

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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FEBRUARY 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

CHAIRMAN HARVEY GODWIN, JR.

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LAKISHIA SWEAT	TERRY HUNT
JANIE OXENDINE MCFARLAND	LESAUNDRI HUNT
ALTON LOCKLEAR	JONATHAN LOCKLEAR
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REGINALD OXENDINE	JAN LOWERY
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WILLIAM MAIDEN	BARBARA LOWERY

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AREATHA PATTERSON  
SHELLEY STRICKLAND  
WILLIAM MAIDEN  
BARBARA LOWERY

ALSO PRESENT

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Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr.  
Dock Locklear  
Ron Oxendine  
Sharon Blue

1 **PROCEEDINGS**

2 (The following proceedings took place on Thursday, February 16,  
3 2016 at 6:30 p.m.)

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5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We'd like to welcome you  
6 here tonight. I'd like for Dr. Reginald Oxendine -- if  
7 you'll, please, stand and lead us in prayer.

8 (A prayer was given by Mr. Reginald  
9 Oxendine.)

10 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We ask Mr. Larry Townsend --  
11 please, remain standing, to lead us in the Pledge of  
12 Allegiance.

13 (The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We ask Ms. Sweat to lead us  
15 in our tribal preamble.

16 (The preamble to the tribal constitution was  
17 read.)

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. You may be  
19 seated. Madam Secretary, roll call.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?

21 MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Here.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

23 MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

25 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?  
2 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.  
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?  
4 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.  
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?  
6 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.  
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?  
8 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.  
9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reginald  
10 Oxendine?  
11 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Here.  
12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, here. Bill  
13 Brewington?  
14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Here.  
15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds  
16 Blanks?  
17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.  
18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?  
19 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Here.  
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?  
21 MR. FRANK COOPER: Here.  
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson? Shelley  
23 Strickland?  
24 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Present.  
25 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

1 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

3 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Here.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: We have a quorum.

5 MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, Lesaundri Hunt  
6 called me right before we started. He's not going to be  
7 here tonight because he had eye surgery. He wanted me to  
8 relay that to y'all.

9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Do you move that we excuse  
10 him?

11 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes. And also Daniel Jones and  
12 Areatha.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay.

14 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, also got a call  
15 from Mr. Bobby Oxendine. He's currently out of town.  
16 Something came up.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion on the floor --

18 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: -- that we excuse absent  
20 council. All in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

21 (The council voted.)

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Thank you.  
23 We'd like to welcome the audience today. The council knows  
24 they're welcome. They got an obligation to be here except  
25 in cases like we had tonight -- but I think we got a couple

1 previous council members with us tonight, so we're glad to  
2 have you with us, Ms. Pearlene, Ms. Louise. Do we have any  
3 others? Mr. Kernis? Okay. Mr. Kernis. Our chairman --  
4 hopefully he will be with us. He's back there. Is the  
5 chairman back there in the corner? Okay. I see him. He's  
6 not baptist, although he must be baptist. We'd like to say  
7 we're glad to have you with us.

8 We want to welcome our tribal members. Your  
9 presence here tonight tells us you're concerned,  
10 and I don't think you would be here tonight  
11 because of personal reasons. I hope you're here  
12 tonight concerned about the tribal business of our  
13 Lumbee people, so we're glad to have you with us.  
14 At this time, we'll look at our agenda. If  
15 everyone would, take your agenda for tonight, and  
16 go down below committee reports.

17 I have one more item to add there. It's  
18 comments from Mr. Ron Oxendine, the CEO of our  
19 Lumbee Tribe Enterprise. Mr. Chairman and the  
20 president of LTE asked me to put that out on the  
21 agenda tonight, and Mr. Chairman, Mr. President,  
22 and Mr. Ron, I would ask that you -- and I did it  
23 tonight because we need to talk about it, but from  
24 now on, see if we can't work through the program  
25 to committee -- we do have an economic development

1           committee and make them aware of your presence  
2           here, so then it's just a matter of going to them  
3           and them coming to me to put it on the agenda, so  
4           I would ask that you -- and I'm not saying you  
5           overstepped because you did request it, but I ask  
6           that you go through the appropriate committee to  
7           make a presentation, and especially if that  
8           presentation later on requires some action, and no  
9           action will be taken tonight, but something will  
10          be said tonight that will have to go to a  
11          committee for action, so we ask that you, please,  
12          take that into consideration. After committee  
13          reports, we will allow Mr. Ron to make some  
14          comments. Okay. Do I hear a motion?

15          MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: So moved.

16          MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

17                   (Ms. Areatha Patterson arrived to the council  
18                   meeting.)

19          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. All in favor of the  
20          agenda as presented, please, say aye.

21                   (The council voted.)

22          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Okay. If you  
23          would -- I hope you've had time to review tribal council  
24          minutes -- and on this, I talked with Ms. Belinda, and I'm  
25          asking her to provide this package to you that request it.

1 I get it on my computer, and I pull up the pages I need,  
2 and I make my notes on mine, and you probably couldn't read  
3 them, but if you request from her that you want a package  
4 tonight at the meeting, she will provide it, but otherwise,  
5 we will allow you to just pull it up on your computer. In  
6 the past, every night I come up here, I'd already have my  
7 stuff out, and if this one falls in there, I'd get  
8 confused, so please work with Ms. Belinda on that. Thank  
9 you. She will provide it if you request it.

10 What's the wishes of -- any comment or  
11 changes or corrections on our minutes?

12 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Make a motion we approve.

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second.

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I don't know who made that.  
15 Mr. Townsend made that second, I think. All in favor of  
16 that, say aye.

17 (The council voted.)

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Thank you.  
19 Motion carries. Our next item is community comments. We  
20 got two comments, and we'd like for those folks when you  
21 come to the mic, remember that you're presenting your  
22 concern to the tribal council, and that you have three  
23 minutes, and also, for you to state your topic of what you  
24 will discuss and what district you represent. So at this  
25 time, we call Mr. Lynn Jacobs.

1           MR. LYNN JACOBS: Honorable council, Chief,  
2 members of the Lumbee Tribe that are present. Thank you  
3 for this time. It won't take but a minute. I've been  
4 getting calls for the last month.

5           MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Your topic and district,  
6 please.

7           MR. LYNN JACOBS: It is -- my district is District  
8 2, and my topic is the supreme leaders -- supreme court  
9 decision. The people are wondering when some action's  
10 going to be taken. That was it. They haven't heard  
11 anything. The ethics committee hadn't had a meeting yet,  
12 and they just feel left out. That was it.

13           MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. Like I said,  
14 that will be moved to the ethics committee. Ms. Peggy  
15 Jacobs?

16           MS. PEGGY JACOBS: Good evening. Peggy Jacobs,  
17 District 13, doing the right thing. I know some of you are  
18 saying, she's still here, and I am, and my goal is still  
19 the same. We need to work together. There's some good  
20 people on this council. What you need to do is make a  
21 U-turn, get off the wrong road, and get on the right road.  
22 We got a good start here with the new chairman. He's going  
23 to take us far if we work with him, and I encourage every  
24 one of you to do your best and work with him. Thank you.

25           MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. We appreciate

1 those comments. At this time, we have a special  
2 presentation, and I turn the floor over to Councilman  
3 Jarrod Lowery.

