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ALTON LOCKLEAR
BOBBY OXENDINE

ALSO PRESENT

Judge Greg Bell
Tony Hunt
Gary Deese
Alton Hagans

1 would you do that for us?

2 (The preamble to the tribal constitution

3 was read.)

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. You may be

5 seated. Ms. Jan will do the roll call.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

7 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Present.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

9 MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

11 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:

14 MR. DARIUS POUR: Here.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

16 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

18 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

20 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Present.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

22 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

24 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

1 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Here.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

3 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Here.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, here. Bill
5 Brewington?

6 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds
8 Blanks?

9 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

11 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Here.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

13 MR. FRANK COOPER: Present.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

15 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: She said she wouldn't be
16 here tonight.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Shelley Strickland?
18 William Maiden?

19 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

21 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Here.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: We have a quorum.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Next on our
24 agenda is the review and approval of the agenda.

25 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Townsend?

2 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I move that those not on
3 the council tonight be excused.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Do we have a
5 second?

6 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

7 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All in favor, say aye.

8 (The council voted.)

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Do we have a
10 motion on the agenda?

11 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So moved.

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you. All in
13 favor, say aye.

14 (The council voted.)

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next is review and approval
16 of October tribal council minutes and actions.

17 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, Mr. Maiden?

19 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to offer a motion
20 that we receive the review and approval of October
21 tribal council minutes and actions.

22 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. All in favor,
24 say aye.

25 (The council voted.)

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Next
2 on our agenda is the administrative court nominee
3 reappointment. Ladies and gentlemen, we have with us
4 tonight Mr. Al Hagans of the administrative court,
5 and he has served one term, and he has agreed to be
6 reinstated or reappointed for another term, and we
7 also have with us Mr. Gary Deese. He has agreed to
8 serve. We met in a meeting the other night. It was
9 brought out of the committee, so it don't need a
10 second -- but some of the council that weren't here
11 -- Mr. Hagans, would you come to the podium? Do you
12 have anything you'd like to say before?

13 MR. ALTON HAGANS: No. Except I've served one
14 term, and I'm grateful to serve another term on the
15 council.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. I believe everyone
17 has the information for both candidates at your
18 table. Does anyone have any questions for Mr.
19 Hagans? And he is serving District 12, 5, 6,
20 Districts 12, 5, and 6. Okay.

21 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, I make a
22 motion to approve Mr. Hagans back to the
23 administrative court.

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Second.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and

1 a second. All in favor, say aye.

2 (The council voted.)

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Mr.
4 Hagans, we'll have you both done at the same time.
5 Mr. Gary, would you come, please. Mr. Gary is new.
6 He is from District 3 and 14. So, Mr. Gary, do you
7 have anything you'd like to say?

8 MR. GARY DEESE: Well, I'd like to thank the
9 tribal council for this opportunity to serve the
10 Lumbee people. I was asked by Mr. Terry Hunt if I
11 would consider working with the administrative court,
12 and I agreed, and I am honored to be here tonight to
13 serve our Lumbee people.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any questions,
15 council? Okay.

16 MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I make a motion to
17 accept.

18 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and
20 a second. I'd like to say, too, that I didn't know
21 that Mr. Gary was, but Mr. Hagans is a veteran --

22 MR. GARY DEESE: Yes, sir.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: -- and a minister.

24 MR. GARY DEESE: Yes, sir.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I got his resume, and it's

1 pretty extensive. Okay. We have a motion and a
2 second. All in favor, say aye.

3 (The council voted.)

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Mr.
5 Hagans, Mr. Deese, would you come up, please. We
6 have also with us Judge Greg Bell who's going to do
7 the oath of office.

8 (Mr. Alton Hagans and Mr. Gary Deese were
9 sworn to the administrative court by Judge
10 Greg Bell.)

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And I didn't give Mr.
12 Hagans a title. I called him the mayor of Mount
13 Airy. We appreciate you, gentlemen, for serving the
14 Lumbee people of North Carolina.

15 Next on our agenda is community comments, and we
16 have Mr. Darris Bullard. Okay. Darris. Sorry about
17 that.

18 MR. DARIUS POUR: Okay. First thing I wanted to
19 say was I meant no disrespect. I didn't stand --

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can you repeat that?

