued support, and I know that we'll be old men,
5 so we have an obligation to do that as well. Thank
6 you this evening.

7 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: We have another
8 presentation. On behalf of the Lumbee Tribe, we'd
9 certainly like to show you and give you this plaque,
10 AT&T -- show you our appreciation and our gratitude
11 for all the things that AT&T does for us and our
12 children.

13 MR. JOHN LYON: Well, thank you, Mr. Bobby.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Amen. And next on our
15 agenda is community comments. We don't have any
16 community comments tonight, so we'll move on to our
17 committee reports, and we have one, health and human
18 services, and the chairperson for that is Ms. Jan
19 Lowery. Ms. Lowery?

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: It's been a while since I have
21 updated the council on what the health committee has
22 been doing -- and we did have a meeting this past
23 month -- and I have passed out some handouts for most
24 of you to look at and to read after you get home
25 tonight. But the first project is a colorectal

1 cancer project. We had two folks come before us and
2 tell us about a project that they want to conduct in
3 the community about colorectal cancer and how to
4 prevent that, and they're working in conjunction with
5 the North Carolina Indian Health Board, and Ronnie
6 Bell from Wake Forest School of Medicine -- and they
7 received funding from the cancer center at UNC Chapel
8 Hill -- and what the project is going to consist of
9 is going out to the community and conducting four
10 focus groups to talk to our Lumbee membership about
11 accessing health care and going for screenings for
12 colorectal cancer. And in return for that from the
13 focus groups, they will conduct a report as to what
14 they had found.

15 They will also design culturally-appropriate
16 materials that, in turn, we can use in our community to
17 educate our community members about going for screenings
18 for colorectal cancer. It can be preventable if you go
19 through your screenings, when they're -- when it's time
20 for you to go and prevent cancer. So we had -- they had
21 come to us and they asked us for permission to move
22 forward with this project, so we bring it to you tonight
23 to tell you about it and answer any questions that you
24 might have. And they're asking for approval to move
25 forward, and if we do, there will be a memorandum of

1 understanding between this project and the administration,
2 the Lumbee Tribe.

3 So they would work in collaboration, and then they
4 would come back to us after a certain length of time and
5 tell us about the progress of their project and a final
6 report and materials that we can use in our community. So
7 with that, I'll ask if there are any questions that you
8 might have -- and this is a process that the health
9 committee put in place so that if you hear of a focus
10 group meeting in your district, you are aware of who it is
11 and what they're doing and can encourage some folks to go
12 and sit down and talk with them.

13 They will be getting a small fee of like \$10 for each
14 person who participates, but they'll mainly be talking
15 about when -- when -- when do our people really decide
16 it's time to go for screenings, if they ever do, and can
17 we increase the cancer-free that's happening in our
18 communities. But this focus of this project is colorectal
19 cancer, so -- yes, Mr. Larry?

20 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The data of this group --
21 they'll be able to set up and educate the community
22 about the need for this -- but they will start
23 collecting data when?

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: When is the project? Yeah. I
25 don't know if they gave us a date for when they're

1 going to start. They will start as soon as we give
2 them the okay and the letter to start -- so that's
3 when they will start. After they do the focus
4 groups, they will come back to us with a report of
5 what they found and any data that they collect.

6 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The reason I ask that
7 question -- right now Southeastern is doing a
8 colorectal study, and they've been doing it for about
9 eight to ten years. They just did the screening
10 about a month ago, and the doctors who came in and
11 spoke were from the School of Medicine at Campbell
12 University -- and then some of the local people from
13 the hospitals came. They said less than 25 percent
14 of the population, of the male population, of Robeson
15 County have these exams.