4 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I  
5 would like to call up to the podium here a young lady that  
6 has a presentation for us. Would you, please, come up to  
7 the podium? I would like for everyone to give us her  
8 undivided attention. Thank you.

9 MS. JADA BROOKS: Good evening. This presentation  
10 is regarding sort of a progress report or update about the  
11 project that we presented to you last year, the Intertribal  
12 Talking Circle for the Prevention of Substance Abuse in  
13 Native Youth. I just wanted to give you a brief summary to  
14 jog your memory for those of you who may not recall the  
15 project. The project is funded by NIH, specifically, the  
16 National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute  
17 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. It's a five-year study,  
18 and it began in 2013. It's a multi-site study using a  
19 community-based, participatory-based research methodology,  
20 and the sites involved include Oklahoma, North Carolina,  
21 and Minnesota, and the tribes involved include the Choctaw,  
22 Lumbee, and Ojibwe or Chippewa.

23 The primary investigators are John Lowe,  
24 Cherokee. He's a distinguished professor at  
25 Florida Atlantic University, and Julie Baldwin.

1 She's also Cherokee, and she's a professor, and  
2 she's now at Arizona State University. She used  
3 to be in Florida as well. She just moved. The  
4 co-investigators include myself and two others,  
5 Ms. Michelle Johnson James, who's Choctaw. She's  
6 in Minnesota, and Gary Lawrence, who's also  
7 Choctaw, and he's in Oklahoma. We have some  
8 project staff at all of the three sites, but we  
9 wouldn't be able to conduct our project without  
10 them. We wanted to -- I have a couple of our --  
11 well, Amy is our -- we have a facilitator, two  
12 facilitators, actually, who conduct the project,  
13 and I'll talk a little more about them in a  
14 minute.

15 So I just wanted to give you an update about  
16 the activities that we've completed so far. The  
17 first year, we developed a community partnership  
18 committee. I think we discussed this the last  
19 time, and they have assisted us with the community  
20 needs assessment and tailoring of the intervention  
21 manual, and the committee members are Bruce  
22 Barton, Tammy Davenport, Linda Emmanuel, Connie  
23 Locklear, Jason Locklear, and (inaudible.), and we  
24 have a couple of those here with us tonight. We  
25 really appreciate their involvement in this

1 project. We would not be able to have a  
2 culturally-appropriate study without their input,  
3 so we wanted to recognize them.

4 We have also partnered with the Public  
5 Schools of Robeson County. We have two schools we  
6 are working with. One school received the actual  
7 intervention, and the other school is the standard  
8 education intervention, and we have one of the  
9 facilitators here tonight with the Fairgrove  
10 School, who is a standard education site, and  
11 that's Amy Hunt. She actually leads the AWARE  
12 program, and she's at that school, and she does a  
13 fantastic job.

14 We have been successfully recruiting and  
15 implementing this project since this past fall.  
16 We had over 15 students, I think, at each site in  
17 the fall, and we're around 10-12 now for spring  
18 session. We're just beginning that session this  
19 week, and we plan to finish up that some time late  
20 spring,-- and we're really thrilled to be involved  
21 in this project. We hope you're as thrilled as we  
22 are to have our tribal youth involved in this  
23 opportunity. It's a great opportunity, and we  
24 believe that we're going to be able to impact  
25 their lives in a positive way.

1                   We also submitted and were accepted to  
2                   present at the Southeastern Indian Studies  
3                   Conference in April., so I don't know if many of  
4                   you are familiar with that, but it's typically  
5                   held here in the county, and we will be having our  
6                   principal investigators and some of the other  
7                   project survey panel at the conference in April.

8                   Do you have anything to add?

9                   DR. DEESE: We just appreciate the schools and the  
10                  students. The students are learning a lot. They're really  
11                  concerned with the tribal history and with looking outward  
12                  to be progressive and how to make decisions and problem  
13                  solving. It's a wonderful program at both sites, and we  
14                  appreciate the families, the communities, and the school  
15                  support in this.

16                  MS. JADA BROOKS: I do have a plaque to present,  
17                  so let me go get that.

18                  MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Chairman, if you would  
19                  come forward.

20                  MS. JADA BROOKS: Okay. I don't know if everyone  
21                  can hear me, but this is a presentation of a plaque. It  
22                  was given to me by Dr. Jim Benson, who's also known as  
23                  Uncle Jim. He serves as a lead interventionist for the  
24                  study. He's also a tribal member and elder and leader of  
25                  the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees in Oklahoma. He

1 presented to me -- he presented this plaque last year, and  
2 I haven't been able to present it to the tribe, but I did  
3 want to do that tonight.

4           It's a Cherokee Syllabary by Sequoyah, and to  
5 me, this symbolizes the different -- symbolizes  
6 differences. Differences exist in many forms,  
7 whether language, tribal affiliation, or culture.  
8 Through this project, we've been able to set aside  
9 our individual differences and unify as native  
10 peoples toward a greater goal: to provide our  
11 children, our future, with the tools to be  
12 successful. My hope is that this plaque will be a  
13 reminder to you as tribal leaders and tribal  
14 chairman of the importance of focusing on unity  
15 rather than individual differences.

16           (Pause.)

17           MR. BILL BREWINGTON: My wife asked me why I wore  
18 this new sports coat she bought me for my birthday, so when  
19 I get home, I'm going to tell her I had my picture taken.  
20 I didn't know that was going to happen, so, Dock, it worked  
21 out. At this time, we're going to go into committee  
22 reports. Our first report, our only committee report, is  
23 finance. Ms. Janie?

24           MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. The finance committee  
25 had two budget amendment ordinances that came out of

1 committee. The first ordinance is CLLO-2015-0917-01,  
2 Budget Amendment #7. The second amendment is  
3 CLLO-2015-0917-01, Budget Amendment #8, NAHASDA Budget. If  
4 you go down to the sixth whereas:

5           Whereas, The following NON-PROGRAM BUDGET  
6           AMENDMENT FUND is to be used to address the  
7           following, (see below).

8           MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: The amendment is attached.

9           Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal  
10          Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina  
11          hereby allocate \$88,213.00 from non-program funds,  
12          and,

13          Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal  
14          Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the  
15          following ordinance shall be cited as "NON-PROGRAM  
16          BUDGET AMENDMENT FUNDS."

17          Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal  
18          Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the  
19          following ordinance shall be amended and cited and  
20          "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016  
21          LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

22          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's Amendment 7? So  
23          you're presenting Amendment 7 to the council?

24          MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

25          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment 7 is being

1 presented from the finance committee. We need no second  
2 since it's coming from committee. What's the wishes of the  
3 council?

4 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker?

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes, Mr. Jarrod?

6 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I  
7 make a motion to amend this budget amendment. I make a  
8 motion that we move from the second TBA [sic] where it says  
9 \$15,000 to line 7000 and add to the \$16,671.12. That's my  
10 motion.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The motion on number 7 has  
12 been presented. Do I hear a second?

13 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Now, the amendment is  
15 we take line item, Community Events, and move it up to line  
16 7000, which I hope all of you can see that. Any comment on  
17 that? Any comment on that?