21 MR. DARIUS POUR: Sorry. My hearing's not real
22 good.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We're okay with that.
24 You're fine, you're fine. What district are you
25 from?

1 MR. DARIUS POUR: District? I don't know what
2 district. I'm from over on Shaw Mill Road off Candy
3 Park Road off Hiawatha.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. That's District 7.
5 Go ahead.

6 MR. DARIUS POUR: All right. I meant no
7 disrespect. I did not stand. I'm not religious, I'm
8 agnostic, so that explains that. I don't see myself
9 as an American for some time now, and I think we have
10 an identity problem when we claim to be a sovereign
11 people, and we're pledging allegiance to a foreign
12 power. It doesn't make any sense. People are
13 laughing at us.

14 So I wish we would have some sort of incentives
15 of exactly who we are. If we're Lumbee and we're a
16 sovereign people, we need to act accordingly and stop
17 looking for other people -- like I know Governor
18 McCrory was here, and he gave us a like \$24 million.
19 What is that, like a joke? You know, he should have
20 laughed right at you. Okay. We need to act like
21 we're sovereign. We need to promote
22 self-sufficiency. That should be our goal.

23 What I mean by self-sufficiency is -- there are
24 50,000 Lumbees living. We generate our own
25 electricity. It's not coming from the Lumber River

1 Electric Company. It's not coming from, you know --
2 it's our own -- and it's not that part. Like on the
3 Internet, they have people making simple, little
4 models of how to generate your own electricity. We
5 will -- this is swampland. That's why Europeans
6 didn't want it cause it's a swamp, and you can't
7 build structures on a swamp. That's why the Cherokee
8 were rushed off to Oklahoma along with many other
9 indigenous people -- because building structures is
10 worthless.

11 Now, I -- my mom is originally from here. My --
12 I was born in New York. Now, I'm here to tell you
13 straight up America is a dead society -- not dying,
14 dead. It's not even a country, and the way I'm going
15 to prove it to you is -- you ask yourself. You ain't
16 got to say anything or say it ain't right, but look
17 around for yourself.

18 When somebody strikes a pedestrian with their
19 car, 95 percent of the people will drive off. Now,
20 that's how -- that tells me what Americans -- when
21 push comes to shove, Americans don't give a hoot
22 about other Americans. That's what it tells me.
23 Also, from my mistakes -- I'm no kid, I'm 48 years
24 old. Everybody I've come across in America is a
25 crook, and what bothers me most is this mentality --

1 it's rubbing off onto us.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a three-minute time
3 rule. Thank you, Mr. --

4 MR. DARIUS POUR: Of course.

5 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It's in the rules.

6 MR. DARIUS POUR: That's how it is. The rules
7 are the rules. That's how sleazy things is for over
8 400 years. The rules is rules.

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, sir. We've got
10 to move on with our business.

11 MR. DARIUS POUR: Let me just say this.

12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order. Point of
13 order, sir.

14 MR. DARIUS POUR: Let me just say this.

15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order.

16 MR. DARIUS POUR: Why is there an armed man
17 selling water? Why is there an armed man inside the
18 water department? They've got security glass, they
19 got bank monitors. I used to work at the --

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Sir, we can't explain that.
21 That's the Robeson County Water Department.

22 MR. DARIUS POUR: Oh, thank you. You just
23 answered my question, so stop playing the game.
24 We're Americans and we're corrupt like everybody
25 else. Okay. And when somebody tells you -- when

1 they look back and say, how can you in America even
2 exist --

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Excuse me, but that's your
4 time. Your time is up.

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker? Sir, as the
6 parliamentarian, I have to call you out of hand, and
7 we ask you to take your seat, and if not, we're going
8 to have to ask you to leave.

9 MR. DARIUS POUR: It's just that you --

10 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Sir, --

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next thing on our agenda is
12 the committee reports. Ms. Janie McFarland is next.

13 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. We have two budget
14 ordinances that came out of committee. One is a text
15 change. The second ordinance is a budget amendment,
16 Veterans Services, Duke Energy Helping Home Fund, and
17 Project Access Budget Grant.

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. They did come out of
19 committee, so we don't need a second. Ms. Janie,
20 would you like to comment on those, or if there are
21 any questions?

22 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: If there's no questions,
23 turn to your --

24 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker? I have
25 a question. I'm sorry. Could you -- did you say

1 something about the veterans? I didn't hear.

