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JULY 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

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ALSO PRESENT

Chairman Paul Brooks
Tammy Maynor
The following proceedings were held on Thursday,
July 16, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Our meeting will now
come to order. Thank you for coming to be with
us tonight in our July council meeting. My, how
these months are flying by. As we said, we
want to welcome you tonight. We have a number
of people to recognize, so if you will, bear
with us just a little bit. These folks surly
deserve recognition from the tribal council,
and we want to give them the honor that's due
to them. For the beginning, we'd like to thank
our chairman for being here. We'd like to
recognize Chairman Brooks for being here, and
we have a whole host of beautiful ladies --
we're going to recognize them in a little bit
later. We're so glad to have you here with us
tonight. I'm going to ask the council members
to stand with us -- if everyone would stand
with us. Mr. Bobby Oxendine's going to do our
invocation.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Bobby
Oxendine.)
MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, could we have a moment of silence for the four Marines who lost their lives today in Chattanooga, Tennessee?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We can, Mr. Townsend. Would you observe that moment of silence, please.

(A moment of silence was held.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Townsend, for sharing that with us. And before we proceed, please, if you have a cell phone, make sure it's on silent or vibrate. We'd like to ask if you have any head gear, men, if you would remove that, please. Thank you. The Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Jonathan Locklear.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We ask Ms. Janie to lead us in the preamble of the tribal constitution.

(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Janie, roll call, please -- Ms. Jan -- excuse me.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? 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.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Here.

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

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? Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, madam secretary.

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Homer?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: I'd like to excuse Shelley Strickland. He's having health problems.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Health problems?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes. I believe he's got about six, you know.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Are there any others?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Who did you say?
MR. HOMER FIELDS: Shelley Strickland.

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

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

Next on our agenda is the review and approval of the agenda, and in doing that, the council would like to add under finance -- the second bullet in between the two bullets that we have. Ms. Jan has received an additional financial blessing, and this ordinance Ms. Janie will introduce. It will come under finance with Ms. Janie, and we're gonna ask Ms. Jan to introduce that. We would like to add that before the audit report. If I could get a second.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

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

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

If we would, move on down to internship. That is actually an ordinance. I don't think it's listed as an ordinance on the agenda, but that is an ordinance that will come from Mr.
Jarrod Lowery. So we would like to add those two. Okay. All in favor, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.
One other thing I need to ask your opinion or get your input on is we talked in the meeting on Tuesday night about the LNTP meeting concerning the election. Mr. Maiden -- I want to ask Mr. Maiden to introduce you to the ideas or -- when do you want to have this meeting?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, council members, I would like to have a LNTP meeting at the conclusion of the meeting tonight after Ms. Elaine's [sic] calendar review and we close in prayer. I'd like to have a brief meeting with LNTP at the close of the meeting tonight.

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

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.
After the conclusion of the council meeting, we will have a LNTP meeting, which is a totally separate entity from the tribal council.

Next on our agenda is the review and
approval of the June tribal council minutes and actions.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Have you called -- you haven't called for a vote yet on the review and approval of the agenda. We just made some item changes there. I have a question on the -- my question will come from the May -- on the June meeting.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion -- can we get a motion on the agenda?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I make a motion, Mr. Speaker, that we review and approve the agenda for tonight.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All in favor?

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you. Next is the recognition for -- excuse me -- the review and approval of June tribal council minutes and actions.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I have an important
request for information. Why at last month's meeting did we break away from the procedure set for roll call votes -- from voting from District 1 through 14. Why did we vote District 14 through District 1? What was the purposes for the change of that?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I don't know the reason for that. It's just -- sometimes it's been done that way. That's just -- I guess sometimes to go in the same order, and that's fine if that's what you want to do. But sometimes, I think it's fair to go in reverse order to give the others time to think about what they're going to do, what they'd like to do. There's no --

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: From my knowledge, in the year and a half that I've been on the council, it's never happened.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It has. It has a couple of times -- very few times, but it has happened. It happened almost every other roll call in the previous years, but -- that's the only reason, Mr. Townsend.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Maiden?
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: I'd like to offer a motion that we received the review and approval of June tribal council minutes and actions.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Second.

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

(The council voted.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

Next on our agenda is the recognition of the 2015-2016 Lumbee ambassadors, and I'm going to ask Ms. Jan to call these beautiful ladies up starting with Ms. Senior Lumbee. I happen to know her name. Her mom probably spanked me in school. She didn't spank me in Sunday school, but she taught me in Sunday school as well, so I remember her good. Ms. Angelita, -- Ms. Jan, would you?


MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Come right up here. On behalf of the tribal council, Ms. Angelita, we congratulate you for being our Senior Ms. Lumbee.

MS. ANGELITA HUNT: Thank you so much.
Thank you. It's a privilege. Thank you.

MS. JAN LOWERY: The next person is Ms. Alexis Jones, Miss Lumbee 2015-2016.

CHAIRMAN PAUL BROOKS: This is a Bear Swamp girl. She's from my district. She came from right down below my house. On behalf of us, we love you, and we want to give this to you in our appreciation. Thank you.


MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Congratulations, Miss Kyla, from the tribal council of the Lumbee tribe.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Chloe Locklear, Little Miss Lumbee 2015-2016.

CHAIRMAN PAUL BROOKS: On behalf of the tribal council and 66,000 Lumbees, we just love you.

MS. JAN LOWERY: And Miss Kaitlyn Marie Deal, Teen Miss Lumbee 2015-2016.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Miss -- Teen Miss Lumbee, we want to give this to you in recognition.

Next is the recognition of the valedictorians and salutatorians and some other
recognition tonight from our education committee. They did a great job putting this together, and Mr. Bobby Oxendine, the chairman, and Mr. Jarrod Lowery is the vice chair, and I think they want the whole committee up here tonight. So I'll turn it over to Mr. Bobby at this time.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I think we're going to let Mr. Jarrod do the reading and call the individual names.