18 MR. JARROD LOWERY: May I speak on that, Mr.  
19 Speaker?

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Jarrod?

21 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker? I  
22 know we just went over it in the committee, and I have been  
23 told that Mr. Al Locklear has been very instrumental in the  
24 line 7000, and we really do appreciate that. I just want  
25 to hear for the \$15,000 to be used later on in the year,

1 but we had already talked as a council before about  
2 increasing the tribal -- what the chairman and what each  
3 one of us gets per month, so this year would go up from  
4 \$100 to \$200 a month, and what we will be able to do when  
5 the other \$200,000 comes in later in the month is replace  
6 the \$15,000 that we're moving now. So that's basically my  
7 motion, and I'd love to have your support.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any comments? Anyone else?  
9 A comment for -- Ms. Anita?

10 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, so my  
11 understanding the changing that he's requesting here is  
12 basically to increase the amount of money coming to the  
13 tribal council members?

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Didn't sound good, did  
16 it? Okay. Just wondering.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The regular proposal if I'm  
18 not mistaken, Ms. Janie, was \$100 a month for travel, and  
19 this would increase it to?

20 MR. JARROD LOWERY: \$200.

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: \$200 a month for travel and  
22 expenses, meeting expenses. Any other comments? Do I hear  
23 a call to question?

24 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Call to question, Mr. Speaker.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Second on the question?

1 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Second.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?

4 MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: No.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

6 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

8 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?

10 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

12 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?

14 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

16 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reggie

18 Oxendine?

19 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill

21 Brewington?

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Blanks

24 Hammonds -- Hammonds Blanks?

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?  
2 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?  
4 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.  
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson.  
6 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.  
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?  
8 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: No.  
9 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?  
10 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.  
11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?  
12 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.  
13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment passed. Now we go  
14 back to the original amendment as changed. Any further  
15 comment on Amendment 7, Budget Amendment #7?  
16 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Call for question.  
17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call.  
18 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?  
19 MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: No.  
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?  
21 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.  
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?  
23 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.  
24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?  
25 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?  
2 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?  
4 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.  
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?  
6 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.  
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reggie  
8 Oxendine?  
9 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.  
10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill  
11 Brewington?  
12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.  
13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds  
14 Blanks?  
15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.  
16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?  
17 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.  
18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?  
19 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.  
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?  
21 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.  
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?  
23 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: No.  
24 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?  
25 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

2 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bill Brewington?

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Carried. Motion carries.

6 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment #7 has been

7 approved. Ms. Janie will now present Amendment #8.

8 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Amendment #8. The sixth

9 whereas:

10           Whereas, The following NAHASDA Budget  
11 Amendment is to be used to address following, (see  
12 attachment).

13           Therefore, the NAHASDA budget is amended in  
14 the amount of \$281,677.60 to the "FISCAL YEAR  
15 OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 LUMBEE TRIBAL  
16 BUDGET ORDINANCE", and,

17           Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal  
18 Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the  
19 following ordinance shall be Amended and Cited as  
20 "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016  
21 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Janie, you're presenting  
23 that from the committee?

24 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: It's been brought from

1 committee, Amendment #8. It needs no second. Any  
2 discussion on that at this time?

3 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Anita?

5 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question.  
6 Last year, the -- this tribal council did a budget  
7 amendment, and what was presented to us was grant revenue  
8 carryover, Grant Year 13-14, and I'm reading from the  
9 document we received from the administration, and this says  
10 Grant Year 13-14, budget balance less Grant Year 14-15  
11 carryover. That amount was \$3.5 million. My question is  
12 how then do we have this document with the grant year  
13 carryover for the year 13-14 for \$5.4 million? How did it  
14 increase?

15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Janie, can you speak to  
16 that?

17 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I -- not really because it  
18 was brought to my attention just shortly, and I don't know  
19 if anyone from finance is here.

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Sharon, can you step  
21 forward and speak to that?

22 MS. SHARON BLUE: Okay. The document that you  
23 have -- the total carryover amount, which we have projects  
24 within there, is \$3.7 million. Of that \$3.7 million,  
25 \$281,000 needs to be reallocated to our budget that just

1 ended.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Stay still unless somebody's  
3 got a question.

4 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Wait a minute. Anybody  
6 else? Then I'll let Ms. Anita go again. Anyone else?  
7 Anyone else on this issue? Okay. Ms. Anita?

8 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: My question is, Ms.  
9 Sharon, with last year, the carryover amount minus the  
10 carryover for 14-15 was only \$3.5 million. How then can it  
11 this year have increased to \$5.4 million? That's the part  
12 I don't understand.

13 MS. SHARON BLUE: Where is the \$5 million coming  
14 from?

15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It's on this document  
16 you gave us with -- for this amendment.

17 MS. SHARON BLUE: On the first page. On the first  
18 page, the total revenue is \$3,746,202. Of that amount,--  
19 and that's the only amount we're saying we carried forward  
20 for this period. Of that amount, only \$281,677.60 needs to  
21 be reallocated. If you look at your document, the items  
22 that are in yellow are carryover projects, and then the  
23 gray color is the proposed allocation of the \$281,000.

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Sharon, I think her  
25 question is how it's got \$3 million and another's got \$5

1 million. I think that's the questions she's trying to get  
2 cleared up.

3 MS. SHARON BLUE: I don't see the five.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Will you come up here and  
5 let Ms. Anita show it to you so we can move on?

6 (Pause)

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Go back to your mic, Ms.  
8 Sharon. If you would, go back to your mic and clear it up  
9 for all of us.

10 MS. SHARON BLUE: Does anyone have a copy of the  
11 14-15 budget?

12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's why it's good to have  
13 your finance officer to deal with this kind of thing. Ms.  
14 Sharon, if you'd feel more comfortable, I'll ask Ms. Janie  
15 to move that we table this and go back to committee and let  
16 you meet with the committee and clear this up and bring it  
17 back to the full council. I hate for us to vote on  
18 something tonight that you're not clear on, that we're not  
19 clear on.

20 MS. SHARON BLUE: Yeah.

21 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'd like to offer an  
22 alternate motion. Rather than approve this document that  
23 we -- for some time now, we haven't had veterans services,  
24 and that money is in the budget. If you turn to page --  
25 bare with me a moment -- page 4 under veterans. It's been

1 some time that we've finally gotten HUD's approval to  
2 reinvest back into our veterans services, and I do know  
3 that the veterans department is of need of this \$60,000 --

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So your motion --

5 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My motion is to --

6 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: -- is to approve the  
7 veterans portion?

8 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: -- to approve the veterans  
9 portion, which is \$60,799.88, and the rest of it will be  
10 tabled.

11 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second the motion.

12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend seconds that.  
13 Any discussion? We were tabling this from this amendment  
14 except for the veterans portion. Any discussion? No call  
15 for question?

16 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Question.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call vote,  
18 please. This is on the veterans portion.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?

20 MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Yes.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

22 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

24 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?

1 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

3 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?

5 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

7 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reginald

9 Oxendine?

10 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill

12 Brewington?

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds

15 Blanks?

16 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?