2 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I just read what was on
3 the agenda. I hadn't went over the ordinance at this
4 time.

5 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. All right.

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: She hadn't read them yet.

7 Ms. Janie?

8 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. If you turn to your
9 packet, the first ordinance is amendment one. In the
10 fifth whereas, --

11 Whereas, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe
12 of North Carolina reserves the right to amend the
13 budget as proposed by the Tribal Chairman as deemed
14 appropriate to maintain a balanced budget.

15 Therefore, "CLLO-2015-0917-01, Fiscal Year
16 October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016, Tribal Budget
17 Ordinance" has amended to remove from the fifth
18 Whereas paragraph: "Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of
19 North Carolina reserves the right to amend the budget
20 as deemed appropriate to maintain a balanced budget."

21 Therefore, "CLLO-2015-0917-01, Fiscal Year
22 October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal
23 Budget Ordinance" has amended as the fifth Whereas
24 paragraph: "Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe -- I'm sorry.
25 The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North

1 Carolina reserves the right to amend the budget as
2 proposed by the Tribal Chairman as deemed appropriate
3 to maintain a balanced budget."

4 Therefore, it is enacted by the Tribal Council
5 of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following
6 ordinance shall be adopted, as amended, and cited as
7 "CLLO-2015-0917-01, Fiscal Year October 1, 2015 -
8 September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal Budget Ordinance."

9 The only thing that's going to change at this
10 point is number five, "...proposed by the Tribal
11 Chairman."

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

13 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I make a motion.

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I second.

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a second.
16 If we don't have any questions or comments, are we
17 ready to vote? All in favor, -- roll call vote.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

19 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Going to pass. Come back
20 to me.

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?

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

3 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

5 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

7 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

9 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

11 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: I stepped out. I didn't

12 even hear what we was talking about. I apologize

13 about that.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Janie can converse with

15 you and we'll pass.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

17 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

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

19 Brewington?

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? I think he's

22 absent.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: He's absent.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
2 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
4 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, absent.
6 Shelley Strickland, absent. William Maiden?
7 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.
8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
9 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.
10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Back to Evan Davenport?
11 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.
12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Back to Douglas Locklear?
13 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.
14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And the motion
15 carries. Ms. Janie?
16 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Amendment two to the
17 budget, the sixth whereas.
18 The following grant is to be used for "Veterans
19 Services," and the budget is attached. On line item
20 8030, the budget amount and the amount will be
21 decreased. The amount to be decreased is to be
22 placed in the veterans budget and taken from the
23 construction/purchase of new homes.
24 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman [sic]?
25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bobby?

1 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I ask we go into executive
2 session and consider this for a few minutes. I make
3 a motion to go into executive session.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No. The constitution, Mr.
5 Bobby, or what I've read --

6 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Can you give an explanation
7 more than that?

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The constitution --

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: We checked the constitution
10 before tonight to distinguish what was -- what we
11 could do a closed session.

12 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Would it define what we can
13 do in executive session? For financial matters?

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Only personnel. Tribal council
15 meetings, number three. All meetings of the council
16 shall be open to the public except if discussion
17 shall concern a point of issues deemed/set by
18 majority of tribal council in attendance not in the
19 scope of the executive branch, contracts and
20 litigation, and retention or discharge of personnel,
21 the question of moral turpitude of any member of the
22 tribe is discussed, and when the discussion deals
23 with the fundamental right of a tribal member in the
24 event that consideration of a subject shall take
25 place in closed session, the action shall take place

1 in an open meeting.

2 So that does not cover finances or budget.

3 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you.

4 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, I offer a
5 motion that we send this back to committee for
6 further review because there's some issues about --
7 information that was handed down from HUD a while
8 back concerning some regulations, so I would like to
9 make a motion to send this back to committee.

10 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Second.

11 MR. TERRY HUNT: I make a substitute motion to
12 continue on with it.

13 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a substitute
15 motion and a second. Any comments to the substitute
16 motion?

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker? I
18 would like to find out if we have any documentation
19 from HUD on that, that gives us the authority to
20 expend these funditures on the veterans services
21 since we are sitting here having to repay \$232,000
22 for other funds that we have spent in the same
23 category.

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

25 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker?

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, Mr. Tony.