MR. LESAUNDRRI HUNT: Mr. Jarrod, I don't know if you can get a mic so our stenographer can get a good recording.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Can everyone hear me pretty well? All right. So we Lumbee people -- we have many youth that we are thankful for, that we're truly grateful for because ultimately, they shape our future. But at the end of the day, our youth -- they're the ones that hand down to the generations that we haven't even thought of, our culture, our traditions, our heritage. So it's good that we continue to recognize them, and I really appreciate the education committee, so thank you, Mr. Oxendine.
First, we would like to recognize the
valedictorians and salutatorians that we’ve
had. So I’m going to call -- we have four here	onight. We had about -- I’d say seven for
this year. If Ms. Cheyenne Bullard could come
up. She was the salutatorian for Robeson
County Early College.

CHAIRMAN PAUL BROOKS: I'm gonna vote for
you for president. She says she's gonna be a
doctor first, and then we'll vote for you.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Next is Ms. Sara
Barfiled, valedictorian at Fairmont High
School.

CHAIRMAN PAUL BROOKS: I can never say
enough, so I'll keep my mouth shut. I want to
thank you for your accomplishments.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Next we have tonight
is Ms. Makayla Smith, valedictorian at South
Robeson High School.

We have with us tonight Sayvon Sampson,
valedictorian at St. Pauls High School.

Also, we have students here who had other
great accomplishments, and we definitely want
to recognize them -- and to do that, I'm going
to have one of our committee members, Mr. Frank
First, we have Ms. Kaitlynn Brice Smith, Meredith College grant tuition. She's going to Meredith College. Her parents are James and Chasity Smith, graduated from Hoke County High School.

Next, we have Brian Delano Oxendine. He has a scholarship to Johnson and Wales University Scholarship, FCCLA scholarship. He's going to Johnson and Wales University. His parents are Mrs. Tammy Bullard. He graduated from Hoke County High School.

Next, we have Morgan Faye Russell. She also has a Johnson and Wales University FCCLA scholarship. She's going to Johnson and Wales University -- parents, Mr. James and Mrs. Kristie Russell.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: We have one special individual who gets to be with us tonight. We're recognizing them for receiving the Gates Millennium Scholarship, Ms. Elizabethe Keenum. And also, Ms. Sara Barfield received the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

And lastly, we have with us tonight is Mr. Bailey Cooper. Now, Mr. Cooper wrestled all
four years at Hoke County High school and
started three of the four years. He has a
total of 192 matches with a 77 percent win
rate. Bailey was a three-time all-conference
and two-time state qualifier. Bailey finished
his year ranked in the top ten wrestlers in
North Carolina. He also made Hoke County High
School history by breaking the all-time winning
record of 151 total wins with a personal total
of 63 career wins. There's one more special
thing about Mr. Cooper, and that is he is the
son of Mr. Frank Cooper.

And lastly, if we can, have any parents of
these students here tonight, please stand.
We'd like to recognize you too.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: As you walk out of
here tonight, we'd like to present you with one
of the red bags we have here -- a contribution
from the tribe. Thank you, young folks.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Also, not here
tonight, but we'd still like to recognize Ms.
Margaret Lowery, salutatorian, Purnell Swett
High School; Ms. Rachel Maynor, valedictorian
of Robeson County Early College High School;
Mr. Dylan Brooks, Purnell Swett High School
valedictorian; and Mr. Seth McDonald, who is saluditorian at Red Springs High School.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you much. And we just thank God for our young people that are applying themselves to get a better education. With all our getting, get understanding. Amen. So we thank you. Would you give them another round of applause.

On our agenda next -- okay, community comments, and we don't have any signed in tonight, so we'll move into our committee reports. Our finance chair is Ms. Janie McFarland, and before you do that --

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Could we excuse the visitors -- if they would like. You can stay or do whatever you like.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: You can be excused, but you don't have to. You can do whatever you like. Okay. As we proceed, Ms. Megan asked me once again to -- councilmen, when you speak, please come forward and turn on your mics so she can get a clean recording for us, please. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: At this time, I would like to present this election board
ordinance, CLLO-2015-0521-01. This election board ordinance was voted on, and it was vetoed, and it's back on the agenda to try to get an override tonight, and we need to get a vote -- a decision on the override tonight. Does anyone have any questions on the election ordinance?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. It has been to committee prior, and Ms. Janie's offered a motion to override the veto.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: I second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Robert Chavis has the second. Any comments before we vote? We're ready to vote. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? 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? 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? Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: 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? Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And the motion carries. Again, Ms. Janie.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Our next ordinance -- and it's not in your packet, it should be on everyone's desk, and it's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Lumbee Tribal Ordinance [sic] -- CLLO 2014-0908-01. This is an ordinance that is in reference to a grant that has been received. It's the SBIRT grant, and at this time, it was explained somewhat to some of the tribal council members, but I'll have Ms. Jan to talk about that tonight before we vote on that.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Everyone should be aware of the event that took place June 26th for the veterans. That was the first of funding of the money that we received from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse. This was money that Dr. Cherry Beasley and myself and others got together and were able to shake out of the Department of Health and Human Services to address substance abuse in our community. And so they gave us, at that time, around $13,000 to hold that event. And in your information, you'll see a report that I did on how we spent that money and the evaluation of
that which was very successful -- and people asked us if we would do more. And so we went back to our funding source and said, yes; we want to do more in our community if you will give us more money.

So again, they have given us -- have allocated to us a pot of money for $40,050. That is -- you'll see the budget in there. They gave us the budget of $4,450 for each event that we could do, up to nine events. And so we have had a meeting and talked about what is humanly possible to do before the end of August 31st; that's our deadline. This is money that they have -- it's carry over and outreach from other departments that must be spent by August 31st.

So we did have a meeting, and we did agree that we could have -- we could do six events before August 31st -- Dr. Beasley and myself and some others who are willing to plan and get it done. We want to reach out to more veterans, to the churches, EMTs who deal with the alcohol -- the people who they have to pick up on the ambulance, law enforcement, and we know there's other groups out there that need
to do the training of how to deal with
substance abuse and where to refer people for
services. So tonight, I'm asking if you will
look at that budget of $40,050 with the
template. This is a template budget for every
event that will take place -- and allow us to
use this budget and pass this ordinance and to
be able to spend the funds to do additional
programs in our community. Also, if you would
look at the bottom, not a part of that $40,000
-- $40,050. They also gave us -- well, let me
use the right words. They are also paying for
us -- not running this money through the
organization, but paying $16,015 for us to have
a health strategic planning retreat. So it's a
total of $56,065 that the State of North
Carolina is willing to spend for the Lumbee
people to better address health in our
community overall and to possibly begin to
educate our communities about substance abuse.