16 They are free, and they do it each year, and they
17 send -- they make a phone call or they'll send a paper out
18 to you letting you know when it's going to be in your
19 community, and I would strongly encourage it. This is a
20 cancer that can be preventable, it can be handled, but you
21 got to go get checked, and a lot of our people are
22 hesitant to do this because -- well, for various reasons
23 -- and I guess some people might say it's an invasion of
24 your privacy. Well, you have to make the choice: do you
25 want to live, or is your privacy that important? So I

1 would encourage you strongly to support this. We've set
2 up a health board here that can maintain this data and
3 work with whatever the rituals are of this group -- comes
4 from this information about -- but I would strongly
5 encourage you to support it.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: On the back side, there is a
7 timeline of when the project will begin. It's 2015
8 to 2016, so it's a one-year project -- and then below
9 are the members who are a part of that team. So are
10 the weeks. They are going to hire a part-time person
11 from our community that is Lumbee that will help --
12 that will help gather -- but as of today, that person
13 had not been hired. The application -- the position
14 came out on the UNC-Chapel Hill job website, and
15 people were turned to that website to apply.

16 So if we could just -- if there's not anymore
17 questions, if we could just vote out loud, vote to move
18 forward or not on the project.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Is there anymore
20 questions? We're ready to vote. Let's do a vote by
21 a showing of hands, please. If you okay this, I'll
22 need to know by a raise of hand.

23 (The council voted.)

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The study will
25 begin. Ms. Jan, I'd like to recognize Councilman

1 Doug Locklear.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: The second project that I want
3 to talk to you about also calls for a memorandum of
4 understanding. A lot of you have already heard me
5 talk about this is the Access to Recovery Project,
6 and it is a grant that has come to the State of North
7 Carolina, the Division of Mental Health,
8 Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse -- and
9 the goal of the project is to help folks who are
10 addicted to substances -- abuse drugs, alcohol,
11 tobacco, and who want to recover from that abuse --
12 so they're in the recovery phase. They may have
13 already gone in for treatment or they must have --
14 they decided that they would just stop on their own
15 or they need assistance to help them through the
16 recovery piece, and the grant actually provides --
17 pays for services.

18 If you look on the front sheet, it lists some of the
19 activities that a person can engage in to help them
20 through the very critical moments in their recovery
21 process so they don't turn back -- and perhaps they will
22 need child care, maybe a person wants to go back to
23 school, or maybe they want to get a part-time job and they
24 need child care. This grant will actually pay for child
25 care services. Copays will go to the doctor. Maybe a

1 person is in recovery but has never gotten classes or has
2 never gotten the full esteem that they need to help with
3 their self-worth. This grant will actually pay for those
4 types of things. The list goes on and on -- but how the
5 Lumbee Tribe comes into play is that there are cultural
6 activities that a person in recovery can participate in,
7 and the grant will pay for that. Some of those are like
8 hunting or fishing or powwow dancing, the drumming, the
9 making of regalias.

10 So we want to write a memorandum of understanding
11 with this project that we will provide the cultural
12 activities that our people may need for recovery. And so,
13 again -- massages, chiropractor, gym memberships -- we can
14 get as creative as we need to be so our people in our area
15 -- can help them get through the recovery process.

16 It is a grant and it's only available for four years,
17 so we've got four years to help our people with federal
18 dollars. We can use the cultural center if you know
19 someone who can go in -- and we can contract with each
20 person to do the activity, and we can pay them and also
21 help that person in recovery. Using the Lumber River for
22 kayaking, getting kind of outdoor sports so we can
23 identify people who can use those cultural services, and
24 we can help them with the recovery process, and we can get
25 reimbursed. The tribe can get reimbursed for those

1 services.

2 So I ask you again to move forward with the project
3 with a memorandum of understand, that we work with them to
4 provide these services to our membership, and I'll
5 entertain any questions you might have about the project.
6 I know we had quite a few at our health committee meeting
7 when we talked about this project.

8 And so the committee did vote to move it forward, but
9 we want to bring it before the full council for approval
10 before we did a memorandum of understanding. Are there
11 any questions? Oh, and for those that may not have been
12 at the health committee meeting, if you can think of any
13 activity that will assist our people who are in recovery
14 and would like to work with the -- us on this project,
15 please let us know.

16 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question.
17 Who determines that somebody's in recovery?

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: There will be an assessment
19 done by people who are trained to do assessments, and
20 from that assessment, the tribe will be doing the
21 activities. So people who are trained in mental
22 health assessments are the one that will do -- who
23 will determine if that person is in recovery. Maybe
24 that person may not be directly recovered. They may
25 need to go off for treatment. So they're trained

1 professionals.