18 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

20 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

22 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

24 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

1 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

3 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion carries for that  
5 portion of our amendment, so, Ms. Jan [sic], I instruct you  
6 to go back to the committee, and Ms. Sharon will help you  
7 figure that out hopefully. Okay. At this time, we call  
8 Mr. Ron forward who is the CO of our LTE, Lumbee Tribal  
9 Enterprise for his comments.

10 (Pause)

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Ron, I ask before you  
12 start that you give our guests a little background on what  
13 LTE is and we council -- so you don't stand up there for a  
14 few minutes talking and we don't know what you're talking  
15 about. In layman's terms, tell us exactly why you're here,  
16 what you do, what LTE is.

17 MR. RON OXENDINE: Lumbee Tribe Enterprise, LLC is  
18 the for-profit part, as I describe it, for the Lumbee Tribe  
19 of North Carolina, and what that means is you have a  
20 company that is formed for our people that authorized --  
21 who's function is to go out and obtain federal contracts,  
22 state and local for the government to create for-profit  
23 money or in your terms, unrestricted money, for use by the  
24 tribe. That is the simple layman's term for what Lumbee  
25 Tribe Enterprise is.

1           I will clarify one thing. I'm not the CEO.  
2           I do call myself the COO, the chief operating  
3           officer, but Mr. Terry Hunt is the president.  
4           He's the guy in charge, and he gets to explain  
5           everything I get to stand up here and say today.  
6           I presented out a brief for you that I want to  
7           walk you through, and it's got part of the history  
8           of us in there as well, and Mr. Speaker, there is  
9           an action needed for this presentation, but not  
10          for tonight. It's just for later -- but anyway.

11           First thing I want to tell you about is who  
12          the board of directors is that's part of Lumbee  
13          Tribe Enterprise. The board of directors actually  
14          provides the leadership and guidance to LTE, and  
15          if you go to page 2, former Chairman Paul Brooks,  
16          in this capacity is determined by the Lumbee Tribe  
17          of North Carolina. He is currently still on our  
18          board. As you can see, I noted that this is a  
19          rotating position, so whoever the current  
20          presiding chairman is, that position is designated  
21          for him/her. Chairman Godwin -- he has a package  
22          that's been submitted to SBA for approval. That  
23          process takes about 90 days or earlier. He can't  
24          replace Paul Brooks until that package is approved  
25          by SBA. The chairman's package was submitted on

1 the 15th of December of 2015.

2 Also on the board is Gary Strickland. Gary  
3 Strickland in September of 2011 was selected by  
4 then chairman and appointed as the chairman  
5 representative to the board. It's a permanent  
6 position. I'll define permanent for you in the  
7 next slide. Tammy Maynor is also a member and is  
8 a permanent position. Terry Hunt is our president  
9 and also our former economic development committee  
10 chair. He's also in a rotating position.

11 Mr. Alton Locklear's package is pending to be  
12 submitted, so that's what I'm really here to talk  
13 about tonight. Brian Locklear is also a tribal  
14 council appointee. In other words, he's your  
15 representative to the board of directors for LTE.  
16 Mr. Kernice Locklear is also a member or permanent  
17 director, and I am a permanent director.

18 I'll tell you permanent means it's a 15-year  
19 position, effective 1 September 2011. Now, why am  
20 I here tonight? The reason I'm here is on the  
21 next slide where we talk about an SBA meeting. On  
22 the 4th of February of this month, Terry Hunt and  
23 Tammy Maynor met with the Lumbee Tribe's Business  
24 Opportunity Specialist up in Charlotte at the SBA,  
25 Ms. Mia Fagley -- Fagley. Let me say that

1                   correctly.

2                   The purpose of that meeting was just to go do  
3                   a face-to-face, let her know who Lumbee Tribe  
4                   Enterprise is, listen to the people. We needed to  
5                   get to know her because she just flew in from  
6                   Denver, Colorado. She also had a lot of  
7                   experience working with tribal companies as well  
8                   as Alaska natives, so it was our or Tammy and  
9                   Terry's opportunity to go meet with her  
10                  face-to-face and sit down and go and talk about  
11                  LTE in a get-to-know-you fashion. One of the  
12                  things that Ms. Fagley brought up that is an issue  
13                  with LTE is the structure. Now our structure,  
14                  which means the board of directors, which I gave  
15                  you the list on the previous page, there are two  
16                  rotating positions that are on the board of  
17                  directors: the chairman and also the economic  
18                  development chair.

19                  Now, in the past, there's always been an  
20                  economic development chairman selected by the  
21                  tribal council in January. That results in a  
22                  Change of Management Package we have to submit to  
23                  SBA for approval so that we can do our normal  
24                  operations for LTE. I put down in red one of the  
25                  things that that Change of Management Package

1 does. It kind of puts you in a limited operating  
2 situation where you're not fully able to benefit  
3 in the 8(a) Program. Okay. I'll explain that on  
4 the next slide.

5 What does that mean? When you do a Change of  
6 Management Package, the first things that you're  
7 not allowed to do: you're not able to create any  
8 joint ventures ergo any new companies where you  
9 see an opportunity to do work, nor are you able to  
10 submit a Mentor Protege package, and I'll tell you  
11 what these two packages are. A Joint Venture is  
12 when you team with a company to form a company for  
13 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina that will have  
14 8(a) certification, and it will be an opportunity  
15 for that company to pursue specific or any  
16 specific contract. In addition to that, you're  
17 also allowed to be awarded up to three contracts  
18 before the joint venture comes to an end.

19 The board has a pending joint venture that's  
20 in place, but we're not able to submit that  
21 package right now because Chairman Godwin's  
22 package is going through the Change of Management  
23 process. Mentor Protege -- we've agreed to go  
24 through Mentor Protege with a company in Tampa,  
25 Florida. That Mentor Protege -- that means that

1 company will be our mentor, and they will help us  
2 acquire contracts and work with us and train us on  
3 business development and all the activities  
4 associated with trying to grow and the operations  
5 of a company. That is a formal SBA process.  
6 That's been agreed to occur, but again, we can't  
7 submit the package pending the Change of  
8 Management Package for Chairman Godwin.

9 What can you do? Continue to market and  
10 pursue contracts. What that means is you can  
11 continue to bid on 8(a), Small Business, and Full  
12 and Open opportunities, and you can also obtain  
13 Sole Source Contract Awards from the government,  
14 and when we say Full Source Opportunities, that's  
15 when you heard me talk about the opportunity to  
16 get \$22.5 million-dollar contracts; sole source.

17 Okay. Today,-- on the next slide, the board,  
18 as a result of our meeting with SBA, had a board  
19 meeting. The primary reason of that board meeting  
20 was to discuss the Change of Management Packet or  
21 issues of constantly doing Change of Management  
22 Packages. The board recommendations that came out  
23 today was obviously to retain Chairman of the  
24 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina as a rotating  
25 position. That only occurs every three years

1 and/or six, so you don't have to do a change but  
2 once every three years.

3 The change of the economic development chair  
4 position -- we are recommending that it become a  
5 permanent position. Again, 15 years beginning 1  
6 September 2011, but in addition to submitting that  
7 package, it will also require an update to our  
8 operating agreement for LTE. In other words, we  
9 would have to tell SBA how it changes, the way  
10 LTE's board will function, and that's also part of  
11 the package that we'll deal with. Now, what we're  
12 going to recommend or what will happen is that  
13 instead of the economic development committee  
14 chairperson being automatically assigned the  
15 board, which is also a Change of Management  
16 Package, what we're going to recommend to you is  
17 that we take or leave that position a second  
18 tribal council appointed position. In other  
19 words, you have another opportunity to go out and  
20 tell us who the person is you want to fill in that  
21 position. Who do you want?