In your packet, it's a three-page report
that I have given to you about the first event
that we did, and as you'll see, majority of the
people were just very -- they enjoyed it. They
wanted more information, they wanted us to come
back and found the information enjoyable -- and it was our veterans, and we had a much better turn out -- we had a good turn out. We had 106 people, but we also were competing with an event that the veterans -- that took place in Lumberton, and we were taking place in Pembroke. So that's why we want to do another veterans event so that those that didn't come to the first one can come to the second one.

So I would include that along with the budget for you to look at, read over. I did not -- we did not get this in your packet before tonight because we did not have clarity on how the money was to be spent and broken down, so that's why I wouldn't have been able to give you a budget until tonight. Are there any questions?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: On your budget sheet here, to be determined. These four organizations can be determined later as to who they're going to be?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Like facilitators?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: (Nonverbal response.)

MS. JAN LOWERY: Oh, yeah. You're right. The ones that we won't be able to do, that
money will stay with the state. So if we can only humanly do six, then we'll get six times $4,450, but right now, we're not really sure how many we can do until the time runs out.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We'd like to say before we go any further that we do have to get a motion because this didn't come out of committee, so we need to get a motion and a second.

MR. TERRY HUNT: I would like to make a motion.

MR. HOMER FIELDS: I second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any comments? Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I have a question. Ms. Lowery, you say you've got two -- you've got four days here or four opportunities that need to be decided. The thought came to mind -- could you possibly look at -- and this is just a question -- could you possibly look at since you have four community centers or four boys and girls clubs, could you do one of those at each of those centers -- maybe try and get more people for that meeting? It's just a
thought.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I'm going to let, if you
don't mind, Dr. Beasley answer that. She'll
tell you a little bit more about what we're
trying to achieve.

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: My understanding of
working with the Department of Mental Health --
this money -- because we've met with them a
couple of times and talked to them about mental
health issues that are existing in our tribe.
We have several tribal assessments of the
Lumbee people asking them what their number one
health issue was. Substance abuse has been the
number one issue over the last ten years. The
county has never devoted any specific resources
to address the substance abuse issues, so when
we were able to first go to the meeting and get
the money for the veterans, that's what we
asked for, and we had -- there were some things
going around the state like other speaking
events and stuff.

We had to identify a group that was --
nobody else in the state was addressing, and
that's how we decided on veterans and to
approve that -- because at that meeting, those
few that were able to be there -- and we had state representatives and we had some other members of the general assembly who attended. We had the associate deputy for the Department of Mental Health came and spent the day with us.

Based on that and some of the discussions they had with the people in the audience, it was -- we would like to have some more open forums so we can talk about this, so that's what they called and said -- could you or would you be willing to do this, and it's for the entire Southern Pines district, not just -- we don't just have to limit it to Lumbees. As a matter of fact, that's a part of the issue. They would like us to take up leadership and open up some of these to non-American Indians. It has to be only people 18 years of age or older, so we could -- we talked about it in our meeting yesterday because we just got clarification on how we could do this yesterday. Focusing, looking, making sure that we had the information expressed throughout our Lumbee region, our home land, having one at least in each county.
They also specifically asked that we involve the faith-based ministry because that was something that they looked at as to how the state dollars had been spent, and faith-based ministry had been left out by other groups, and they thought that we could include them.

So we're limited to people who are 18 and older, they want us to include 25 -- up to 25 people to come, so we have to guarantee that for it to be a successful meeting. Now, can we go and do all ten? I would like to say yes based on how much planning we can get done and we can get funds approved by this council.

So they're very specific in what you can spend the money for. They're willing to come down and help us organize it and have some of their staff be here. I don't know about the coordination, but the boys and girls club -- we can address our youth, but we cannot use this specific money on them.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Follow-up question. Then, could you look at, or have you already looked at say, for example, Cumberland County, Scotland County, Hoke County?

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: Well, like I said, we
just found out yesterday we could do this, so
I've been on the phone today trying to address
them -- can we have any of these events in
these counties, and the basically came back no.
Cumberland County has one, but it was not in
the area that minority people were
well-represented, so we did -- we looked at --
we talked to Lumbee Warrior's president today,
and they'd be willing to host an event. We
talked to Reverend Michael Cummings, and they'd
be willing to host an event -- Reverend Kenneth
Locklear -- Dr. Kenneth Locklear from that
district that he's in.

So getting groups together so that we can
do it efficiently and moving forward -- because
I truly think that if we can continue to do a
really good job with this, there's going to be
a lot more money that's going to follow.
Hopefully it won't be something that has to be
done in 35, 45 days, and we will get an
opportunity to plan it ourself, and then we can
go to the youth. So that's our high hopes --
that we -- we're doing two things with this.
We are setting with the state a great track
record on how responsibly we spend and how
accountable we can be to health dollars, and
secondly, also to the people of our area --
that the Lumbees are leaders -- that we want
good will, and we are willing to lead on this
issue. We're not going to be lost anymore,
we're going to move forward.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The reason I brought
that up, you know, there's an old saying, we
build and they will come. If you feed them,
they will come, --

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: Uh-huh.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: -- so they will --

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: Mr. Townsend, if you
remember the veterans fair, we did spend most
of that budget -- as incentives, I think, of
the tribal council -- the bags that we were
giving and also the meal. This one we're -- is
more limited on how we -- we can provide
refreshments, but instead of a whole day, it
will be just a two or three-hour meeting.

When I talked to them today, we kind of
put together the agenda late yesterday about
what we would like to see, and so far, they're
receptive of anything -- of how we would spend
the money. Like Councilwoman Lowery said, the
state, with their budget, is going to close. They know grants that have not been spent, certain amounts of money in different pots -- and so what they've done is looked and said, there's some money in this pot and it has to still be spent that way, but are you interested in doing it. If we tell them no, they're going to go to another group next week. That's just all there is to it. If we say no, we can't, we're not interested in trying -- but they said they would work with us and leave the $40,050 there in case we can pull together the nine events in time.