2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So once they
3 determine, you know -- I'm looking at a list of
4 services that the tribe will provide. And so, we
5 could then just contract these services out? Is that
6 what you're saying?

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Well, this -- I didn't have --
8 we haven't printed out the memorandum of
9 understanding yet, so the services that the tribe
10 would provide are the ones that we're currently doing
11 like the powwow and teaching them to dance in our
12 powwows, teaching them to sew with our elderly, the
13 activities that we're already doing that are
14 culturally appropriate. If it's a service we don't
15 provide, then that's something that we would have to
16 contract out or help someone find outside of the
17 tribe. I want to bring the memorandum of
18 understanding back to the council so you can read
19 what it is and the services that we have agreed to
20 provide. Does that answer your question?

21 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Part of it. And so
22 if you're saying that we would then have to find
23 these -- first of all, who at the tribe would be
24 responsible for it then if we're going to fund
25 something? You know, you've got massage therapy on

1 there. If we're going to fund that out, do we have
2 the funds to pay for somebody to actually put that
3 all together?

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: If -- Tony Locklear is a
5 full-time tribal liaison. He lives in Scotland
6 County. He's covering our territory, and he's also
7 working with the Coharie Tribe, so we're not the only
8 tribe that is working with this grant, and he is the
9 full-time person that is working in collaboration
10 with us. He is hired and paid by the Access to
11 Recovery Grant, so there's no extra, added work on
12 the tribe.

13 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: And the services that we
15 provided -- once those people are already doing it,
16 they know how to do --

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. Okay.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: We wouldn't be providing child
19 care because we don't have a licensed child care.
20 This is just what came off the Internet. So before
21 we move forward, I will let you see the MOU of
22 services that we would contract to provide.

23 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: I need a show of hands if we
25 can move forward.

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Maiden?

2 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to ask a question.
3 I'm looking at the back side of your paperwork, and
4 it says the minimum are 18 years of age and live in
5 these counties. So are the -- you're leaving out
6 Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland?

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: With the tribe, it's different.
8 It's with the tribal territory, but that's when they
9 wrote the grant. But the memorandum of understanding
10 is with the Lumbee Tribe and our tribal territories
11 -- and yes, it is for people 18 years of age and
12 older.

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Are we ready to --
14 show of hands? If we give Ms. Jan the go-ahead on
15 this. If you would, would you raise your hand,
16 please.

17 (The council voted.)

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Looks like unanimous.
19 Okay.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Thank you, everyone.

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you once again, Ms.
22 Jan. Thank you for a great job on the health and
23 human services committee.

24 Next on our agenda is our tribal administrator
25 report.

1 MR. TONY HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just
2 have a couple of items I'd like to just bring you up
3 to speed on.

4 One of them is that I know some of you have heard
5 about the education, the Access Grant, that we've received
6 from the federal government and the Department of
7 Education a week ago. It's a -- I'm just going to give
8 you just a highlight of it because we have some
9 individuals that's going to Washington next week, and
10 they're going to be going over the whole grant again in
11 the process of it, and they're going to be making
12 hopefully some changes to it, and then when they come back
13 with it, hopefully we'll have everything finalized as far
14 as the budget side of it, but it's \$2.4 million grant over
15 four years.

16 It's called the Access Grant. It's been awarded to
17 the tribe, the recipient, and with partners to include
18 UNCP, Robeson Community College, and the Public Schools of
19 Robeson County. Actually, the way this grant started, we
20 were contact by UNCP by Horace Locklear, one of our
21 previous council members, and knew this grant was
22 available, so he asked if we would partner with them. It
23 had to be a tribe to qualify for the grant for the money
24 to come through, so we're kind of like a sister agency is
25 what we're really doing as part of the grant.

1 The work is going to be done out in UNCP through
2 their program, Robeson Community College, and the Public
3 Schools of Robeson County. We'll bring back a final
4 budget from the Department of Education, and hopefully by
5 the first of next month -- and then we'll come to the
6 finance committee with that so you'll see what all the
7 different line items in it will be and for it to be
8 approved here through the council. Again, like I said,
9 there was some of the numbers that we made with UNCP and
10 RCC and the Public Schools and that they're doing some
11 adjustments -- and like I said -- but those adjustments
12 have to be approved up in Washington. So we have someone
13 that's going up.