22 Specifically, if you look at the next  
23 bullets, you'll see some options, and these are  
24 just recommendations. Mr. Alton Locklear is the  
25 current economic development committee chairman.

1 He is in line to take that position, and the  
2 tribal council can let him continue down that path  
3 and appoint him as the permanent representative to  
4 the LTE board. If you don't like that option, you  
5 have the option to go out and identify someone  
6 completely different, but that's why we want to  
7 give you basically 30 days to discuss, address,  
8 ask questions, or whatever to meet that deadline.

9 You see my last bullet down there. It's  
10 critical to me that you make this decision next  
11 month or by the next monthly meeting because it's  
12 anticipated that Chairman Godwin's package should  
13 be approved about that time, which means the  
14 Mentor Protege package that we've been waiting to  
15 submit -- it is critical because the proposal has  
16 been submitted -- can immediately be submitted and  
17 subsequently approved. Then, after that, the  
18 process could also take 60-90 days. Then we take  
19 your appointee and make that Change of Management  
20 Package for that permanent tribal council  
21 appointed position, and then you'll only have to  
22 do it one more time, so what we're trying to do is  
23 take every advantage that the SBA gives to LTE so  
24 we can fully participate in 8(a) -- where we can  
25 do joint ventures anytime we want. We can

1 establish -- you can do multiple Mentor Proteges  
2 although that's I don't think in our future -- at  
3 least use all the opportunities from SBA.

4 So that's what we're recommending to the  
5 tribal council, and again, I think 30 days should  
6 be enough time, Mr. Speaker. We'll leave that up  
7 for your action.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you.

9 MR. RON OXENDINE: Any questions or discussion for  
10 me?

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any questions?

12 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker? I have a  
13 question.

14 MR. RON OXENDINE: Sure.

15 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It says on your  
16 handout here -- you're calling these permanent positions --

17 MR. RON OXENDINE: Defined that's 15 years.

18 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: -- because your bylaws  
19 says 15, so why are you calling it permanent?

20 MR. RON OXENDINE: Well, that's my term.

21 Initially, when we talk about selecting the board of  
22 directors, that's back when we picked up that term. That  
23 was back in September 2011. We had permanent board  
24 members, rotating board members, and that's just kind of  
25 the dialogue I've continued with, but that permanent was

1 defined as 15 years from the start.

2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So am I -- anybody  
3 else?

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Anybody else? Anybody else  
5 before Ms. Anita again? Last call. Ms. Anita?

6 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So am I to understand  
7 the big issue here is the fact that economic development  
8 person gets chosen every year, and that's the three-month  
9 transition from person to person to person? That's the big  
10 issue?

11 MR. RON OXENDINE: Yes. And that's a process that  
12 takes roughly 90 days or more. The SBA advertises 90 days,  
13 but when you get your approval back, you get your approval  
14 back. Also, the key thing to note, and also to Al because  
15 I forgot to mention, whoever you select to go in this  
16 position has to go through the approval process like all  
17 the other directors have, and what that means is you got to  
18 provide three years of your income tax, you got to go  
19 through background checks, which you can't have any  
20 incidents, and I will say incidents because it doesn't  
21 necessarily have to be a felony. It could be any incident.  
22 I think some of you have heard about my definition of an  
23 incident previously from issues before.

24 Then you got to fill out all the SBA forms  
25 and the packages we have to do, so keep that in

1 mind as you talk as one of the things we got to  
2 do. We got to run one from LTE's perspective.  
3 We've got to run a background check after your  
4 nominee is provided so that we have our  
5 understanding. We don't want SBA to find  
6 something in the person's background before we do,  
7 and keep in mind, if you don't pass their  
8 criteria, then that person's got to approve  
9 another Change of Management Package, so it would  
10 behoove the council to talk about it, select the  
11 right person -- but it would be your appointee as  
12 our recommendation.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Can --

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have another  
15 question.

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Go ahead.

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It's my understanding  
18 is that the reason that Terry Hunt is the president was  
19 because Brian didn't clear that, but he's still a member of  
20 the board of directors?

21 MR. RON OXENDINE: That's correct.

22 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: How does he remain if  
23 he didn't clear?

24 MR. RON OXENDINE: SBA says he can be a board of  
25 directors because he's not in control. He's (Indicating)

1 the present boss of the company. You know, you can be a  
2 voting member of the board of six, in this case, but you  
3 can't lead the charge because again, it's called your  
4 management structure.

5 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So is -- am I correct  
6 in understanding that Mr. Hunt is the president of the  
7 corporation?

8 MR. RON OXENDINE: That's correct.

9 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: The LTE corporation?

10 MR. RON OXENDINE: Yes.

11 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Does he have a  
12 contract?

13 MR. RON OXENDINE: No.

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Just asking.

15 MR. RON OXENDINE: He doesn't need one.

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Ron.

17 MR. RON OXENDINE: Thank you.

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Council, if you would, take  
19 your calendar out at this time. I know we're going to get  
20 through it, and I'm asking Mr. Al to set up an economic  
21 development meeting before this date so you all can attend  
22 that meeting, and then we can come back on our next council  
23 meeting -- I reckon the 17th of March. Many will be away  
24 on the 10th, so let's go back to the 3rd. Go ahead and put  
25 that down as a special call meeting to deal with this issue

1 only at this point. I'll let you know that will be March  
2 the 3rd because, Mr. Al, you can have your meeting before  
3 that time. We will get into other committee meetings a  
4 little later. Okay. At this time, we'll ask our tribal  
5 administrator to give us an update.

6 MR. DOCK LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, fellow board  
7 members, a couple items I'd like to go over with you.  
8 First thing I'd like to say is we're in the process of  
9 doing some painting inside the building. From what I  
10 understand, there's not been any painting since the  
11 building was built, and we see some need to do that.  
12 You'll notice we also had some spots in our carpet that was  
13 torn and whatever, and we had someone come in and repair  
14 those places for us, and we also cleaned that carpet.

15 One thing that we found out -- we were having  
16 some problems with the microphones, and we had  
17 someone come in and take a look at that, and we  
18 found that when the system was set up, each of  
19 these mics is supposed to have a cord running from  
20 the mic straight to the system room back here.  
21 What they did when they put the mics in, they  
22 spliced them together, so when you have one mic  
23 goes out, all of them shuts down, and then you  
24 have to reboot the system to get them back up, and  
25 that's not always a good option, so we'll try to

1 find somebody or get somebody to give us an  
2 estimate on what it would take to resolve that  
3 problem and get it to where they work.

4 I'd like to thank Council member Jan Lowery  
5 and Dr. Cherry Beasley for coming in and doing our  
6 HIPPA training on the 17th and all the staff was  
7 involved in that process, and we just appreciate  
8 them doing that for us. One thing I'd like to  
9 report to the council is that we had to welcome  
10 the State Board of Elections and our tribal cards  
11 -- they are going to allow us to use them as  
12 identification in the next vote, though the senior  
13 card, because they don't have an expiration date  
14 on them, they won't let us use those, so what  
15 we'll probably have to do is do an ordinance to  
16 put an expiration date on that card, and then  
17 they'll allow us to use them.

