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WILLIAM MAIDEN
HOMER FIELDS
ALTON LOCKLEAR
BOBBY OXENDINE

ALSO PRESENT

Sheila Beck
Billy Hunt
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We are ready to begin.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the December meeting of the Lumbee Tribal Council of North Carolina. We're so glad to have you in attendance. We trust that you have read our rules. We would like to ask you to please, check your cell phones and make sure that they're off or on vibrate or silence, please. We would like to ask everyone to please remove your hat or head gear out of respect -- the gentlemen as a matter of fact. We thank you for being part of this meeting tonight. If you stand with us for our invocation, please. Mr. Bill Brewington will lead us in the invocation.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Bill Brewington.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Please, remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Janie McFarland?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan Lowery will lead us in the preamble.
(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Before we do the roll call, we'd like to welcome our chairman-elect, Mr. Godwin, and the council-elect. And the council, you have on your table in front of you inviting you to the swearing in ceremony and also the dedication to the new building in the Prospect area, so you have those invitations tonight, and we may say a little more about that later on, but we are glad to have all of you and our guests in the meeting tonight. Ms. Sheila -- Ms. Sheila from the election board. Thank you for being here tonight and all the council members that are here tonight. Ms. Jan will do our roll call, please.

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: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear? 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.


MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Present.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

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

MS. JAN LOWERY: Al Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: We have a quorum.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Ms. Jan. Next on our agenda is the review and approval of the agenda.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: So moved.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Next on the agenda is the review and approval of November tribal council minutes and actions.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes?

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

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a second by Mr. Homer. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Thank
Community comments tonight, we don't have any at all listed. If no community comments, we move to committee reports. First on our committee reports, Ms. Janie McFarland.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Our first ordinance is Duke Energy Helping Home Fund Ordinance. The amendment number is number 3, "Fiscal Year October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal Budget Ordinance." This ordinance is in the amount of $138,926. It's for Cumberland and Robeson County, and that --

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 Repair and Replacement, and Appliance Replacement.

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

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. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie, would you like to explain why they're on the agenda?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: The -- we had an ordinance in last -- in November, and part of it failed, and it went back to committee, and the only change on this ordinance is the amendment number.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Our tribal clerk met with us after the meeting, and we were trying to figure out since they were under one number and how to make it go forward when one fails. Ms. Janie did take that back to committee and revisited that, and that's why it's under different numbers. Okay. Any questions? Any comments? So, Ms. Janie, can we vote on all three?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I think we have to do one at a time.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: One at a time, okay. Two of them did pass.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: -- so council members, if you would like to reaffirm those two, we'll take them one at a time, each item. Ms. Janie will read those, and we'll vote one at a time or revote for clarification. Ms. Janie, number one?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Okay. The next amendment
is amendment number 4.

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.

The amount of the grant is $480,707.

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 -- excuse me -- 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. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Do we have a motion to reaffirm?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: I offer a motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion by Mr. Homer.

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Second by Ms. Areatha. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Correction. We're going to do a roll call vote.

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: Larry Townsend? Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?
MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Unanimous.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Okay. The next amendment is amendment number 5. Okay. This budget was on the table, it went back to committee. It failed and went back to committee, and it's back on the floor to be voted on. It is the Veterans Services budget.

Whereas, The following grant is to be used for "Veterans Services."
There's $800 -- $82,837.88 from line item 8030 Construction/Purchase of Homes.

Whereas, The NAHASDA budget is amended in the amount of $82,837.88 for Veteran Services,--