14 They're going to go for a three-day training about
15 this grant, how it works, the reporting part of it and all
16 of that. So once they come back, we'll have a more clear
17 picture about exactly what this grant's all about and what
18 it will achieve out in the community. It's basically in a
19 nutshell is to help American Indian students be -- have
20 them thinking about and getting ready, career ready or
21 college ready, even as a lower grade -- start thinking
22 about it and talking about it as low a grade as fifth
23 grade and in middle school so by the time they get to high
24 school, they've already got their mind on what they want
25 to do. They've been making plans for it, and they'll be

1 on the right track when they get in high school in their
2 freshman year, so that's kind of it in a nutshell.

3 But we'll bring back all the particulars to you --
4 what's going on, and once we do that, we want to have an
5 adequate little press release that will -- something that
6 was sort of coordinated by UNCP because they asked us if
7 we will do a small press release and say that we have
8 received the grant. But we'll do an official press
9 release with the tribal council and the Chairman and have
10 some more detail exactly about what this grant's going to
11 be all about. Over in November, I'll be letting you know
12 what the date is. Any questions on that? If not, just a
13 little statistics and just to let you know.

14 The LIHEAP program is going great. Since we've
15 started, we've done right at 500 applications for the
16 LIHEAP program. And the other thing that we wanted to
17 report too is that our enrollment -- we've had since
18 September 1, these are the numbers. Since September 1,
19 we've had 300 new enrollments, we've updated 458 cards,
20 and we've had 95 descendents, and that's children that
21 their parents bring in and getting their cards. It's
22 called descendents because they have to get a card up
23 under their parents until they turn 18.

24 We'd like to also give this information -- we had
25 this pulled. We're trying to also do some different

1 things with our telephone calls that come in and
2 everything, and just to let the council know, we pulled
3 two months of June and July's phone calls of incoming and
4 outgoing calls to landlines that came in here to the
5 tribe, and we had over 30,000 calls that came in within
6 the two-months' time and going out, so that's a volume of
7 calls that's coming in and going out of here for every
8 department that's housed, and that's just the ones housed
9 here in this department.

10 That's not vocational rehab, has nothing to do with
11 the any of the others. That's just the ones that are
12 housed in here. So we're trying to work with that and do
13 some things to where we help with the callbacks and make
14 sure that folks are doing the call backs that they need to
15 do. But we just want to let the council know so you have
16 kind of an idea of the type of volume of calls that we're
17 getting here. Mr. Speaker, I'll entertain any question.

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Tony, what was the time
19 frame of those calls?

20 MR. TONY HUNT: The -- for September? No. The
21 calls for June and July. But the enrollment is from
22 September 1 until October today. Those numbers on
23 the enrollment were from September 1 up to today, and
24 we're still looking for -- we'll continue the LIHEAP
25 program up to the days that we gave to you, and we're

1 encouraging folks to call ahead in case there's some
2 lines, or if you've got someone that's coming up for
3 one of these programs. If they call ahead of time,
4 we'll tell them how many folks are here, and if they
5 want to come, especially those folks that are doing
6 LIHEAP because with those things, everybody sort of
7 comes at one time, and then there's a long wait, so
8 we're encouraging folks of putting out that.

9 If you're going to come, give us a call. If there's
10 a long wait, we'll let you know so you can come at a
11 little later time during the day. So if you have anybody
12 that's going to come, you can have them give us a call,
13 and we can give them that information over the phone.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. I would like to say
15 that one of our senior ladies from our church -- she
16 was complimenting the staff when she come in, and
17 they took care of her. She actually brought two of
18 the ladies, she so was here five or six hours, and
19 well, she said they brought her cookies and juice and
20 took real good care of them.

21 MR. TONY HUNT: Well, yeah. We try to do that
22 for the LIHEAP program, try to get them some
23 refreshments because there was a long wait those
24 first few days because a lot of them came those first
25 few days. Mr. Bill?