2 MR. TONY HUNT: I have a letter from HUD on the
3 Indian Housing Plan, and in our Indian Housing Plan,
4 we have the veterans activity as a model activity,
5 and it's been approved, along with some other items,
6 and for a correction of monies being paid back on
7 that is under appeal with the HUD that's in
8 Washington, D.C., and this is part of our Indian
9 Housing Plan for 2016 being approved.

10 If you read all the way through it, there's
11 activities we have to submit and itemize the budgets.
12 We've already submitted those as far as things goes
13 they require, they've already been submitted back to
14 us in response in this letter, and we do move forward
15 with our Indian Housing Plan and with our veterans
16 for 2016.

17 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker?

18 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker?

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I think Mr. Bill mentioned
20 it first.

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Tony, you're talking
22 about the discretion with the other fund, but with
23 this here IHP -- that's what we need to hear. Is
24 this veterans budget been approved in this year's IHP
25 and submitted too?

1 MR. TONY HUNT: If you read this whole letter,

2 --

3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Right. That's what I'm
4 talking about.

5 MR. TONY HUNT: -- when you read the whole
6 letter, you see at the very back, that second to the
7 last paragraph, it's letting us know that the Indian
8 Housing Plan has been approved with the explanations
9 of the budget -- that your amendment that you would
10 be passing tonight would be a part of sending that
11 itemized budget back up to them, and it's all
12 approved in the Indian Housing Plan. So the Indian
13 Housing Plan has been approved by HUD, and the
14 activity for the veterans was in the Indian Housing
15 Plan.

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I see that now. I had to
17 read it.

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Al?

19 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Hunt, I was informed
20 today that the veterans office this afternoon was
21 closing. They were moving out of the office, they
22 were shredding documents, disposing of papers. Now,
23 --

24 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Locklear, I heard that rumor
25 too, and I called down and talked to some of the

1 volunteers that are working the veterans office and
2 let them know that there -- that no one has directed
3 anyone to close any office of this administration,
4 and no office is being closed, and if they were doing
5 anything like that, then it was to stop this
6 afternoon when I gave them a call, and I expect that
7 it happened, and I'll be meeting with those folks
8 tomorrow morning to find out exactly what they were
9 doing. It was brought to my attention, I made a
10 phone call, and actually, one of the tribal council
11 members was in my office and brought it to my
12 attention.

13 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Also, in discussion that,
14 this council agreed to that there was a member who
15 was working down there in the veterans office who
16 actually said something that was very disrespectful
17 to this council, and we agreed, at that point, that
18 we would not allow this person to receive any funds
19 from this tribe to the veterans office until that
20 situation has been resolved, and as far as I can
21 tell, -- and Mr. Bill Brewington was having a
22 discussion with that individual that it was going to
23 be resolved this meeting. Mr. Bill Brewington?

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That didn't take place.

25 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: It did not take place?

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: (Nonverbal response.)

2 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: This council agreed --

3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I don't think they did.

4 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: -- four months ago that we
5 would not be funding this organization as long as
6 that person is head of the veterans office -- who was
7 very disrespectful to this council. I would like to
8 call for the question and send this back to committee
9 so we can review the filing from HUD, and since we've
10 just been given this letter tonight, I think the
11 finance committee and the ordinance committee should
12 have time to digest this information.

13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order, Mr.
14 Speaker. We can't vote on Mr. Al's motion until we
15 vote on the substitution motion. If the substitute
16 fails, then we go back to the original motion.

17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Are we ready to vote
18 on the substitute motion? That's to continue as is.
19 Okay. We're ready to vote.

20 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Let's repeat that one more
21 time so we know what we're voting on.

22 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Repeat your motion, Mr.
23 Terry.

24 MR. TERRY HUNT: My substitute motion was to
25 continue with funding the veterans office the way

1 it's been written up and as per the amendment -- to
2 go forward.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Everyone clear? So
4 if you vote the affirmative, then this issue is
5 passed. Okay. Roll call vote, please.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

7 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: No.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

9 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

11 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

15 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

17 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

19 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: No.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

21 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

23 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: No.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

25 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: No.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill
2 Brewington?
3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.
4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds
5 Blanks?
6 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
8 MR. TERRY COLLINS: No.
9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
10 MR. FRANK COOPER: No.
11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, not here.
12 Shelley Strickland, not here. William Maiden?
13 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.
14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
15 MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.
16 MS. JAN LOWERY: The no's have it.
17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Motion failed. We're back
18 to Mr. Locklear's motion.
19 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm sorry. Mr. Maiden's
20 motion.
21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Maiden's motion.
22 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I just restated the motion.
23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The motion was?
24 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: To send it back.
25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Send it back?