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. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any comments? Mr. Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, is this the one that we asked that this one person be removed from this position before we voted on this?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, it is.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Has this been done?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes, sir. From my understanding, the 15th -- he had signed a resignation, Mr. Maiden. And to my understanding, those documents are in the hands of Bobbi Jo Oxendine because she is qualified in -- to handle those documents from the veteran's office. Any other questions? Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: When we brought this up at the last meeting for the veterans,-- the
question was, has something changed or changed its mind concerning the funds that we have to pay back? We were given a report back from HUD that night that was presumed -- that was supposed to clear that up, but when you read this document, it doesn't clear it up for me. One of the things HUD cites is for veterans housing. For veterans housing, it says itemized budget provided exceeds total budget costs, so I'm not quite sure what budget was presented to HUD or why it exceeds it, but apparently they're questioning expenditures for veterans -- and it says activities must be related to affordable housing activities because they've questioned so many of the items that have been charged under that program. So it doesn't appear to me that the veterans program has been approved by HUD according to this document, so then my question is, how can we approve funds for this program?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Would you like to make a motion?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I would make a motion that these funds be denied based on the fact that we've not been authorized to expend funds under the veterans program by HUD, who has also levied charges of $433,000 that have to be repaid, so how
can we expend funds? So I would offer a motion that
we deny this request.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Is there a second?
MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Ms. Janie, have you
reviewed any of this?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have to finish this one.
MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Oh, okay.
MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Second.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion and a
second. Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to offer
a substitute motion to go as planned because if this
wasn't explained the first time we voted and sent
back to committee, why didn't that come up at that
time? And we only sent it back because that fellow
was still on the employment with the VA, and he's
resigned, turned his letter in, and we're bringing it
back for a vote. That's basically my substitute
motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a substitute
motion.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a second.
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Discussion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have discussion. Mr.
Bill?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I think it was noted in our last discussion that in the IHP -- and the IHP is our plan, and they put $82,000 in the IHP. All we're doing tonight is authorizing a request if it's not legit and it's denied, then it can't be spent, but if we deny the request, then we got to go back and keep going over and over rehashing this. If it's not approved by IHP, and the IHP is not going through -- it's already gone through with the $82,000 in there, but if someone in our administration and our newly elect chair finds reason why that $82,000 is not legit, then we stop spending, but to postpone veteran's assistance, we're doing wrong. We're not saying spend money that's not there. We're saying spend money that's authorized in hopes that's what we're doing.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Anyone else? Mr. Al?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes. Can anyone from the administration come before us tonight and tell us exactly what the veteran's programs is currently doing at this time because under these rules, it's not something the veteran's office has been doing in the past, so I'd like clarification on what they're
Mr. Billy?

MR. BILLY HUNT: I'm unable to answer that. That would have to be addressed to the tribal administrator.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The tribal administrator did call me, and he went home sick about 4-4:30 when he did call me and told me he wouldn't be at the meeting tonight, so apparently, Mr. Al, no one's here who can answer that question.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So then how do we know that this is not going to be another audit finding because the administration the last year failed because they were doing everything in accordance with HUD's recommendation --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Excuse me.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order. Mr. Al, I'm going to ask that you give everybody else a chance to speak on this.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I haven't finished my original question.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: You --

THE REPORTER: Excuse me, but I need everyone to
speak one at a time and in turn.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: You've spoke one time, so I ask you give everyone a chance, and then you can come back if the chairman authorizes it so everybody else can speak on this issue.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: All right. Well, I asked a question. I responded to the answer. Again, how do we know that there's not going to be another audit finding if the administration was doing the first time what they should've been doing, how do we know there's to be another audit finding, that we're not going to get another audit finding by doing something that's not authorized by HUD?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All right. Mr. Al, we can't answer that at this time. We don't know. Anyone else?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Mr. Locklear, as per the question, I had asked Ms. Jan if she had incurred any new, additional information on this particular subject.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Only the letter that Ms. Anita has.

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Okay. So no different than that?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: (Nonverbal response.)
MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Thank you.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Ms. Janie, could you repeat that, please?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Only the letter that Ms. Anita has that was passed out to everyone.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have one in favor and one against the motion. Anyone else? Okay.

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Point of order. Now, Mr. Al does a right to a rebuttal.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Locklear, would you like to --

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I didn't hear any of that.

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: You have the floor for a rebuttal.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Well, again, I restate what I said earlier. If there's no one here from administration to tell us exactly what the veteran's office is doing now and in the past -- we got findings that we were taking veterans on fishing trips, and HUD said we shouldn't be doing it. The only thing from my standing is that what we can do is to transport veterans for housing services, and I don't know if there's anyone here who can tell us exactly what we are doing now. Have we changed the scope of the veteran's program because no one has
come before us from the veteran's office and said
this is what we're doing, so before I think we
approve it, I think we need to know exactly what the
veteran's office is doing.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Is that a motion? Mr. Al,
is that a motion?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes. That is a motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Restate your motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My motion is that we go
back committee and get a presentation through the
finance committee from the veteran's office as to
exactly the scope of where they are performing so
that we are -- know for sure that we are in
compliance. The letter does not state what the
veterans office is doing, it says what we should be
doing.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion and a
second. We have a parliamentary --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We have an original
motion, then we got a substitute motion, and we can't
have them overlapping. We got to vote on the
substitute motion, and if it fails, then we got to go
back to the original motion, and then if you want to
make another substitute, then we got to do that after the original. The substitute takes priority over the original motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: So I offer a substitute motion on a substitute motion?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yeah.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Call for question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We got a call for question. We will be voting on the substitute motion. Mr. Hunt, would you restate?