The other thing is the money for the health plan for which we train. They're willing to let us use that to train our health board, and they are going to provide consultants for that. So that's another big piece of the money that y'all can ask the board how we're going to do that -- and that came out of the strategic planning and education pot of money, and that's where that money came from.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Dr. Beasley.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Could you talk about the
Lumbee Health Board since I passed out the --
since we passed out the names for the Lumbee
Health Board? Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Do we have a
motion? Do we have any other comments? Do we
have a motion and a second?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a
question. On this SBIRT -- is that what you
call this?

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: That's not what they
pronounce it as.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Oh. It talks
-- it says that it's a pre-intervention and
referral to treatment program. So when you
have these meetings, is that what you're
calling the intervention, or is there something
further?

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: In the language of
public health, the first step in intervention
is awareness and care -- giving people an
opportunity to discuss what they actually
receive. So like with the faith-based groups,
they actually work with the ministers and say,
how could you help? What's a program that you
could have in your area? So like, if we were
in the Saddletree area, and we were using the community building, that may be a good opportunity to do that. So the first part of intervention is considered awareness and giving the people the avenue and the focus group and the opportunity to talk about it. And then what we would do with this three-hour agenda is to get that expression and move on to the next step and what do you want to see happen next in your community. A community can be defined geographically or phenomenologically meaning religious community, veterans community, whoever else, you know. I think we use -- we just -- when we were doing another event, the people who talked -- who volunteered first, our volunteer first-aid, our volunteer fire departments, and our volunteer rescue squads -- we'd love to have an opportunity to get some education themselves, and that's going to have to be part of that three-hour event, the education part. So that's how the early intervention part is.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDR HUNT: Mr. Bobby?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Ms. Jan, a couple
other groups we could consider, if possible, Palmer Drug -- if we could partner with them and do an intervention with them. That would be another group. I know they don't have students reporting to them now, but we still have a lot of adults who are going to that program and need counseling -- and they may meet several times a week.

DR. CHERRY BEASLEY: Mr. Bobby, if we pull this off -- if we pull this off tonight -- by the end of August, we're going to need everybody's help, and they would be one of the interventions and treatment programs that we would want there showing what they have to provide to the communities. So we would want them to be at every presentation -- not just there, but they could help us host them, and we can do that collaboratively. But I do know -- I did talk to Ms. Mary Locklear this afternoon about that type of thing, and if everybody is doing substance abuse education and training in those areas, we would want to be at the table where we have the forums.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Are we ready
to vote?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Call to question.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: A question's been called. We will vote at this time. Roll call vote, Ms. Jan.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? 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? 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? I'm sorry -- Douglas Locklear? Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery -- wait. 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? Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Motion carries.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Motion carries. Thank you for your time, Dr. Beasley, Ms. Jan, for working on this. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: At this time, we'll have the audit report.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We'll go to that. Mr. McClean and Preston Douglas. Mr. McClean?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: I'm Buddy McClean. I think I was here the last couple of years for
the audit report. Also, Austin Eubanks did
most of the field work for us this year -- so
we appreciate the opportunity to be a part of
this engagement. We very much enjoyed working
with the people here. They're all very, very,
very good to work with.

I think you have a copy of the report. It
was handed out to you today. Y'all have that
with you, that's great. I'm going to take a
little different approach this year. I'm not
going to focus as much on the numbers as the
process. We audited these consolidated
financial statements of the tribe and its
affiliates for the year ending 9/30/14.

The audit is required by the Federal
Single Audit Act. The audit is conducted
following generally accepted auditing standards
applicable to government. Auditing standards
are issued by the Comptroller General of the
United States. We were required to review and
test your systems on internal controls related
to the federal programs and issue separate
reports on them. They're included in our
report here.

Because the statements that we have here
are consolidated statements, our revenues and expenses and assets and liabilities. Along with different parts of the tribe, it would be impossible for anyone to determine or measure the financial operating performance of any particular program or grant. That's not the intention of this report -- to analyze or for y'all to get some kind of information out of any particular grant.

The financial statements include all the accounting -- the accounting for all the grants and entities which are processed here in house and for the entities that you control that are processed away from here. Well, this year, Arrowpoint LLC, which y'all are probably familiar with -- that accounting is done not on-site, but by Excel Management Group. Those financial statements from Arrowpoint are included in this consolidated report.

Well, this past year, we also reviewed the accounting of the Lumbee Tribe Enterprises, LLC which was approved for certification in the 8(a) Business Development Program during 2014. The tribe, through Lumbee Land Development Inc, owns 60 percent of this entity. I'm sure y'all
are very familiar with that. I think that last year Ron Oxendine was actually here when I presented that report. We did not include the assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses of that particular entity group yet in this report. We probably will in next year's report. The reason for that is to start up that LLC, one of the owners, Mr. Oxendine, put up all the capitol to get that entity started, and it's treated as a loan, and right now, the Lumbee Tribe does not have any obligations toward that note or toward that capitol that's been -- that Mr. Oxendine put into the company, and until that -- until the entity starts making enough profits to get that paid back, the tribe has no equity in it -- it has no obligations -- risk obligations in it. It's a great program, and we're all very excited about it, but we did not include those assets and liabilities in this consolidated report.

Our audit determined that the financial statements are clearly presented, and so we have no, none, zero findings or internal issues to report to the council from the examination.

I'm going to talk about the process a
little bit because y'all get an awful lot of press about the many things that may go on here that HUD comes in and finds or whatever, and I want to talk a little bit more about the process. We basically do the same audit process and the same audit that we perform that HUD does when they come in and look at a particular program. They basically audit the HUD program, for example, the housing program -- so we're basically doing the same things that they're doing. Ours is required by the Single Audit Act, where you'd have an independent audit of separate components.

We have a little over 300 hours in the engagement, and about 200 hours of that -- of that regarded directly to the NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant Program -- $12 million of federal reimbursement funds and compliance work on the Department of Health and Human Services program called Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program which is also known as LIHEAP around here, covering $1.6 million of federal reimbursements.