1 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We don't need a second.

3 Okay. His motion is to send back to committee, and

4 we will make that scheduled meeting tonight at the

5 end of our meeting.

6 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Call to question.

7 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We're ready to vote.

8 I was giving Ms. Jan a moment to get her paperwork

9 ready.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: I'm ready.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Jan?

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

13 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

15 MR. TERRY HUNT: No.

16 MR. TONY HUNT: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

17 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

21 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

23 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

25 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?
2 MR. JARROD LOWERY: No.
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?
4 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?
6 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, no. Bill
8 Brewington?
9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.
10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds
11 Blanks?
12 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.
13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
14 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.
15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
16 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.
17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, not here.
18 Shelley Strickland, not here. William Maiden?
19 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
21 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Yes carries.
23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The motion carried
24 to go back to committee. Ms. -- Mr. Jarrod?
25 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Just a point of question,

1 Mr. Speaker. It says budget amendment number #2 --
2 so in my interpretation, we just sent all three of
3 these grants back to committee because it is one
4 amendment -- because we don't splice up amendments
5 when we vote, right?

6 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: We can continue to vote on
7 these. Once these have been presented, we can
8 continue to vote on these other two that's been
9 listed.

10 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Okay. So it's custom to
11 break up amendments like this?

12 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Jarrod, I had asked
14 that question before.

15 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

16 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker? Just some
17 clarification for the other council. My vote was to
18 go with the amendment as is. Folks, we need to go
19 back to committee. If we don't carry it back to
20 committee, it's a dead issue, so we need to go back
21 to committee to see if we can resolve the issue and
22 bring it back for approval because it appears the IHP
23 is \$82,000, so we need to carry it back and work it
24 out and get the veterans their money if we have to
25 carry it back to committee, folks, then we've done a

1 disservice.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I personally would love to
3 read the document. Mr. Al?

4 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I want to make it clear
5 that I am personally, I am not against the veterans,
6 but we were give some documentation from HUD tonight.
7 We need time to digest that. It's not something we
8 can vote on and read in five minutes and live with.

9 Also, we heard some disturbing rumors about the
10 veterans office being closed, and Mr. Hunt has taken
11 care of that, and there's one or two issues there I
12 believe that will get resolved in committee with the
13 grace of God, it will come back into council to fund
14 our veterans. Thank you.

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie?

16 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: The Duke Energy Helping
17 Homes Funds, it's on the next page.

18 Whereas, the following grant from "Duke Energy
19 Helping Home Fund" is to be used to address
20 Weatherization/Health and Safety needs, as well as
21 HVAC Repairs and Replacement, and Appliance
22 Replacement.

23 Okay. This grant was given to Robeson and
24 Cumberland County. The amount of the grant is listed
25 as -- for Robeson County, it's \$24,794, and

1 Cumberland County is \$16,884. This total grant is
2 \$41,678.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

4 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker? I'd like to
5 offer a motion and make a comment. In our committee
6 meeting, it was presented to us, and I wish all of
7 you could've been there and heard it, so I'll give it
8 to you in about 30 seconds. This is a special,
9 one-time grant, and it must be on Duke, it can't be
10 on EMC.

11 It don't have nearly the stipulations that we
12 have with the environment grant money, so this --
13 your people that's going to get this money a lot
14 quicker than those that's coming through the
15 government grant money, so I want you to be aware if
16 people say, well, I went in and applied and got my
17 money the next day, and another says I applied three
18 months ago, and I ain't got mine yet.

19 That's because this is a special grant and it
20 will move fast, and we heard about it in the
21 committee meeting, and I make a motion to approve it
22 and get the money to the tribal members.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any other questions?
24 Ms. Janie, did I understand this is a two-year grant?

25 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. And I was going to

1 say the total amount of the grant is actually
2 \$138,926.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: For two years?

4 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: For two years.