MR. TERRY HUNT: My substitute motion was to go ahead and decide it tonight because we want the -- the council was asked to resolve it, and we did, and that resolved what we was asked for it to do. Plus, the veterans was there at that time also, so there was no contesting the letter at that time, so that's my substitute motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Do we have a question?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Could you repeat that motion?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yeah. It sounded completely different.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Let me start over again. Maybe I added too much to it. My motion is to go ahead and
decide tonight about the veteran's money tonight
because what we did at the last meeting has been
complied with. Therefore, we should continue on with
it.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Is everyone clear?
Any questions?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, I just want to
make it clear. He's asking that we decide, vote --

MR. TERRY HUNT: (Nonverbal response.)

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Pass.

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: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: No.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.


MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The original motion was to -- Ms. Janie, would you restate your main motion?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Ms. Anita made that motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: My mistake. Ms. Anita, will you restate?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I make a motion that we deny the funds to the veteran's department at this time until such a time as the information on the IHP is given to us in black and white that it has been approved with these added costs.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Who has a second?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I second and third.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Anita made the motion, and Mr. William had the second. Any questions before we vote? Ms. Jan, roll call vote, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?
MR. LESEAUNDRI 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: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend? Doug Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?
MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Carries.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: And the motion carries.

Next, Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: That's the last one.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Okay. Next item is from the ethics committee. Chairperson, Ms. Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I make a motion that we lift the sanctions on Councilman Larry Townsend based on the ordinance CLLO 2010-0312-01 and any proceeding ordinance submitted by the tribal council titled "Ethics and conflict of interest" be removed, and that any evidence based on the latter be ruled out, and the language of CLLO 2010-0312-01 be granted and nulled as against Larry Townsend as a council member be included but not limited to full voting rights as governed by Article XI of the constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina be destroyed immediately.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Okay. It doesn't need a
second.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question. Areatha, could you read that CLLO part again? Which ordinance are you talking about?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Which are you talking about?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: The CLLO that you just quoted.

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: 2010-0312-01.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: So we have discussed this. We had a meeting with this. We're ready to vote on this.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It's a motion. We don't need a second, but we do have to allow for comments.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, is it possible to get a copy of what Ms. Patterson's quoting? It's not in the packet.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I call for the question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: You're just asking for it to be lifted?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Lifted, I guess. So his rights are restored to him. His rights have been in question. He can not vote on anything, and this has
been going on forever. The council has met as a committee, everybody, so we want to go ahead an vote on it.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Al?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm just asking to get a copy of the section she just read so it's clear what we're voting on.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Belinda, can you get a copy of that? That's not the ordinance itself, that's a new document.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, is this in the form of a resolution?

MR. TERRY HUNT: No. Mr. Speaker, I call for the question.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I suggest to Ms. Areatha that she just make a motion -- change her motion on Mr. Townsend, and that will get rid of -- clear it all up. Re-substitute or restate your motion to lift the sanction. We all know what it is, we all know how we're going to vote.

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: I make a motion to lift the sanction.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And that's all you want to say?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Right.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We're going to go ahead and vote. I mean, if somebody wants to --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point of order. So everybody understands what she read -- what you're voting on is just to lift the sanction. Nothing that she said is binding. It's just to lift the sanction.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We now have a question.

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes. We're checking that -- it didn't come out of committee based on what I'm reading on this CLLR-2014 --

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That is -- will be null and void. She just made that --

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: I understand that. That's what's on the table right now.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. --

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: It did.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: This did come out of committee. That's why it didn't need a second. It did come out of committee. Okay. We're ready to vote. May I have your attention, please.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'm sorry. Are we voting on this (Indicating)?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No. No.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: This is what came out of
committee. We're voting on a different motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That didn't come out of committee. Okay. We're ready to vote.