18 On the 9th of February, the Chamber of  
19 Commerce hosted a rise and shine breakfast in the  
20 tribal facility. This is the first of its kind.  
21 There was approximately 112 business and community  
22 leaders that attended that function this year.  
23 Mr. Speaker, Chairman Godwin, and Chancellor  
24 Cummings was the speaker for that day, and they  
25 challenged us and gave us some good, inspiring

1           comments, and we feel like that was a great  
2           success.

3           On the 16th of February, I met with the  
4           Pembroke Innovations Council. They asked me to  
5           come over as a representative of the Tribe. The  
6           Town of Pembroke is looking for some method of  
7           attracting more businesses and individuals to the  
8           town, and they're looking at some renovations to  
9           do some of the streets and possibly some work up  
10          there at the park, and they just wanted our input  
11          since we are located here in this area.

12          One other item I'd like to bring before the  
13          council is last week we met with the Red Cross.  
14          They would like to distribute smoke detectors to  
15          all the senior citizens of the county. The smoke  
16          detectors that they have will be presenting --  
17          this is a five-year program. They have a ten-year  
18          lithium battery. They made a suggestion that  
19          since we have 14 districts that each of the  
20          council from those districts set up a meeting, and  
21          let us know when those meetings will be, and we'll  
22          get the representative, which is Pat Smart, to be  
23          in attendance, and also, if you could get the fire  
24          department from your district to be there to help  
25          them install those smoke detectors at the senior

1 citizen's residence.

2 If you'd like to do that -- I'm not standing  
3 up here telling you you have to do it. That's  
4 just a suggestion, so if you decide you want to  
5 participate in this, just let me know, and we'll  
6 coordinate a time with them and also getting the  
7 fire department set up.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any burning questions for  
9 Mr. Dock? I'll start with Ms. Barbara and go around.

10 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I'd just like to say that  
11 I'll represent my district.

12 MR. FRANK COOPER: Same.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any questions? Mr. Jarrod?

14 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr.  
15 Administrator, I have one quick question. The budget  
16 amendment that was brought before us was proposed by the  
17 chairman or was brought by the administration, and  
18 Councilwoman Anita had a very good question, and my  
19 question is, why wasn't anybody from the administration  
20 able to answer the question about the budget amendment that  
21 was brought before us from the administration?

22 (Pause.)

23 MS. SHARON BLUE: I've got a response now. I  
24 brought up my email.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I think his question, Ms.

1 Sharon, is why did we have to wait to go back and research  
2 it and didn't have an answer when Ms. Anita brought it up.

3 MS. SHARON BLUE: I think that, that question  
4 should have been brought before me or to me before the  
5 meeting so I could've researched it. I was caught off  
6 guard.

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. But you will meet  
8 with the finance committee?

9 MS. SHARON BLUE: Yes.

10 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Anyone else? Thank you, Mr.  
11 Dock. Councilmen, if you would take your calendar out for  
12 February --

13 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I have a  
14 question concerning the constitution and ordinance  
15 committee. Just want to throw it out there. I know this  
16 was discussed in the committee, and it was about  
17 redistricting. I know they have the funds for  
18 redistricting, so I just wanted to ask a question. Has  
19 anything been done as far as starting the redistricting  
20 process?

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend, are you at a  
22 point in time ready to comment on that?

23 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Absolutely. The answer is  
24 yes.

25 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Thank you.

1 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend?

3 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I would like to schedule a  
4 constitution meeting for --

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Hold on just a minute. If  
6 you would go to February, Ms. Barbara has asked that no one  
7 schedule anything on February 25th and give her your entire  
8 evening, so she's got that date, and she said she's going  
9 to need approximately 2-3 hours, and we don't want to be  
10 out all night. So put Ms. Barbara down for housing on  
11 February 25th, and I told her that would be the only one,  
12 and she talked like it would be a lengthy one. Now, Mr.  
13 Townsend. I just wanted to cover her.

14 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: March 1st at 6:30, meeting of  
15 the constitution committee.

16 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: February 1st at 7:30.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: March 1st?

18 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I'm sorry. March 1st.

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Finance. You've got  
20 constitution and finance. That's a lot in one night. Ms.  
21 Barbara?

22 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I'd like 6-6:30.

23 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: 6-6:30 unless anyone says  
24 otherwise, we do all our meetings at 6:30.

25 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: That's fine.

1                   MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Constitution and finance at  
2                   6:30 and 7:30. We prorate an hour, but if it takes more,  
3                   it takes more. Mr. Al?

4                   MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We have a special call  
5                   meeting on the 3rd; is that correct?

6                   MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Right.

7                   MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: That doesn't give us many  
8                   days to schedule a committee meeting. I was going to  
9                   choose the 25th. Ms. Barbara, do you think you could give  
10                  me 30 minutes of your time from 6:30-7:00 for economic  
11                  development to discuss this issue for what we're having  
12                  this special call meeting for?

13                  MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What about the 23rd, Mr. Al?

14                  MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I think I can do 30 minutes  
15                  because we're going to be having quite a few of these  
16                  meetings for housing.

17                  MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Also, I'd like to request if  
18                  Ms. Barbara's going to keep us here for three hours that  
19                  she provide food.

20                  MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Is that a motion?

21                  MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

22                  MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Second.

23                  MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I can handle that.

24                  MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point taken, Ms. Barbara.

25                  February 25th, economic development is going to meet from

1 6:30-7:00, and housing from 7:00 to 10:30-11:00. According  
2 to that book she sent me, you better get ready. Any -- Mr.  
3 Jarrod?

4 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, federal  
5 recognition committee would like to have a meeting on  
6 Thursday, March 10th at 6:30.

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: There will be quite a few  
8 people away at that time.

9 MR. FRANK COOPER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have  
10 education meeting committee right after his meeting.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So we got recognition and  
12 education on the 10th? That's no conflict with any of your  
13 members? Any members? Conflict on that? Okay. Let's go  
14 through it. On February 25th, we got economic development  
15 at 6:30, housing at 7:00. On March 1st, we got  
16 constitution at 6:30, finance at 7:30. Then on March the  
17 3rd, we have a special meeting to deal with the LTE issue,  
18 6:30. On March the 10th, we got federal recognition at  
19 6:30 and education at 7:30.

20 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Maiden?

22 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Can I ask Ms. Belinda -- does  
23 the unity conference start that Thursday on the 10th?

24 MS. BELINDA BREWER: Yeah.

25 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: What time does it all start

1 that day?

2 MS. BELINDA BREWER: Registration starts at 10:00,  
3 and I'm not sure what time everything else starts.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's why I asked was there  
5 any conflict for the two committees.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: The North Carolina Commission of  
7 Indian Affairs has their meeting that morning, and then  
8 usually the grand entry's at like 1:30 that afternoon.

9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: He recommended the 8th. Is  
10 that okay with you?

