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NOVEMBER 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
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LESAUNDRI HUNT
ALTON LOCKLEAR
BOBBY OXENDINE

ALSO PRESENT

Judge Greg Bell
Tony Hunt
Gary Deese
Alton Hagans
The following proceedings took place on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the November business meeting of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. We're glad to have each and every one of you in attendance, to have all the council that are present tonight.

Mr. Shelly Strickland did call and notify us that he wouldn't be able to make the meeting. He's got some issues that he's taking care of. Amen. So when we get to that, we will excuse Mr. Shelley.

We're going to have our invocation at this time. If you'll stand with us, please. Once again, we all -- check your cell phones. If you have any hats, please, remove all your head gear -- and again, we thank you for being a part of this meeting tonight. I'm going to ask Mr. Terry Hunt if he would do our invocation for us.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Terry Hunt.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Terry Collins.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The preamble, Mr. Evan,
would you do that for us?

(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. You may be seated. Ms. Jan will do the roll call.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:

MR. DARIUS POUR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?
MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Here.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

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

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: We have a quorum.

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

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Townsend?

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

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

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

(The council voted.)

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

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So moved.

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

(The council voted.)

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, Mr. Maiden?

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

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and
a second. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

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

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


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

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second.

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

MR. GARY DEESE: Yes, sir.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: -- and a minister.

MR. GARY DEESE: Yes, sir.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I got his resume, and it's
pretty extensive. Okay. We have a motion and a
second. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

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

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

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can you repeat that?

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We're okay with that.

You're fine, you're fine. What district are you
from?
MR. DARIUS POUR: District? I don't know what district. I'm from over on Shaw Mill Road off Candy Park Road off Hiawatha.


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

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

What I mean by self-sufficiency is -- there are 50,000 Lumbees living. We generate our own electricity. It's not coming from the Lumber River
Electric Company. It's not coming from, you know -- it's our own -- and it's not that part. Like on the Internet, they have people making simple, little models of how to generate your own electricity. We will -- this is swampland. That's why Europeans didn't want it cause it's a swamp, and you can't build structures on a swamp. That's why the Cherokee were rushed off to Oklahoma along with many other indigenous people -- because building structures is worthless.

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

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

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

MR. DARIUS POUR: Of course.

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

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

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

MR. DARIUS POUR: Let me just say this.

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

MR. DARIUS POUR: Let me just say this.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order.

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

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

MR. DARIUS POUR: Oh, thank you. You just answered my question, so stop playing the game. We're Americans and we're corrupt like everybody else. Okay. And when somebody tells you -- when
they look back and say, how can you in America even
exist --

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

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

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

MR. BILL BREWINIGHTON: Sir, --

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

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

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

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker? I have
a question. I'm sorry. Could you -- did you say
something about the veterans? I didn't hear.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. All right.

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

Ms. Janie?

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

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

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

Therefore, "CLLO-2015-0917-01, Fiscal Year October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal Budget Ordinance" has amended as the fifth Whereas paragraph: "Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe -- I'm sorry. The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North
Carolina reserves the right to amend the budget as proposed by the Tribal Chairman as deemed appropriate to maintain a balanced budget.

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I make a motion.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I second.

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

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

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

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?
MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?
MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?
MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: I stepped out. I didn't even hear what we was talking about. I apologize about that.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Janie can converse with you and we'll pass.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?
MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill Brewington?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? I think he's absent.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: He's absent.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?
MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?
MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson, absent.

Shelley Strickland, absent. William Maiden?
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?
MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Back to Evan Davenport?
MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Back to Douglas Locklear?
MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And the motion carries. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Amendment two to the budget, the sixth whereas.

The following grant is to be used for "Veterans Services," and the budget is attached. On line item 8030, the budget amount and the amount will be decreased. The amount to be decreased is to be placed in the veterans budget and taken from the construction/purchase of new homes.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman [sic]?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bobby?
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I ask we go into executive session and consider this for a few minutes. I make a motion to go into executive session.

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The constitution --

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

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

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

So that does not cover finances or budget.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Second.

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

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker?
MR. LESAUNDRU HUNT: Yes, Mr. Tony.

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

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRU HUNT: I think Mr. Bill mentioned it first.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Tony, you're talking about the discretion with the other fund, but with this here IHP -- that's what we need to hear. Is this veterans budget been approved in this year's IHP and submitted too?
MR. TONY HUNT: If you read this whole letter, --

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Al?