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: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?
MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: It failed.

MR. LESAUNDRHI HUNT: And the motion failed.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion since we've heard this sanction -- this is the third time in this calendar year that we offer a motion that we no longer hear of this sanction until that conflict of interest has been lifted.

MR. TERRY HUNT: You can't do that.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Second.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.
MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Ladies and gentlemen, if I can make a privileged statement. We do have a court case that has been put on the docket for court on December 28th concerning this issue, and it's before the supreme court, so I would suggest -- I would like to suggest that we wait until then to see what the supreme court's decision is.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My stance is that the supreme court hasn't decided if they're really going to hear the case. I would -- since we've discussed this matter three times, we've tied this council up in numerous committee meetings, and this is the third time it's been voted down to not remove the sanction, so I make a motion that we not -- we will not hear this matter until the conflict of interest is removed regardless of how the supreme court decides, which has nothing to do with our law.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Call for the question.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: We have a question. I think we need some clarification on what Mr. Al was saying, but I'll allow for a couple comments. Okay. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: I just want to say that I've sat here for the past year and listened to ordinances be presented over and over and over again by several
members on our council, so why pick this one to come out and say we don't want to hear it again is a surprise to me, and I don't think it's in our rules or there's any ordinance that says we can't listen to an ordinance or a motion that's presented several times. If I'm mistaken, please, show me where it is.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That is correct. Earlier in the year, that was presented that an item cannot come back to the council repeatedly in the same calender year. That motion was voted down, it did not pass, so that and any item can come back. There's no limit on it since we voted that down earlier in the year. That's my understanding.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Could we get the clerk of court to respond to that?

MR. BILLY HUNT: What's the question? I'm sorry.

MS. JAN LOWERY: About the number of times ordinances can come before us and be presented.

MR. BILLY HUNT: There's not a specific ordinance for that as a matter of fact.

MS. JAN LOWERY: And can you tell me about when the case is coming up then?

MR. BILLY HUNT: The case -- it's scheduled for December 28th at 6:30.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Here?

MR. BILLY HUNT: Yes, ma'am.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Bare with me, Mr. Speaker, but I want to remind the council there's another motion that's come to this council for a year, and every time it comes out, we debate and debate and debate. It dies and we put no restrictions on that motion. I disagree with these objections.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And I think my statement I just made would end the motion. Mr. Bobby and Mr. Strickland?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: For clarification, I believe if the prevailing side does a reconsidered motion and that passes, then that motion is down for the duration unless the prevailing side brings it back up; am I correct?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes. Point of order. That's true. It can't come back tonight because of what the prevailing side -- the vote was 10-10, and therefore, it allows either side, but since it was defeated, it would have to be the prevailing side to bring it back up.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I offer a motion that we reconsider this motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The motion has been made by
Mr. Al. Okay. Would you restate that, Mr. Al?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR:  My motion is to -- since this motion's been heard three times from the ethics committee and the entire council, and it's been voted down every time, that the conflict of interest has not been removed, and that we will not hear this matter again until the conflict of interest has been removed.  Also in the original --

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:  Okay. Can we get a second?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS:  I second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:  Okay.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR:  In the original motion, it stated exactly that. Can I read that please?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:  Okay. You've got three minutes.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR:  Immediate sanctions against Mr. Townsend to remove him from all committee chair proceedings, prevent him from sitting as committee chair, co-chair, or participate in any public sessions, duties of tribal council until the conflict of interest in removed. I was reading what the original motion said.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT:  What he just read is not in the motion that he just stated in his statement.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR:  And it was voted seven yes,
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Just the motion, Mr. Al. Repeat just the motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My motion is to not hear this matter again until the conflict of interest is removed.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Do we have a question. Did we get a second?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Call for question. Ms. Jan, roll call, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?
1  MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

2  MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

3  MR. JARROD LOWERY: No.

4  MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

5  MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: No.

6  MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis? Jan Lowery, no.

7  Bill Brewington?

8  MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No.

9  MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

10 MR. DANIEL JONES: No.

11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds 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?