We spent over 200 man hours going through the files and the policies and the procedures
and the transactions and the documentation. We covered these two programs, and in doing our compliance review to find -- looking for findings.

The compliance procedures test -- or tests we perform are substantially dictated to which, -- in other words, we basically use the same procedures that HUD auditors use -- that are dictated to us. We pick our samples, but we basically perform the same work that they perform.

The tribe's policies and procedures are really well-documented. You've got wonderful policies and procedures around here. I haven't seen any monitoring reports that HUD's issued that disputes that at all. They are very much in agreement with their policies and procedures and are in really good shape. Your people are well-trained, well-schooled on the requirements of each one of the departments -- each one of the programs for eligibility or procurement or whatever. They're all very, very well-trained on all that.

You have many, many different programs, and I'm going to address a little bit the
different parts of the NAHASDA Block Grant.

You have the rehab -- the rehabilitation
program, the home ownership program, the
elderly rental, youth services, elder services,
veteran services, and your rental operations.

Plus you have your other support departments in
public affairs, human resources,
administration, planning, finance, and of
course, the tribal council itself.

The Block Grant also requires the
submission of the Indian Housing Plan, which
y'all are very familiar with and y'all have to
approve. That submission has to go in, I
think, 75 days before the beginning of the next
fiscal year. It won't be long before that has
to be submitted for next year, and then 90 days
after the end of your fiscal year, you have to
turn in an annual performance report. That
annual performance report for this past year
was 163 pages long.

I want to talk about this because you have
a tremendous amount of communication --
documentation that's going back and forth
between y'all and HUD on the policies all the
time. Your staff works with the people at the
office all the time and makes sure that
everybody understands what your different
programs are here and what you're trying to
accomplish. I believe all of y'all, most of
all of y'all here, probably voted on the Indian
Housing Plan last year when it went before --
when it was -- before it was submitted.

Part of our process -- we reviewed the
Woodlands draft monitoring reports that are
sent out, and the last one we reviewed was a
February 2015 report, and we just recently
received a final copy of the final report --
monitoring report from HUD that came after our
field work was finished with y'all, so we did
not address that in this report. But I think
on page 14 of the report, we have a note called
the subsequent events. That note actually
addresses some major findings that HUD found in
the report. I wanted to bring that up
specifically today because HUD found $224,000
worth of findings in that report.

Most of y'all may have read the monitoring
report by now, and we highlighted it for you --
the five major findings in the report and
management's position on these findings -- time
we finished our field work, they were still
going to argue the position that HUD was taking
on the findings. These findings -- and I'll go
over each one of them here if you have just a
second.

The first finding basically was --
determined that expenditures of $152,636 for
the benefit of tribal veterans were unallowable
under NAHASDA Section 202. If you go back to
your Indian Housing Plan and your annual report
that you submitted, the veterans program is in
that report -- it's in that report. They made
a copy of the report, and the amount that was
budgeted, that was entered into the report --
basically, what was spent, but they found this
as being a problem primarily because you rented
the facility off-site to conduct some of the
veterans stuff. But the veterans that you are
supporting were Lumbee tribe members -- they
were not other veterans. It was part of your
budget.

The second determination finding was for
$37,000 of food purchases that were for the
benefit of tribal members, and these benefits
were determined to be unallowable under Section
202. Again, those kind of expenditures are included in your plan, and it's awfully subjective when you're trying to determine who should eat a meal, who should be fed at a community gathering or how much you should pay somebody if you have some kind of gathering or whatever. When you start getting into the specific amounts, it get awfully subjective. If we would've looked at the same transaction, it would've been impossible for us to say, y'all shouldn't have paid $50 for a meal, it should've been $20 or whatever, and maybe the expenditures should've been this or that. But the expenditures were for the benefit of tribal members, and they were in budget, I have a little bit of a problem, from my standpoint, if we were looking at transactions, we probably would not have addressed these as problems, and I just wanted to say that.

The other issue was something that was a little more significant. It determined that expenditures of $35,000 for the purchase of a mobile home for the benefit of a tribal member was not allowed because the paperwork was not exactly right. Now, going back and looking at
that particular transaction, it's a little bit
of a dispute whether or not some of the
documentation was in there -- but I don't think
anybody would dispute that the fact that the
tribal member got the mobile home, and he was
qualified to get the mobile home. I have a
problem with what some of this stuff that's put
out as if something criminal's going on. It's
not anything criminal going on with this stuff.
If the paperwork is not exactly right, then it
might be a mistake -- it's a finding, and
findings are mistakes. If one auditor looks at
one finding and determines that it's one thing,
then he'll call it a finding, and another
auditor might think well, maybe it's not.
Maybe they made eight out of nine
qualifications, maybe they did all the -- they
pushed all the right buttons except they missed
this one, but it's still -- if anybody else in
the room looked at this situation, this person
that got this mobile home was entitled to it
because the tribal member qualified for it
through financial reason or whatever, he would
have be entitled to it.

My point is when things like this happen,
and you have findings -- and I wish sometimes
Austin would have had some findings this year,
but we didn't have any findings. Well, my
point is, even if you do have findings, they're
just mistakes. They're not -- it's not --
nobody's going to go to jail for any of these
mistakes. They're subjective like this
$152,000 and this food number. Argue that, and
don't just -- and I think that's what
management wants to do, and I would be 100
percent behind that. And I think if y'all take
a look at any of these things, you would pretty
much agree that you ought to argue about it.
It's something that -- from an auditor -- I'm
an old auditor, and I've been around for a long
time, and sometimes I think I'm too old -- but
you have to look at -- take everything into
context and move forward from the mistakes, but
if you -- if the findings are held up and they
reduce future revenues or heaven forbid you
have to pay some of the money back, I just want
y'all to feel comfortable that -- well, I have
to be careful what I say. Mess happens,
mistakes happen. They're honest mistakes.
Y'all approved the budget, y'all approved the
plans for the veterans, and I think during that
period of time -- I remember there was a big
push in your organization, especially by some
of your leadership, trying to get a veterans
clinic here -- if any of y'all remember that.
There was a big push for that, and you came
pretty close. Y'all have a lot of pull up
there in Washington for some reason -- I don't
know why that is. You must know a lot of
people up there -- but you came really close to
getting the medical clinic here. And if y'all
would've got that, that would've been enormous
for the community, but you didn't get it. So I
guess building up the veterans program and
having an off-site location was maybe something
that you might not have should of done, but all
that was in relation to what you were trying to
do to get the veterans programs here and the
medical center here, so I want to kind of make
that point to get off this perspective. So
that's enough on the compliance stuff.