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

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Locklear, I heard that rumor too, and I called down and talked to some of the
volunteers that are working the veterans office and
let them know that there -- that no one has directed
anyone to close any office of this administration,
and no office is being closed, and if they were doing
anything like that, then it was to stop this
afternoon when I gave them a call, and I expect that
it happened, and I'll be meeting with those folks
tomorrow morning to find out exactly what they were
doing. It was brought to my attention, I made a
phone call, and actually, one of the tribal council
members was in my office and brought it to my
attention.

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

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

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: It did not take place?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: (Nonverbal response.)

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: This council agreed --

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

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

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRHI HUNT: Repeat your motion, Mr.
Terry.

MR. TERRY HUNT: My substitute motion was to
continue with funding the veterans office the way
it's been written up and as per the amendment -- to
go forward.

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

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: No.

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: The no's have it.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Motion failed. We're back to Mr. Locklear's motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm sorry. Mr. Maiden's motion.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Mr. Maiden's motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I just restated the motion.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: The motion was?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: To send it back.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Send it back?
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We don't need a second. Okay. His motion is to send back to committee, and we will make that scheduled meeting tonight at the end of our meeting.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Call to question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We're ready to vote. I was giving Ms. Jan a moment to get her paperwork ready.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I'm ready.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: No.

MR. TONY HUNT: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, no. Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Yes carries.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The motion carried to go back to committee. Ms. -- Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Just a point of question,
Mr. Speaker. It says budget amendment number #2 -- so in my interpretation, we just sent all three of these grants back to committee because it is one amendment -- because we don't splice up amendments when we vote, right?

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

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

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie?

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

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

Okay. This grant was given to Robeson and Cumberland County. The amount of the grant is listed as -- for Robeson County, it's $24,794, and
Cumberland County is $16,884. This total grant is $41,678.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

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

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

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

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

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. And I was going to
say the total amount of the grant is actually $138,926.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: For two years?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: For two years.

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


MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Motion carried.

MR. LEISAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Okay. The next grant is the Progress [sic] Access Budget Grant.

Whereas, The "Project Access Budget Grant," a partnership with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Robeson Community College, and Public Schools of Robeson County.
This grant is $480,707, and this is a four-year grant. Is it three or four?

MR. TONY HUNT: It's four.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Four-year grant, and the amount of the grant is listed.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. You finished?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any questions?

Okay. We're ready to vote. Ms. Jan, roll call vote, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?
MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Unanimous.

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

MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I don't have anything at this time.
MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Just a moment. Ms. Janie had something else.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Okay. It's already been -- (Pause.)

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: So basically what we're
going to do is strike the first wording for the
veterans and strike the -- and send it back to
committee for the veterans.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Calender review.

Ms. Janie?

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


That's finance and LNTP on the 23rd at 6:30. We do
have some information to share with the council. We
need as many as possible of the council members to be
here for that meeting. It's very important. Okay.

Anyone else for committees? Okay. Mr. Maiden?

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Hopefully it can be
done at the same time. Could you find a date for when the chairman was sworn in last?

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

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

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

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

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I can do it.

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

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

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Bobby, I actually
passed that out. I wanted to make the announcement. I passed each one of these out to the council members. It's a new program with North Carolina Home Advantage Mortgage. It's up for $15,000 for Cabarrus, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnson, and Mecklenburg.

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRHUNT: Mr. Larry has some -- he
and I were talking the other day, and I heard he had
a meeting and heard -- I'm going to ask him to share.
It's very beneficial information.

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

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

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: All of them.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The Affordable Care Act --
being an American Indian from a state-recognized
tribe, you can ask for an exception from the
Affordable Care Act. You will not be penalized. You
don't have to take the insurance because of your
Indian status in a state-recognized tribe.
Federally-recognized tribes are also exempt, and for
the tribes in California that are not recognized by
the feds or by the state, because they have a
different situation than we have here, as long as
they have certification, documentation signed by
their chairman or chief or governor or whichever is
over the tribe, they can be exempt also. That is in
the law.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Very important
information.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

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

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

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

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

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

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

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Same night?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes, sir.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Education. Mr. Tony, you
going to cook that night?

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

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

MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Was it the three different models?
MR. TONY HUNT: I think it was three different models.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Make a motion we adjourn.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

(The council voted.)

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

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

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

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

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

(End of proceedings.)