18 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: No.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

20 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Abstain.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

22 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

24 MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Failed.
MR. LESAUNDRi HUNT: And the motion failed.

Next on our agenda is constitution and ordinance.

Ms. Anita Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: This is CLLR, resolution 2015-1217-01. It states:

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribal Council has the power to enact legislation to appropriate funds for operation of the tribal government, and;

Whereas, the fiscal year of operation of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is October 1, thru September 30, and;

Therefore, be it Resolved, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina votes to authorize the "Set Aside" of funds labeled in the 2015-2016 Lumbee Tribal Budget as "Unrestricted" as follows:

1. The amount up to $35,000 will be made available to the Lumbee Tribe's Board of Elections.

2. These funds will be used by the Board of Elections to fulfill duties and responsibilities as stated in the Tribal Constitution.

3. These funds will be used for any Tribal Elections held in the year 2016.

4. The Board of Elections will present a projected budget to the Tribal Council before the expenditure of any funds.
5. A Report of all revenues/expenses will be presented to the Tribal Council thirty days after any election held in the year 2016.

And this is out of the constitution committee meeting.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Okay. It don't need a second. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Now, this is something that is very interesting when we want to talk about things coming before us several times and people getting tired of hearing it. Here's a ordinance that's coming out of the constitution committee that's dealing with money -- a resolution. Why did it not come out of the finance committee? And then number two, the chairman is supposed to bring any changes to the budget to us to maintain, so who are we to sit here and decide that because that there might be a new election that we're going to need $35,000 be moved?

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Okay. I have some comments myself. You go ahead.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, as Ms. Janie here can attest to,--

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Excuse me. Ms.
Janie here can attest to, she asked me to write this resolution to set aside these funds for the board of elections so we didn't have to go through the trash that the board of elections is currently going through. That was her request to me, and besides that, the people in the constitution committee are the same people on the finance committee.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: That's correct.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And the funds will not be available for use until February 2016, so the coming election -- this will not affect the upcoming election prior to that period of time, and besides that, these are funds that are set in the budget under the tribal council's prevue as these are unrestricted funds. We put those funds there so that they could not be used until the tribal council deemed it appropriate to deal with those funds.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. That is correct I understand. Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few comments. While I have no issue with what comes out of what committee, until we have rules for our committees on actually having ordinances stating what's appropriate, pretty much anything can come out of committee, but I do -- the thing that bothers me,
and I'm truly not bothered, we just have set aside an unrestricted budget which we all agreed on, and it will come out in February -- and I think many people of our tribe, of our nation like myself is kind of excited to start a new year with a new tribal chairman and tribal council, and I think in my mind, I rather wait until we have the new tribal chairman to give us the leadership on where to -- where our funds should be decided as a budget, so what's wrong with waiting another month, you know, of saying let's wait for the new tribal chairman and decide where we want these $35,000 to go. It's not going in effect until February, so maybe we shouldn't jump the gun until the administration has the opportunity to have some input. That's my thoughts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Are you offering that as a motion?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: My only comment to that comment is that could be anything we discussed tonight. If it's on the agenda, it's been approved on the agenda, let's go ahead and follow protocol and get it resolved.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bill?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I'm on the finance and the constitution committee, and like Ms. Jan said, this came from the constitution, and it's dealing with money, and I voted no. I'd like to explain to you why with three reasons, and all three reasons are for legal reasons.

In our constitution under Article VIII, the tribal chairperson, all executive power including limitations and compliance with that budget. Our annual budget has been approved, and you all know, once we approve our annual budget, it then must go through the chairman. Also, in an ordinance we just approved, we said the tribal council of the Lumbee Tribe reserves the right to budget as recommended by the tribal chairman. All budget monies go through the chairman, but foremost, is this next one. We ignore the constitution it appears if we vote for this, we ignore our own ordinance, but we got a court order. Ms. Belinda, give a copy to everyone.