I'm going to talk just a minute about the
financial statement. If you'll turn to page 6
on the report.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Page 6?
MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Page 6. Page 6 is a statement of financial position. This shows the cash position of $1,646,000, which is slightly more than your current liabilities and other liabilities there -- current liabilities are $1,506,000. This shows that you do currently have adequate but not extra working capitol. This -- you put a lot of money into getting the Pembroke Senior Village started -- that 800 and some thousand dollars that y'all invested in that for -- that y'all pulled out into that new LLC in this new year -- so you're getting that started, buying land and all that good stuff. So that reduced your cash position a little bit. My understanding of this year's plan -- and I guess your main purpose of signing this paperwork of the loans related to that project have been enacted, and we'll probably be seeing some of that cash flow back into the books here. The total assets -- the total assets of $50,412,000 -- these assets exceeds your liabilities by $39,000,000. The amount of the net assets that is not restricted by the federal programs is only $37,000. You have unrestricted assets -- unrestricted funds
in your organization. Most of those are
related to things that don't have to be tied to
some of the federal programs, especially your
housing program. One of your unrestricted
assets is the old office building, the tribal
office building. That's an unrestricted asset.
The part of the income from that tribal
building is unrestricted money. But you only
have $37,000 of unrestricted assets that you
have free and clear to do so with outside the
federal programs, and that's really the weakest
link you have in your whole operation. There's
not much in terms of unrestricted assets. It's
very hard for you to do anything that's not
part of the federal program or not part of the
grant that you're getting. There's just not
enough unrestricted money that's coming in.

If you take a look at page 7, we'll look
at the money and expenses for a second. You
can see you have gross revenues of $16 million
-- $16,209,000. You had total expenses --
total expenditures of $15,250,000. You have
$50 million worth of assets, and you have only
16 or $17 million a year -- that's pretty big
organization. You had unrestricted revenues of
$147,000. $38,000 was basically rental income from the old tribal office. $109,000 was from other programs and service revenue like the powwow. Powwow revenue is unrestricted -- which you have the powwow and expenses goes against that revenue. There's not a whole lot of profit from that program, the powwow each year. But your net income during the year from unrestricted was only $1,900. So if there's any way in the world you could find where you could improve your unrestricted assets, it would allow you more freedom in what you could do on your own without having somebody scrutinizing you for some of these other different programs. You do have some assets that are unrestricted -- the old Maxton pond. People call that different names. The Maxton pond area that was donated to you a few years ago -- that's unrestricted. There's some properties that are unrestricted that if you -- including the old tribal building -- that if you could get more out of that property -- if you wanted to sell it. Some people don't like talking about selling some of those assets, but if you ever did sell some of those assets, that
would be unrestricted cash that you could deal
with.

So that's pretty much it. I'd be glad to
answer your questions, talk about any of this.
And if you ever -- y'all ever decide that y'all
want some compilations that show more detail
about the programs to help support the
information that y'all are getting now, we
would be willing to participate in that -- make
a bid on that also if you ever do that. Any
questions or comments?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Council members?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So what I'm getting
from the report -- your recommendation is that
-- we're doing a good job of restricted money
from the federal government, but we need more
restricted money --

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Unrestricted.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: -- unrestricted
money to be able to do proprieties -- so our
hands aren't touched. That's your
recommendation?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: That's right. I don't
know where you're going to get the unrestricted
money from unless you want to serve a hot dog
stand or something -- but anyways. The AA Program, any programs like that y'all can start -- any. When that money or that thing starts kicking off profits or anything else you can get into like that, then that becomes unrestricted money. That's one of the things that makes that such an exciting program if you can get that going. I understand the program's kind of in suspension, and you're making some changes so y'all can get that going again. Tammy Maynor was telling me that today. Now's a good time to try to get some of those things accomplished.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bill, I think maybe I missed something on page 7. The line that is unrestricted -- point that out for me, please.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: On page 7?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: You have a column there that's unrestricted, you have the temporarily restricted, and then the next column is unrestricted. That middle column there -- you had $60 million that you had to budget. You had to scrutinize that by HUD and
us and everybody else that's out here several times a year and audits everything that's going on here in the first column. So the money that you're making here -- the payments that people make on the houses for rent, all that has to stay inside of those programs. You can't go outside those programs that's unrestricted, so the unrestricted column there -- we started pulling that out a few years ago to point out to everyone how much you have there to budget.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: On that same page under unrestricted, you've got the $38,000 under rental income. Where does that money come from?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: That's the rent that you get on that old tribal building.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: That's that 37 --