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

6 Are we ready to vote? Roll call, Ms. Janie -- Ms.

7 Jan.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

9 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

11 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

13 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

17 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

19 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

21 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

23 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

25 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?
2 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill
4 Brewington?
5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.
6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones, not here. Anita
7 Hammonds Blanks?
8 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.
9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
10 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.
11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
12 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.
13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, not here.
14 Shelley Strickland, not here. William Maiden?
15 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.
16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
17 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.
18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Motion carried.
19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie?
20 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Okay. The next grant is
21 the Progress [sic] Access Budget Grant.
22 Whereas, The "Project Access Budget Grant," a
23 partnership with the University of North Carolina at
24 Pembroke, Robeson Community College, and Public
25 Schools of Robeson County.

1 This grant is \$480,707, and this is a four-year
2 grant. Is it three or four?
3 MR. TONY HUNT: It's four.
4 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Four-year grant, and the
5 amount of the grant is listed.
6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. You finished?
7 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.
8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any questions?
9 Okay. We're ready to vote. Ms. Jan, roll call vote,
10 please.
11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Evan Davenport?
12 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.
13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?
14 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.
15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?
16 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.
17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?
18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.
19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?
20 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.
21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?
22 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.
23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?
24 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.
25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

1 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

3 MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

5 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill
7 Brewington?

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones, not here. Anita
10 Hammonds Blanks?

11 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

13 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

15 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, not here.
17 Shelley Strickland, not here. William Maiden?

18 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

20 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Unanimous.

22 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you. Next on
23 our agenda is the tribal administrator's report.

24 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I don't have
25 anything at this time.

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Just a moment. Ms. Janie
2 had something else.

3 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: On the next page of this
4 ordinance, the very first therefore is the veterans.
5 We want to strike that because we are sending it back
6 to committee.

7 Therefore, the budget is amended in the amount
8 of \$138,926 to be designated to provide assistance to
9 qualified Duke Energy customers in the Robeson and
10 Cumberland counties, and

11 Therefore, the budget is amended in the amount
12 of \$480,707 to be designated to increase exposure and
13 access to post-secondary educational opportunities in
14 Robeson County K-12 students

15 Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council
16 of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following
17 ordinance shall be amended and cited as "Fiscal Year
18 October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal
19 Budget Ordinance."

20 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, I move to
21 strike that first therefore until after the committee
22 meets.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. It's already been --
24 (Pause.)

25 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: So basically what we're

1 going to do is strike the first wording for the
2 veterans and strike the -- and send it back to
3 committee for the veterans.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Calender review.
5 Ms. Janie?

6 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would
7 like to schedule a finance and LNTP meeting with Mr.
8 William Maiden on Monday the 25th -- the 23rd.

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The 23rd at 6:30.
10 That's finance and LNTP on the 23rd at 6:30. We do
11 have some information to share with the council. We
12 need as many as possible of the council members to be
13 here for that meeting. It's very important. Okay.
14 Anyone else for committees? Okay. Mr. Maiden?

15 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I have a question. In the
16 calender, have we, the council, set a date for the
17 swearing in?

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Not yet. I've spoken with
19 Mr. Tony today about it with the calender, and I want
20 to ask Ms. Jan and Ms. Janie to serve with me on that
21 and plan that, put it together. Last year, it was on
22 the sixth of January.

23 MR. TERRY HUNT: The fifth. Last year, it was
24 on the fifth.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Hopefully it can be

1 done at the same time. Could you find a date for
2 when the chairman was sworn in last?

3 MR. TONY HUNT: It was actually in December
4 because it was done earlier because it was supposed
5 to have been a special election.

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Now, that was the first
7 time. That was when Ms. Shirley was acting as tribal
8 chairperson, and then, he served one year and had
9 another election.

10 MR. TONY HUNT: Okay. I'm not for sure. I'll
11 have to check.

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: But, council, we'll get
13 that to you as soon as you can -- as soon as we can
14 and get it together and let you know. Okay. Any
15 other questions on that? And, please, if you got
16 some glorious ideas -- we might get Mr. Maiden to
17 sing.

18 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I can do it.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any other council? And we
20 will be recognizing the council-elect at another
21 meeting. We want to make sure everything is up to
22 par. Is there a committee meeting we need to set?

23 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman [sic], can we
24 go back? Is this an information sheet here for us?