This court order was did back in January 2010, Purnell Swett v. Richard Burnette. Belinda will be glad to give you a total copy of it, but tonight, I want you to look at an insert out of it, and if we vote on what's before us tonight before our
elect-chairman -- we don't need to railroad something over on him right tonight. We know the election board's going to need money, let's work with our elected chairman to provide that.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bill,--

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: This is a court order.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: -- if the chair has a problem with passing out this information now. This is supposed to be given to us five days in advance.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Well, everybody has this. This is just a reminder.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Larry?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The previous council person, Cynthia Hunt, gave the tribal council a book of all the ordinances and all the resolutions, so no one can not say I don't have a copy, and if they do say I do not have a copy, it's by choice. It's an error because we gave everybody a copy of the ordinances and the resolutions and court cases, so therefore, what Mr. Bill is reading is documentation people actually have.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We have a right to read it.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?
MR. LESAUNDRHI HUNT: Mr. Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: My question is, Ms. Janie, is this money already set aside in the budget?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: And if I might say too, Mr. Speaker, no disrespect to our chairman-elect, this is money that is set aside by the tribal council as unrestricted funds to do as we deem necessary to do that from.

MR. LESAUNDRHI HUNT: Restate your --

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Restate what I said?

MR. LESAUNDRHI HUNT: (Nonverbal response.)

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I asked Ms. Janie a question, was this money already in the budget for this year, and I think she responded yes. Is that correct, Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: This money has been set aside once it comes in. It has not been received yet. It's supposed to be coming in some time in February.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: If I might add, Mr. Speaker,--

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: It's listed in the budget by the tribal council.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: That's what my comment was.
No disrespect to the chairman-elect, but this was money that was set aside by the tribal council as line item Unrestricted Funds.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Well, I will -- wait a minute. I'm reserved as the Speaker to do what I'm going to do, but I'm going to relinquish the chair to Mr. Maiden for a minute or two. Mr. Maiden, would you come to the podium, please?

(Mr. William Maiden took the podium as acting Speaker.)

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: As vice-chairman, I will open up the floor. I think Mr. Lesaundri would like to make a comment.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I have a problem with it as a resolution. I would like to recommend that it go back to committee and it be put in the form of an ordinance before brought back to the council.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I second that.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Okay. That would have to be put in as a substitute motion as there's already a motion on the floor.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I offer it as a substitute motion.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Second.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Lesaundri has made a
substitute motion. Mr. Terry has the second.

Discussion? The floor is open.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: The reason this is
done as a resolution is because the funds are already
sitting in the budget. We are just basically
earmarking them for that specific purpose as we
discussed in finance meetings, previous meetings. We
didn't just come up with this. We talked about
earmarking those funds for the board of elections,
and in a resolution, we could vote tonight it's
effective, but quite frankly, if you do it in the
form of an ordinance, it has to go back to -- taken
back to committee, and it then has to go to the
chairman for him to vote on it, and quite frankly, we
have not had the greatest success in getting things
filled with the current chairman, and quite frankly,
when we did the initial budget, we didn't know we
were going to have a new chairman, and we put those
funds there for the purpose of giving the tribal
council some power in dealing with funds considering
the situations we are in now. The board of elections
who -- they can't even hire a clerk because they
don't have funds, and that was the purpose of this in
dealing with it as a resolution is so the tribal
council can handle those responsibilities.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I have one against the
substitute motion. Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Chairman, there's
information that's very, very, very germane to what
we're talking about, and to do this here is to
circumvent a court case, and to circumvent the power
given to the chairman by the power of the
constitution, the tribal council can not move money,
and it was known that the tribal council could not
move money by a resolution.

It's got to come from an ordinance, request, or
from the chairman himself, and whatever reason -- for
whatever reason you can just go on and on and on with
many reasons, but there's a purpose for what the
court is saying and what the constitution is saying
and the power carries with it this court case to
know, and ignorance of the law is no excuse. You can
only put money through -- you can not move money
through a resolution, and the court has ruled on
this, and the court has said that budget oversights
do not give the council authority to direct where or
with whom the tribal chairman can inspect -- spend
money after the council enacts the budget, nor do
they give the tribal council authority of prior
approval before expenditures are made.

So what we're getting into here is the same
thing from two years ago, legislation trying to pass
or legislation being passed that is the wrongest
legislation, that is binding on future tribal
councils, and when the court has ruled on this very
matter, then I think we need to adhere to what the
court is saying, and to do anything other than what
the speaker here has said is very circumventing the
law, the constitution, and it's got to go back to the
tribal council, and the chairman's got to initiate
it, whoever the chairman is, and I think -- I don't
want to tie another chairman's hands on something
that somebody's trying to push because you don't know
where -- you don't know what a few weeks are going to
bring, but we do know we have a chairman, and we have
a chairman-elect, and we have a chairman, and we know
we're going to have continuity.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: That's your time. Mr.
Townsend, you are in favor of the substitute motion?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Absolutely.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Okay. I'll hear another.
Are you in favor or opposed, Mr. Terry?