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hunt,
2 give us an update on our manufactured homes and on
3 those contracts. I know there was a situation with
4 the all three, so give us an update on the plans.

5 MR. TONY HUNT: So the bids are open. The
6 contract was appointed to Mr. Terry Pate. He has
7 that contract. I think all 32 people -- I'm pretty
8 sure have all been identified now. We actually had a
9 meeting and that they've all been identified because
10 housing had a meeting with them, introduced them to
11 the inspectors and everyone that will be working with
12 the project so that they would know the people that
13 are going to be coming out, so I'm pretty sure it's
14 on the way -- don't really have a time line on when
15 the first homes, but I'll find out and have that in
16 our next meeting. I should have a little more
17 information precisely of when the first ones should
18 be coming out.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else? Ms. Anita?

20 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Just a quick
21 question. Who handles the process? Who's
22 responsible for sending out the bids and when the
23 bids come in? Who handles that?

24 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Kent Locklear. We have --
25 we keep the minutes and everything of that opening

1 bid of everybody who was present and all those
2 things.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else have any
4 questions for Mr. Hunt? Okay. Thank you.

5 Next before we do calender review, Mr. Townsend has a
6 letter he would like to share with the council.

7 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I got a letter that came to
8 me here in this envelop. Lumbee Councilman Mr. Larry
9 Townsend. I don't know if everybody got a copy of it
10 or not, but I wanted to share this with those of you
11 if you didn't get a copy of it.

12 To Lumbee Tribe. Dear Lumbee Tribe Chairman Paul
13 Brooks. I would like to take this time to say thank you
14 for installing a heating and cooling system in my sister
15 -- in my sister's house. Her sister is Janice Deese. Jan
16 has been confined to a wheelchair for the past 40 years.
17 Jan has hydrocephalitis, water head; scoliosis, curving of
18 the spine, and arthritis. We, Jan's family, help Jan with
19 general home -- home hold -- household jobs, cooking her
20 meals, wash her clothes, mopping her floors, administering
21 her medications, and taking turns staying with her at
22 night. We, Jan's family, can attend to her daily needs,
23 but when it comes time to be taking household repairs, we
24 are not financially able replace/repair these needs.
25 Throughout the years, the Lumbee Tribe has helped Jan with

1 replacing her roof, new floors, installed a handicapped
2 bathroom, new windows and doors, new hot water heater,
3 painting the interior walls, installing vinyl siding. The
4 house that Jan stays in is the homeplace of Felton and
5 Sally Deese. So far, four generations have called this
6 homeplace home. I shudder at the thought that without the
7 assistance of the Lumbee Tribe, this dilapidated homeplace
8 would have had to eventually would have had to have been
9 torn down. Though with the help of the Lumbee Tribe, this
10 Deese homeplace is still providing shelter and a safe
11 place for future generations to live, work, and play.
12 Cordially, Phyllis Deese, Mary, and Jan's sister.

13 I thought this was -- out of all of the negative
14 stuff we have out there, I thought this was a good,
15 positive that should be shared with the entire tribe if it
16 hasn't been shared with you, and I hope that a letter like
17 this, comparable letters like this, Mr. Administrator,
18 possibly something could be derived from this to go in the
19 newsletter to go out to all the people in the territory.
20 Let the people know that we need to accentuate the
21 positive that comes out. There's a lot of good work done
22 on behalf of the tribal council and all departments and
23 employees of the tribe. So I wanted to share that. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Brewington would

1 like to --

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, many of you
3 heard me talk about being a member of the North
4 Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief team. Well,
5 I'm in a dilemma tonight. I need some input from the
6 council. We have been scheduled to go to Charleston
7 next week for disaster relief, and I -- it's always
8 been one of my goals to be there, but I've scheduled
9 to go to the NAI conference. My question tonight
10 then -- I apologize, but I'm in a dilemma of what to
11 do if I should decide to go on the disaster relief
12 and not go to the NCI [sic] conference -- the
13 consequences. Do we have to pay back the incurred
14 expenses, and if we do, is there a time limit on
15 which I have to pay them back? I haven't made up my
16 mind yet, but I know my plane ticket's been bought,
17 it's been paid for, and I don't think the tribe
18 should have to pay that expense if I don't attend,
19 but I haven't heard any other rulings since I've been
20 on the council exactly what's the ruling. I need to
21 let this team know if I'm going to be going to
22 Charleston next week or if I'm going to NAI, so, Mr.
23 Speaker, I'd like to know how it's been handled in
24 the past if it was a family emergency or something
25 like that. I could see it, but this is another

1 program I am involved in, so what is our procedure if
2 I don't go?