11 MR. JARROD LOWERY: (Nonverbal response.)

12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Move federal recognition and  
13 education back to the 8th because some are planning the  
14 attend the Indian Unity Conference, and that starts at 3:30  
15 in the afternoon. Ms. Jan?

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: I need the council to look or  
17 think of or help me with a date when so we can come, Dr.  
18 Beasley and I, can come and do the training on the HIPPA  
19 training for the council members, and that will take about  
20 an hour and fifteen minutes, and we can feed you that  
21 night, so if you would look. Apparently February seems to  
22 be filled up. Can we look at March? Is March 14th a good  
23 night?

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: March 14th? All right.  
25 March 14th for HIPPA training.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Right.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: And dinner?

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: And dinner.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What time you want to start?

5 At six?

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: That's fine.

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: At six. Does six bother

8 anyone since we got dinner?

9 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Could we really do that at

10 6:30? It's kind of tough to get here by 6:00.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: So 6:30?

12 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We could, like, eat and

13 train?

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Right.

15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Any others? Ms.

16 Barbara?

17 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes. The 23rd.

18 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. We'll get to that in

19 a second. We'll get to the announcements. That's an

20 announcement. I got you. We'll get to it. I got that on

21 my calendar.

22 MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker, on the 8th,

23 is federal recognition at 6:30 and education at 7:30?

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes. Federal recognition at

25 6:30, education at 7:30. It may not take 30 minutes, so

1 that one may not take long. He may not need an hour, so  
2 you might need to come early on that one. Any other  
3 meetings? By the way, the public is invited to our  
4 committee meetings. They are open to the public if you can  
5 remember all those days. They can probably go on the  
6 website and load them on there, right?

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Yeah.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Anything else on the  
9 calendar? Seems like we're busy people. At this time, we  
10 call our chairman forward for comments. Anything I forget?  
11 No. We're going to get to announcements.

12 CHAIRMAN GODWIN: Good evening. Thank you, Mr.  
13 Speaker and distinguished Lumbee Tribal Council Members for  
14 this opportunity tonight. I just wanted to bring four or  
15 five things to your attention. One, the pow wow. We're  
16 working on it. Very excited about it. We have 40 plus  
17 volunteers, and some tribal employees are putting it  
18 together. It's going to be a big challenge bringing it back  
19 to the Indian Cultural Center because that's where it's  
20 going to be. I thank Mr. Speaker for his efforts and  
21 bringing some people together who have a lot of knowledge  
22 about the culture center and the logistics of it. The  
23 biggest thing will be transportation, parking. We got a  
24 plan for that. We have utilities. We'll be hoping and  
25 praying for good weather. We think we've got a backup plan

1 for that as well.

2 I don't know what you may be hearing out in  
3 the community, but a lot of people are very,very  
4 happy we're moving it back to the culture center.  
5 A lot of people -- you know, I have to wear a lot  
6 of different hats. Culture is one of them, but  
7 the culture aspect of this, the culture center  
8 itself -- our connection to the land as a people  
9 is very important and critical at this point in  
10 time, especially for our young people.

11 If you'll look up on the monitors there,  
12 you'll see a mock up right now of what the  
13 T-shirts may look like. We're still working on  
14 this. Some students from Purnell Swett High  
15 School are putting this together, but it's really  
16 just a hawk and the silhouette of the moon and a  
17 tree, which is kind of getting back to the  
18 environment of the culture center with the trees  
19 there and the full moon and the red tail hawk,  
20 which is indigenous to our area and to our tribe.  
21 They've got that piece worked out, and hopefully  
22 they'll have that finished -- we've got  
23 committees. Mr. John Oxendine has got -- he's  
24 doing a fantastic job with the committees, and  
25 they're all working together in the cold and the

1 rain to get everything put together. So this is  
2 kind of what the T-shirt will look like in black  
3 and yellow or on a red or yellow T-shirt at this  
4 point in time. That may change, but that's the  
5 silhouette of it.

6 I'd also like to mention a couple other  
7 things. Support, administrative support. I'm  
8 trying to make sure that we do due diligence on  
9 that. We have the tribal administrator here, Mr.  
10 Bosco, Ms. Tammy, finance director, Ms. Brewer,  
11 who is here, so I think we have all the  
12 administrative support here to answer any  
13 questions you may have. I would expand on her  
14 (Indicating) comment a little earlier was that, if  
15 there's some disconnect, just give us a call.  
16 We're meeting before this meeting, we're meeting  
17 upon meetings to share information. The point I'm  
18 trying to make is if we don't have the answer for  
19 you that very minute, we have a staff here for you  
20 at your meetings that can get the information for  
21 you before the meeting's up, and if they can't,  
22 then that will be another discussion.

23 We also have if you notice tech support.  
24 Both of our tech people, Ms. Tonya Lowry and my  
25 brother back here,--

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Joe.

2 CHAIRMAN GODWIN: Joe. What can I say. I know  
3 his name. I talk to him everyday. They're doing a great  
4 job, and they're getting the mics fixed, but you'll have  
5 tech support here for your meetings. For every committee  
6 meeting you have, you'll have tech support so we can be  
7 heard, and people can make sure they get the correct  
8 information. Working on things like this, that's going to  
9 expand. You'll be able to do more things up here, so we'll  
10 have tech support at every meeting and also security.  
11 She's sitting right back there from R&R, and she's done a  
12 great job for us, so we'll have tech and security support  
13 for you.

14 Tomorrow at 9:00, we're having a prayer --  
15 pray in, whatever you want to call it. This will  
16 be our second one right here in these chambers. I  
17 think it's important, and I'd like for you all to  
18 come if you'd like. It will last for about 30  
19 minutes. People give comments -- but I think it's  
20 important we get back to our core values, and  
21 that's one of them. I think we need prayer on  
22 everything that we're doing right now.

23 Lumbee Tribal Holdings. I want to expand  
24 just a little bit on what Mr. Ron Oxendine was  
25 talking about. He's talking about Lumbee Tribe

1           Enterprises. What we're doing right now is very,  
2           very, very important. We have the opportunity for  
3           the Lumbee Tribe to become prosperous with this  
4           mechanism in the future for the next nine years.

5                     What that does is just bring contracts  
6           together. He goes out and he shops for the  
7           business and professionals. You have to have  
8           high-level security clearance for these contracts  
9           we're talking about. Nobody in this room can get  
10          them. You've got to have those kinds of federal  
11          clearances to do it, and some of it's kind of  
12          secret, so he can't tell us everything, and  
13          because of the contracts and the nature of them,  
14          it is what it is; not just getting the contracts.

15                    There's another level that's called Lumbee  
16          Tribal Holdings. Once the contracts are secured,  
17          when the profits from those contracts start going  
18          to Lumbee Tribal Holdings, that's the critical  
19          part. That's the part when you take that profit  
20          and we decide as a committee and as a team what to  
21          do with that money; what programs do you want to  
22          build, what scholarships do you want to start,  
23          stipends for travel, and a lot of other things we  
24          haven't even thought about yet because we haven't  
25          got that far, but let me tell you that it's coming

1 very quickly.