MR. TERRY HUNT: I have a comment.
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Are you in favor of the substitute motion or opposed?

MR. TERRY HUNT: (Nonverbal response.)

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: If you're in favor, make your statement.

MR. TERRY HUNT: The only statement I have is like I said, the court has ruled, and that's going to hold us in contempt of court, and I don't want to be in contempt of court. I respect our court.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'll hear one more against if there's one. If not,--

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: In using the court case in this situation, the problem is when we do a budget, we designate the funds to go to attorney fees. We can't tell them if we spend -- we can't tell these lawyers to pay, to give a job to. We can't do that. These funds are different. These funds are sitting under the tribal council. These are for the expenses determined to be used however the tribal council deems it appropriate, so you know, the chairman can't come in here an say, well, guys, you can't spend that money under your prevue. He doesn't have that authority because we designated
them specifically for the use of the tribal council, 
and we say we want to take them and go to Las Vegas, 
we can take them and go to Las Vegas because they're 
sitting under our prevue by the same reason that he 
is determined on how he spends money in any other 
categories.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Okay. We have two opposed 
and two in favor. I'm calling for the motion --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: You let Ms. Anita speak 
twice.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: That's because she was 
opposing. We needed two opposed and two in favor, 
2-2. Mr. Lesaundri, would you state your substitute 
motion again?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: My substitute motion is to 
refer it back to committee and it be put in form of 
an ordinance and, in my opinion,-- not my opinion, 
but my reason for doing this is a resolution is a 
suggestion, these ordinances are law, so that is my 
purpose for doing that, and I agree. If feel like 
the chairman signed the budget as it was, so that the 
budget was passed. I partially agree with Ms. Anita. 
I'd like to put some teeth in it.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Is there a second to this 
substitute motion?
MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Bill?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Folks, if the money's needed, the money's there, but the process is wrong. We approved the budget on line item 4115 under 737, it comes out to $183,000. Part of that 737 is part of the tribal council, but after the budget is approved, and you all know I'm telling the truth, all money spent must go through the chairman. I'm pretty sure our new chairman-elect will work with us and allow us to use this money we got, but it must go through the chairman. We don't have time or have the right to spend money or allocate money without the chairman once we approve that budget.

You're going totally against your own process. How do we expect the new chairman-elect to follow procedure if we don't follow procedure? The budget has been approved. The budget is in the chairman's hands. Let's show him that we can do what's right.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: We're going to do a roll call vote. Are you all understanding the motion? the substitute motion that's on the floor?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Please repeat one more time.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Sir?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Please repeat it one more time.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Lesaundri, they're asking for a repeat of the motion.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: My substitute motion is that we send it back to the appropriate committee, and we put it in the form of an ordinance before it's brought back to the council.


MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Pass.

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: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear?

MR. DOUGLAS LOCKLEAR: Yes.

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

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

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?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Carries.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Substitute motion carried, so we carry it back to committee for further review and study, and I will relinquish the chair back to the speaker at this time.

(Mr. Lesaundri Hunt resumed his duties as Speaker.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Maiden. Next on our agenda is the administrator report. I guess Ms. Belinda's going to do that. That was a funny. We've already stated the reason why the administrator's not here. If you would get your calendars out.

(Pause.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. If we could have your attention. Okay. It was brought to our attention in our count concerning the veterans that we announced that there was 12 vote no, which was actually 13.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie abstained and I forgot to add hers.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: So we were making sure of that before we make the announcement, so it doesn't change anything. It just goes from 12 to 13 to go back to committee. Okay. It goes back to committee
which was the way we voted. In your calendars, we already have some items that's on your calendar. Is there anything that's not on the December calendar that needs to be on there. Mr. Bobby?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes, sir. December 30th is the opening for the community building, District 5. It will be at 11:00, 11 a.m. You should have an invitation in front of you, so you're cordially invited.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. District 5 -- and you do have that in your envelope. Also to the council, there will be seating arrangement at GPAC at the swearing in. You have a letter or a leaflet before you asking the number of people that will be attending with you for seating arrangements. Ms. Belinda would like to know that tonight. If you could possibly give her that information tonight.