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I think it's been done by
4 administration as far as any cancellations or
5 anything of that nature. Am I correct, Mr. --

6 MR. TONY HUNT: We just handle cancellations
7 now. As far as any repercussions, that's left up to
8 this elective body. That's not -- we just handle
9 cancellations. I mean, we can -- Ms. Belinda can
10 tell you what the cost is incurred, you know, if you
11 cancel now, you know, what costs we would be out of.
12 I think there is some -- we might can incur like
13 registration. Ms. Belinda, do you want to speak to
14 that?

15 MS. BELINDA BREWER: I can work on that. We had
16 someone that backed out on this trip already, and let
17 me know a couple days ago, and I was able to get our
18 registration blown over. Also, they were able to --
19 they had a waitlist for the room, so we were able to
20 get someone to step in so we wouldn't lose any money.
21 So we wouldn't lose any money, so I don't know if
22 it's too late now. I can try to work with that and
23 let you know. The only other thing was that we would
24 get maybe a \$200 credit out of the plane ticket.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Well, my question is, if

1 the tribe incurs an expense, am I required to pay
2 back that part that you can't?

3 MS. BELINDA BREWER: Maybe, possibly, if it was
4 just the plane ticket. We only got \$200 back credit,
5 maybe they still can pay the rest for the next trip
6 or whatever, but if I can get everything else rolled
7 on over and taken care of, that should be okay. It's
8 just a plane ticket.

9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Am I reading it right?
10 Say it's \$1,000, and you can get \$700 back, then I
11 wouldn't owe but \$300, right? That's my question.

12 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Brewington, we don't have a
13 policy written for the council. That's something the
14 council would --

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I don't know if the council
16 could answer that question. I do know that if
17 someone goes on a trip, and they come back early,
18 there is a difference, and I have known council
19 people to have to pay that difference.

20 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I
21 believe there's an ordinance, and it states that if
22 you're supposed to go on a trip, and you don't go,
23 you just don't show, then the cost is on you. You're
24 supposed to repay it, but to my knowledge, nobody's
25 been required to pay anything back in the situation

1 he's talking about.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Are we saying the tribe
4 just loses that incurred expense? Is that -- I just
5 want to know the procedure so I can make a decision.

6 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker?

7 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Lowery?

8 MR. JARROD LOWERY: I would suggest that this is
9 something that the council must deal with ourself,
10 that we bring this up at the next finance committee
11 meeting and let them talk about what if there should
12 be any kind of sanctions or what the outcome should
13 be. That's a suggestion I would like to offer.

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I agree.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Yeah.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is that a motion?

17 MR. JARROD LOWERY: It's just a suggestion?

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Well, how many agrees with
19 Mr. Lowery? It's a request?

20 MR. JARROD LOWERY: It's a request. Yes.

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else?

22 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: On a different subject.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Townsend?

24 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I want to announce to the
25 tribal council and to the tribe that next week, I

1 will be a candidate for the Southeastern Vice
2 President for the National Congress Executive Board
3 representing all tribes south of Virginia and east of
4 the Mississippi.

5 I have had people in other states ask me as much as
6 two years ago about running. I've had people talk to me
7 in the last few months about running. I have said to
8 these people I don't know, I have to see how things pledge
9 out. So now, next week is just about upon us. The
10 election will be next week. The electoral nominations
11 will probably come on Wednesday morning, and the elections
12 will be on Wednesday morning or possibly Thursday morning.
13 The caucuses will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

14 It is scheduled now, and the vote will come and it
15 will open at 7:15 each morning, and now I hear 8:30
16 because the general sessions will start at 9 o'clock. So
17 if you have friends or acquaintances across the territory,
18 it's very important. If you're not at the table, you're
19 on the menu, and there is no -- the only person at the
20 table right now is -- the vice president is from a tribe
21 here in North Carolina, and I have been told repeatedly
22 that the seat has been vacant at the table.