2 Now there was a resolution that was made a  
3 couple years ago where there's five people on that  
4 committee. There's the chair, there's the  
5 administrator, the head of housing, and two tribal  
6 council members on it. When the resolution was  
7 passed, and I won't get into details of that, but  
8 the two tribal council members were removed, so  
9 you only had the chair, the administrator, and the  
10 head of housing on Lumbee Tribal Holdings, which  
11 will decide where this money's going to go, so I  
12 challenge you -- I know you've got all these  
13 meeting's scheduled, but I challenge you to have a  
14 board -- a tribal council board meeting to let's  
15 discuss this in detail, and you need to select two  
16 people that need to go on Lumbee Tribal Holdings.  
17 That's even more critical than the LTE. You got  
18 to have us representing that.

19 We got to plan together, we got to have your  
20 constituents involved. We're going to have to  
21 have focus groups out at your community centers --  
22 what's important to the people because when this  
23 money starts flowing and we have a profit, we  
24 don't have to spend it right then, but we need a  
25 plan, and this Lumbee Tribal Holdings is the

1 apparatus for the plan and for these  
2 disbursements, so I don't think we need to decide  
3 tonight on a date to think about it, and see if we  
4 can have a meeting in the next two weeks on the  
5 board of the Lumbee Tribal Holdings.

6 Accountability, transparency, open  
7 government. I had a meeting Tuesday with Senator  
8 Richard Burr. He came to my business office in  
9 Lumberton for an hour. He hadn't stepped foot in  
10 Robeson County for five years, and he came in to  
11 see us. It's a political year, he's running, I  
12 get it. Federal recognition, I feel really,  
13 really good about him being a champion for us.  
14 He's one of the top five US Senators in the US  
15 Senate right now, and if he wins, he'll be even  
16 more powerful, and the man's the head of the  
17 Intelligence Committee; he knows IT. He was  
18 talking to me about some stuff I didn't even know  
19 what he was talking about.

20 I feel good about our confederates there, and  
21 with Congressman Hudson, I would ask Councilman  
22 Jarrod, if I can work together with you on this  
23 because we have to have a single message now, and  
24 they're expecting leadership from the chair  
25 position to champion with them, and we all got to

1 be saying the same thing, so if you allow me, I'd  
2 like to work with you on that. Let's get the  
3 message right -- so they're not going to do much  
4 in this election, so it would be early 2017. We  
5 can get a good push going with that plan, and we  
6 push for it, and I think federal recognition needs  
7 to be at the top of the list, not at the bottom of  
8 the list. Lumbee Tribal Enterprises, Holdings --  
9 that money could secure full federal recognition.  
10 I'm telling you -- the next several generations --  
11 some of the things we're talking about struggling  
12 with with money and trying to find pennies here  
13 and there won't be an issue anymore. We'll have  
14 enough money to take care of our generations to  
15 come.

16 The last thing I would say to you is this.  
17 The last month or so, me and my wife -- she's at  
18 home alone now. I'm spending more time away from  
19 her than I want to, but I questioned myself  
20 lately: Why did I decided to do this? Senator  
21 Burr asked me that same question. That's the  
22 first question he asked me: Why'd you decide to  
23 run for tribal chair? I told him why, and he  
24 understood what I was talking about. Here I got a  
25 box from the little children of Red Hill

1           Apartments in Maxton.

2           The Honorable Harvey Godwin, Jr., and inside,  
3           are all these letters from kids, children, and you  
4           know what they want? All they asked for is a  
5           playground at Red Hill Apartments. Ms. Sweat,  
6           they're saying so we can stay out of the streets,  
7           so bad people that walk up and down the highway  
8           there can't snatch them, where they feel safe.  
9           They just want a playground. That's what you  
10          don't know with this LTE and Lumbee Tribal  
11          Holdings. You won't ever have to worry about  
12          something like this again. This is what it's  
13          about. This is what it's really about. Please,  
14          let's not lose our focus on that. Thank you.

15          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At  
16          this time, we will open the floor for announcements from  
17          our council. Ms. Barbara, I'm going to let you go first  
18          because I know you had a burning announcement, so you have  
19          the open floor.

20          MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes. On February 25th down  
21          at the First Nations Boys and Girls Club, we're going to  
22          have a community meeting. We're inviting the tribal  
23          council to come on out. We'll have musicians out there,  
24          and we start at 6:00, and our meeting will be at 7:00. The  
25          23rd, next Tuesday. It starts at 6:00. The people out

1 there's preparing soup and drinks. They provided water.  
2 If they want to provide, I don't tell them no. Everybody  
3 that would like to come is welcome to come.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: At 6:00?

5 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Well, the music starts, and  
6 then the food we're going to have ready.

7 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The 23rd. She had that 25th  
8 meeting on her mind.

9 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: First Nations Boys and Girls  
10 Club. It's on Singletary Church Road.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Belinda can send us a  
12 reminder on that. All right. We'll go around. Any  
13 announcements? Announcements? Mr. Jarrod?

14 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Really isn't an announcement,  
15 but I just want to let everybody know that today the North  
16 Carolina State Legislature and the United States Court of  
17 Appeals redrew our congressional districts, all 13  
18 districts in the state, so you need to check and see. We  
19 all pretty much live in different congressional districts,  
20 and we all have different congressmen, so Robeson County's  
21 in the 9th, Hoke County's in the 8th, and Cumberland  
22 County's split between the 7th and the 4th -- no -- excuse  
23 me. Cumberland County's split between the 8th and the 9th,  
24 so the maps are out. Get online and check it out, and I'll  
25 give a full update about all that at our federal

1 recognition meeting. Thank you.

2 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: If you got questions, just  
3 see Mr. Jarrod. He's got inside with the governor's  
4 office.

5 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, if I might, as a  
6 reminder to the education committee with the unity  
7 conference coming up the weekend of the 10th, 11th, and  
8 12th, there was a request for a scholarship funding, and  
9 that was sent to education, and I don't know if you had a  
10 chance to talk about it yet or not, and I know that you  
11 have a meeting that week before that, so I'd like, if you  
12 would, remember that. We have a representative here that's  
13 on the board up there, and they made that request; if you  
14 remember those letters I passed out to you.

15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: If you got anymore  
16 questions, just get with Mr. Maiden. I have one general  
17 announcement. In your package, you received a new copy of  
18 your committees. When I looked this one over, Ms. Belinda  
19 noticed there was three councilmen that was not on a  
20 committee, and it's required that all council serve on at  
21 least one committee, so I worked with some chairpersons,  
22 and I'm glad to say tonight, Ms. Sweat, all three were on  
23 at least one committee, so I thank you, chairmen, for  
24 working with me to fill those positions.

25 The only other announcement I have is after

1           the benediction, I need to meet with all those  
2           that requested to attend the National Housing  
3           Conference in May back in the break room. It  
4           won't take me but a minute to tell you what's  
5           going on, but all of those that requested to  
6           attend the national conference. If nothing else,  
7           I'm going to call a dear friend of mine up to the  
8           podium. Mr. Bruce Barton, would you close us in  
9           prayer? He's -- I worked for him for many years,  
10          so I know he's capable. Mr. Barton?

11                         (A prayer was given by Mr. Bruce Barton.)

12          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I do need a motion to  
13          adjourn.

14          MR. FRANK COOPER: Motion.

15          MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Second.

16          MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Meeting's adjourned.

17                         (End of proceedings.)

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