MS. BELINDA BREWER: If you could fill out that sheet and give it back to me.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Pearlene is on the committee with the tribal chairman-elect. Ms. Pearlene, is there any more information that needs to be given out at this time? You mentioned portraits. The swearing in begins at 6:00. Please be there at 5:00 or as soon as you can. Mark will be taking some
pictures. There will be some other photographers there. We will do an entire council picture at a later date. Ms. Belinda, is that what we said?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: Yeah.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And the portrait that will hang in the foyer. Is that what you talked about?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: I had discussed that at the meeting. I didn't know what you guys were going to do or what.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: You and I talked about it, and we said we'd do those not at the swearing in ceremony itself, especially the group picture. If everyone's there, you can get an individual picture, but the group picture will be done at a later date. Last year, I think it was done after the swearing in, not that same night, but at a later date. Okay -- because I was called at home and asked to be here at such a time. Anything else?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I was under the impression that the Christmas party was at Boondocks; is that correct? The tribal office Christmas party.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: That's next Wednesday.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Is the council invited to that?

MR. BILLY HUNT: Next Wednesday from 12-2 at the
boys and girls club.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I was confused. I thought it was going to be at Boondocks Restaurant.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We can get back to the calendar. Community building on December 30th, and Billy said December 28th we'll be closed, but there will be a supreme court hearing; is that right?

MR. BILLY HUNT: That's correct.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: So if it's locked, it will be on the outside. Mr. Billy will take care of that.

Okay. The first is New Year's Day, the office will be closed. The swearing in will be January 7th of the chairman-elect and the council members. On the 18th on our calendar, our office will be closed for Martin Luther King holiday. Next tribal council meeting will be January 21st.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, any word yet -- is anything emerged yet about the council to organize anything they want to do for next year? Has that been talked about or come to the table?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: You mean for orientation?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yeah.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We had been in discussion, but we hadn't had anything come yet, but we are discussing the orientation for the new council, which
according to our rules, should be done within 15 days after the swearing in unless otherwise decided by the council. That's not written in stone according to our rules, but if it's -- unless we change it, that's what the rule is. Okay. Anything else on the calendar?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Move to adjourn.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I wanted to remind all of the council members of the meeting Friday night on the health strategic plan report that the health committee had designed that was given, so you're welcome to come. We're going to feed everybody, and you'll hear a report from myself and Dr. Cherry Beasley about the outcome of the two-and-a-half day workshop. That starts at 6:00 at the Holiday Inn Express.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Evan?

MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: I just want to make a comment. This will actually be my last council meeting. I'll give Ms. Swett and Mr. Harvey, our chairman-elect -- I want to give you a challenge. Get something in District 1. Get something in District 1. This council's heard me preach for three years, but get something in District 1. The other challenge is be your own person, be your own person.
Think for yourself. Don't let anyone influence you. You're going to have friends that come up, and people aren't going to like it, but be yourself. Have an influence and do the right things for the folks in District 1 -- and again, congratulations.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: To update you in case you haven't heard, two very important things have transpired, and one really today. I got an email last Thursday about 4:30, 4:00. The assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is resigning. I believe if we've ever had a friend in that position, we have friend in there now, and he's stepping down January 1st. He's going back to New Mexico. Number two, we were asked by the National Congress of American Indians to contact their representatives for a hearing that was held on Wednesday of last week, and the hearing was to move the recognition process from the BIA to the Department of Interior in the Congress.

They passed a rider in the House to not fund the federal recognition process, and I found out late yesterday that it went under the Senate, and the Senate has put together their part of the bill. They took the rider off of the funding of federal
recognition process, so it looks like tomorrow Congress will vote to fund the bill through September of next year, so there's a lot of things up in the air, and there's many things we're going to be faced with Indian country, and we have to be very diligent, and if you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRi HUNT: Okay. I think I heard a motion to adjourn.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRi HUNT: Is there anything else? If not, would you stand with us? Let us go to the Lord in prayer.

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

(End of proceedings.)