23 Now, folks, we can't allow something like this to
24 happen whenever we have the wherewithal and the need for
25 us to be at the table -- and I have served on as a vice

1 president before, and I never left a meeting to those
2 folks who are not aware of the unlisted tribes and the
3 state-recognized tribes, and I always said to them,
4 wherever they come from, it's not a national congress of
5 federally-recognized tribes, it's the National Congress of
6 American Indians, and we deserve a seat at the table, and
7 we have the opportunity to make it happen. So the ball is
8 in our court, along with others who think like we do, so I
9 would appreciate your support from those that are going to
10 be in San Diego next week.

11 Provisions will be made for folks to -- you have to
12 be registered for the conference, and you have to be
13 credentialed, and you have to be if you're registered to
14 be able to vote. And the way it's been voted on before --
15 I've been going to these meetings since 2001. We have
16 always voted by one man, one vote, one person, one vote.
17 And if need be, if you go to a weighed vote, and each
18 tribe has a certain number of weighted votes, then we
19 would have 180 votes by virtue of our size.

20 So again, I think it's an honor. I think it's
21 certainly a privilege to serve provided we show up and do
22 our job, and I would appreciate having your support.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Larry.

24 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Thank you.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I'd like to -- before we do

1 our calender review, our seniors are having a plate
2 sale next Thursday the 22nd at the Soaring Eagle
3 building. I'd like to ask you to go out and support
4 them. Okay. Anyone else?

5 Okay. If you would look at your calendars, please.

6 MR. FRANK COOPER: There's going to be a debate
7 on October 22nd at the Indian Education Building for
8 the candidates for the tribal chair hosted by Phi
9 Sigma Nu. It starts at 7 p.m. for anybody that's
10 interested in being there.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: On the 22nd?

12 MR. FRANK COOPER: On the 22nd.

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And what building is it in?

14 MR. FRANK COOPER: It's at the old high school.

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. IEA building. For
16 those of you, -- that's a real high school. If
17 you'll look at your calendars, please. Next week, as
18 Mr. Townsend's already stated, the NCAI meeting, very
19 important meeting for us to attend. The following
20 week is open from the 25th to the 30th. Any
21 committee member?

22 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

24 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I'd like to schedule
25 a constitution meeting for Tuesday the third at 6:30.

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: November 3rd at 6:30.
2 That's the town election, I'm just throwing that out
3 there. That's election night for cities and general
4 elections. Anyone else?

5 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to
6 schedule finance the same night at 7:30.

7 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Finance committee
8 following. We'll excuse Ms. Jan for that night.

9 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker, education
10 following.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Education, 8:30. Anyone
12 else? Okay. We would like to -- I know you haven't
13 forgotten, but just to refresh your memory, I know we
14 do have two administrative court positions that we
15 need to work on if Mr. Hagans is on -- if he wants to
16 reaffirm. I guess it would have to come to the
17 constitution and ordinance committee. Ms. Anita,
18 that's if, if the council people in that judicial
19 district, -- you, Mr. Larry, and Daniel. Okay. The
20 other one is District 3, me and Mr. Al Locklear, Ms.
21 Janie, Mr. Terry Hunt, and Mr. Homer. That is our
22 district. I have shared with these councilmen --
23 I've talked to two different people -- well, actually
24 three. One declined and one said he was going to
25 talk to his wife and pray about it, and he ain't

1 heard from God yet. It might be one of those where
2 Daniel prayed and it took 22 days for it to get
3 through. So we will get together and meet on that
4 one also. Any other committee meeting need to be
5 scheduled?

6 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Move to adjourn.

7 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Second.

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion to
9 adjourn. All in favor say, aye.

10 (The council voted.)

11 (End of proceedings.)

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