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Yeah --

MS. JAN LOWERY: No.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Where it says tribal building.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: In Union Chapel.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: The Union Chapel Road
property that you have on that $38,000.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: From rent?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: From rent.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. And the
109 -- where specifically was that coming from?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Most of that money is
coming from the powwow. The powwow sales and
most of the other tribal activities and
expenditures are powwow expenditures. Most of
those -- there are other expenditures as well.
There's about five small funds, basically of
unrestricted that you have -- or small
programs.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Did you say
five programs?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: A few. I won't call
on Ms. Bell to name those there, but we have an
-- LNTP is a fund that is needed. It's an
unrestricted, and that's still going on.
Arrowpoint's unrestricted. You have some
property at Arrowpoint that y'all did not
transfer over to Arrowpoint LLC. That property
-- some of that property itself is unrestricted
-- to be argued that that ought to be part of
housing, but it's really unrestricted property,
And you bring in from that some housing credits -- once the housing credits are released, then y'all will have some credit money. The housing credit money is technically unrestricted once it's released. A few years ago when y'all were renting -- when Arrowpoint was being developed -- an LLC was being developed, it created very many dollars that you were able to use. That's a good example of unrestricted money. When Pembroke Senior Village is finished and thriving, you'll be able to get some housing credit money out of that, and that will be unrestricted. Developing businesses is good for tribes.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And when you go on down to the expenses, the 37 thousand in economic development -- is that what you're saying is a payment that goes back to pay for that building? Is that what you're calling economic development?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: I don't -- I'll be quite honest with you. I may have got this question last year, and I wish I would have given you the details. That, I don't recall to tell you the truth. I didn't bring that detail
with me, but it is probably worth your while to
get a report on the different programs and
what's going on with those projects so you can
see how that -- where that money's coming from
and where it is going. That would be something
y'all might be interested in because it is
unrestricted funds, and you could produce a
payment -- may be a possibility that you could
buy some homes that way you can put it all in
one little fund to work with. But that would
be some good information to have. I don't have
the details of that for you tonight.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: But you do
have those details; is that what you're saying?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Yes. We get the
details for this year -- but it would be
relatively easy for Sharon to produce that
information for you now. It might take us a
few weeks to put it together, but we could just
focus on unrestricted stuff and let it flow.
We have had a little bit of problems in the
past about getting the information for the old
building. so what they may do as far as the old
tribal building's concerned -- it may take a
little while to get that information, but it
wouldn't take too long -- but that would be
great for you to get that -- what all the
different programs are -- what's coming in for
budget plans so you can --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I agree.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: But the big thing is
the powwow. If you could expand that powwow
and make that 200 instead of 100, that would be
nice. That would be good money.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And the other
tribal activities as an expense -- you're
saying that those expenditures were mainly the
powwow, correct?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Yes. That 100-some
thousand -- 90 thousand-plus of that was
probably powwow expenditures.

MR. LESAUNDRIO HUNT: Okay.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Anything else?

MR. LESAUNDRIO HUNT: All right. Is that
all?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have one
more question. On page 6 under liability, what
are the security deposits for? What is that
for?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: On the rental units.
These really are security deposits that are related to Arrowpoint LLC that Excel Management does the bookkeeping on. The reason that's under a separate accounting program is because you have about $5 million worth of debt that's going to be forgiven over the next 30 years -- but that requires a separate audit of the recent group because the audit for that particular budget -- but those security deposits are basically deposits that renters are putting up. You put in the $200 -- the security deposit -- that's just the total of all the security deposits that will be owed back to them if they leave or whatever. That's all that is.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And you said that Excel actually does the accounting for Arrowpoint?

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: Yeah, yeah. And when you get Pembroke Senior Village going, the cost with so much debt with that project, with that credit, basically that credit -- that debt's going to be forgiven. The next generation of y'all are going to have some nice projects that won't have any debt because the debt will be
forgiven. That's one of the things that make it so nice. Pembroke Senior Village -- it's got a seven million -- $7.3 million project or so -- because of all those tax credits, that project requires a separate audit, and that's one of the reasons we consider it a separate entity. Excel Property Management specializes in dealing with rental properties and what not. They do an excellent job in communicating with them all the time about Arrowpoint. They helped them do this consolidation, and Arrowpoint was also very cooperative -- and they'll probably do the audit for that too.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. That's all I have.

MR. BUDDY MCCLEAN: You always have good questions. You asked a few last year.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes. I'm sure I did.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you for that report and that information.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Chairman [sic], I'm going to asked for me to be excused. My granddaughter's home from Raleigh, and we're having her a big birthday party at my house,
and if I don't show up before it's over, I'm not going to be papa. But I want to make sure that you -- if we still have a quorum to vote.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We do. Thank you, Mr. Bill. Ms. Janie, does that conclude yours?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. That concludes mine.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next we have education, culture, and PR. Mr. Jarrod, are you doing that?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, sir. First on the agenda we have the internship ordinance.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Is your mic on?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: All right. First on the agenda we have the internship ordinance. It is actually a part of Ms. Jan's ordinance that was separate, and it's attached; it's the third page back. It's entitled Tribal Internship and Opportunity Program.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Would you give us the number of that, Mr. Jarrod, to make sure that everybody --

MR. JARROD LOWERY: So everybody that got Ms. Jan's ordinance that we voted on a few
moments ago -- it is attached. It is stapled
together. The ordinance number is CLLO
2015-0716-01.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: I will quickly read
over this, and then we can have some
discussion, so thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North
Carolina is a recognized American Indian Tribe
of the State of North Carolina, subject to the
Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North
Carolina and;

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North
Carolina is charged with promoting the
educational, cultural, social and economic
well-being of the Lumbee people, to better
serve the Lumbee people by providing a more
efficient and more effective government, and
continue our ever growing relationship with the
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
through the implementation of a permanent
internship program.

The mission will be accomplished by
partnering with the several departments and
programs of UNCP to create an internship
program that will provide much needed
assistance to operations of the Tribal
Administration, Tribal Council and the Supreme
Court of the Lumbee Tribe; and that will
provide experience and skills to students who
are accepted to the program.

The Lumbee Tribe's point of contact for
establishing the internship program shall be
with Southeastern American Indian Studies
Program. Having a single point of contact for
all students wanting to intern with the Lumbee
Tribe will promote awareness of the program and
increase participation.

The initial partnering departments of UNCP
are as follows: Department of American Indian
Studies, Department of Mass Communication,
Department of Political Science and Public
Administration.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Tribal
Council as the governing body of the Lumbee
Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance
that shall be cited as Tribal Internship and
Opportunity Program Ordinance.

Section 1, purpose: The Lumbee Tribe of
North Carolina to better provide access to
expanded educational opportunities, to continue
to foster a relationship with UNCP and to
further pursue a proactive and efficient
government for the Lumbee people; creates an
internship program.

Section 2, application and acceptance: In
conjunction with SAIS, the Tribal
Administration shall work with various
departments and programs at UNCP to develop an
application that will be accessible to all
students. Only students who are rising juniors
and seniors may apply to the Internship and
Opportunity Program. There shall be no cap as
to how many students may apply. Acceptance:
The Tribal Administration shall create policy
on competitive acceptance guidelines. There
shall be no cap as to how many students can be
accepted into the program.