25 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Bobby, I actually

1 passed that out. I wanted to make the announcement.
2 I passed each one of these out to the council
3 members. It's a new program with North Carolina Home
4 Advantage Mortgage. It's up for \$15,000 for
5 Cabarrus, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnson, and
6 Mecklenburg.

7 If you don't live in those counties, you can
8 still get up to five percent of your loan amount
9 statewide, even if you're not a first-time homebuyer.
10 I emailed it to Belinda so that she can email you the
11 flyer again also, and I'll be putting this on the --
12 I'll ask for it to be put on the tribal website, and
13 if somebody wants to call them, they call the North
14 Carolina Indian Housing Authority. They've got all
15 the information, but I don't know yet if it will
16 marry with the tribe's programs.

17 So potentially, it could be the tribe's \$10,000
18 down plus \$15,000. But you can contact the North
19 Carolina Indian Housing Authority with Barbara
20 Melvin. It's a great program, and there's an income
21 restriction that's listed on the page here, but it
22 doesn't matter what race you are. So if any of you
23 folks in the audience want a copy of this, see me
24 after the meeting.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Larry has some -- he

1 and I were talking the other day, and I heard he had
2 a meeting and heard -- I'm going to ask him to share.
3 It's very beneficial information.

4 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In
5 the Affordable Care Act, there are stipulations in
6 the application. If you come from a state-recognized
7 tribe, you can be eligible for exemption of the
8 Affordable Care Act without penalties. It is in the
9 application itself. A lot of people don't know this,
10 but it is law. So it's there.

11 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Townsend,
12 go through that again.

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Which part, Mr. Bill?

14 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All of them.

15 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The Affordable Care Act --
16 being an American Indian from a state-recognized
17 tribe, you can ask for an exception from the
18 Affordable Care Act. You will not be penalized. You
19 don't have to take the insurance because of your
20 Indian status in a state-recognized tribe.
21 Federally-recognized tribes are also exempt, and for
22 the tribes in California that are not recognized by
23 the feds or by the state, because they have a
24 different situation than we have here, as long as
25 they have certification, documentation signed by

1 their chairman or chief or governor or whichever is
2 over the tribe, they can be exempt also. That is in
3 the law.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Very important
5 information.

6 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

7 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

8 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I would like to
9 schedule a constitution committee meeting for
10 December 1st at 6:30.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Constitution and ordinance
12 on December 1st at 6:30.

13 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

14 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Speaker?

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

16 MR. TERRY COLLINS: I'd like to schedule a
17 housing meeting after.

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Housing meeting, Mr.
19 Terry Collins, immediately following constitution and
20 ordinance. Okay.

21 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker? I want to do
22 education at 1730.

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Same night?

24 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes, sir.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Education. Mr. Tony, you

1 going to cook that night?

2 MR. TONY HUNT: We'll see what I can do, Mr.
3 Speaker.

4 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Tony, can we get that
5 mobile home replacement list, that 32?

6 MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.

7 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Mr. Speaker? Mr. Tony, I
8 ran into -- well, I got the phone call today.
9 There's a situation where this lady's getting a home,
10 but the furniture she's got will not fit in the
11 bedroom. So I told her you're probably going to have
12 to buy you a cheaper bedroom suite. Have you run
13 into that already with anybody else?

14 MR. TONY HUNT: No, sir. That's the first I've
15 heard of that.

16 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: That's the first? Okay.

17 MR. TONY HUNT: But -- I mean -- you know, they
18 know the size of the home, so they know what they
19 should be getting.

20 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: And none of those models is
21 furnished?

22 MR. TONY HUNT: That's right. It's a
23 refrigerator --

24 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Was it the three different
25 models?

1 MR. TONY HUNT: I think it was three different
2 models.

3 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Make a motion we adjourn.

5 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Motion and a second. All
7 in favor, say aye.

8 (The council voted.)

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: One second. Mr. Terry?

10 MR. TERRY HUNT: I'd like to set up an economic
11 development meeting the same night, Tuesday the 1st.

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Economic development.
13 Brother Gary Deese, would you come and pray our
14 benediction?

15 (A prayer was given by Mr. Gary Deese.)

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I would like to thank Ms.
17 Sheila and the board of elections for their work done
18 this past week. Thank you.

19 (End of proceedings.)

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