Section 3, length: The Internship and
Opportunity program shall accept applications
year round. Students may apply for fall and
spring semesters as well as a summer time
semester that must be the same length and time
as a fall or spring term. A student may apply
for and be accepted to as many terms as they
qualify for. The first term to apply and be accepted shall be Spring of 2016.

Section 4, savings clause: In the event that any phase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection, or section of this ordinance is found by the court of competent jurisdiction to violate the constitution, laws, or ordinances of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, such phase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection or section shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from this ordinance, the entirety of the balance of the ordinance to remain in full and binding force and effort.

Whereas, nothing in this ordinance shall limit the Internship and Opportunity Program to just the University of North Carolina at Pembroke or exclude any other institution of higher learning.

So the reason -- the reason that I want to have an internship -- the reason that I want this ordinance is because we need to formalize -- the tribe already has students who intern for us at various times throughout the year for previous different programs, but I wanted to formalize it. I think it would be a good
opportunity. Like I said, we could continue to
expand our relationship with UNC Pembroke, and
I would love for the tribal council to have
interns. I'd love for the supreme court to
have interns. I know when I was at UNC
Pembroke in the political science department,
if you wanted to intern as a political science
major -- if you were not going all the way to
Raleigh, you know -- nothing against the board
of elections, but you can't get the full feel
of a legislative body or a court. You know, if
you're a pre-law major, you can't clerk in
court -- but you know, we can offer students at
UNCP -- we can offer Lumbee students at UNCP
the opportunity to clerk on our supreme court,
on our administrative court. We can have the
opportunity to allow interns come in and see
how a legislative body works and work with us
to create ordinances, to create resolutions, to
work hand-in-hand with us because -- you know,
while this is pretty much a full-time gig, all
of us are part time. You know, most of us have
jobs and we can't dedicated the full, full-time
job experience -- so it's great to have an
internship and say, I'm looking to do this or
that, can you help us with the information. I know Ms. Belinda would love to have an intern help to prepare everything for us. But at the end of the day, it provides experience for students who aren't getting it or have to go away -- or maybe they just don't get an internship at all, and then they try to go into the workforce. Today you can't get a job unless you have five year's experience right out of college. So that's the reason I wanted to formalize this. SAIS, the Southeastern American Indian Studies Program -- I actually jumped up and wanted to be the point of contact and say, we would love to run this on the campus at UNC Pembroke for you. When I spoke with them, they were very active in saying whatever they could do to help us with this, so I think that would be really good. I spoke with the directors of all three -- or the chairs of all three of the departments. They would be enthused with providing students or at least providing students information to contact us because they're always looking for internship opportunities. My goal is hopefully, in the near future, the students
won't just come and get time, they will get 
credits. They get -- because I know now in 
political science, you have to do like six 
hours internship, and it would be great if they 
could come here and get those six hours of 
internship or at least let them have the 
opportunity to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any 
questions, comments?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. This didn't 
come -- it did come from committee. Okay. So 
we don't need a second. Any discussion? Ms. 
Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: So let me ask you a 
couple questions. The interns are for working 
with the council?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: All three branches.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Have you contacted the 
other two branches to see if they're ready to 
take on interns?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: I spoke with the 
administration -- the Director of Governmental 
Affairs, Ms. Tammy Maynor, and she said she's 
very open to it and very excited about getting 
some interns and having the program. I have 
not spoken to anybody in the judicial branch,
but I think I'd be fair to say I don't see them
turning any down. My hope is that each one of
the branches would say, hey we would like to
take on two or three interns or the tribal
council would like to have three interns.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I don't want to sound
negative. It's definitely a good program. The
part that I'm concerned about is the
administration overseeing, monitoring students.
I mean, I don't want to see them all running
around here, and nobody's really being
designated to oversee and monitor those
specific students. Because there's a lot of
information that we have in the organization
that they would have access to. So without a
paid person -- what I'm hearing is that it
would all be a volunteer kind of situation for
three different branches, and I'm concerned
that you don't have a coordinator of those
interns -- that their sole responsibility will
be to oversee who is coming in and out of the
organization, information they have access too,
et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. It's the
infrastructure of an internship program that's
missing. The idea and the concept -- I'm all
for it, and I'm all for UNCP working with the
tribe, but I don't see the foundation that's
built for a program to handle students for the
type of internship that they need. I just
don't see it.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Ms. Lowery.
I do know that the tribe has had interns in the
past, and my whole purpose for the ordinance
was to leave it as much as possible open-ended
for the administration to make -- to set that
infrastructure in place as needed because I
didn't want to say -- I didn't want to cross
Section 3 and say, hey, here's an internship
program, here's exactly what you're going to
have, and here's your point where it's going to
be. But I do feel confident in the
administration having interns in the past and
being able to appoint a coordinator if that's
what it needs to be.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I'd like to hear more
from the administration in what they've got set
up and ready to receive those students. I
would feel more comfortable knowing that
they've got the resources in place -- where
students can sit when they get here, what
corner, what space is going to be devoted to interns. They've got to have their own space when they get here to lie down, to sit down, to put up their laptops and have access to resources. So I'd like to hear from the administration what they've built and have it ready for students when they get here. That's just -- I mean, the whole concept -- I'm all for it, but I don't see the house -- the foundation being built. I see the idea, but I don't see the foundation to be ready to receive students, and I would -- you say an unlimited amount of students. I mean, I could see 20 students jumping on that opportunity -- and it's a very good opportunity. But once they get here, I would want somebody dedicated to -- and I see that is a full-time job. I wouldn't want to see it fail because of lack of structure and lack of resources. So that's just my view.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: One thing -- I didn't want to set a cap, but I still feel that confidence that the administration or the legislative branch or judicial branch will not accept more students than they can handle. I
do have that confidence, and I don't want to
come back here a year or two years from now and
amend this and open it up. So that's the
reason I wanted to put no cap on how many can
apply and how many can be accepted. And with
that, it would increase or decrease based on
needs at that time. That was my thought.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Anyone else?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yeah. I
actually want to chime in on what Jan had
stated because that's exactly what I was
thinking here -- because you have actually in
this ordinance -- you have directed them to
develop applications that would be accessible
for students. So somebody's going to actually
have to put together an application for these
students, and somebody's going to have to be
there to deal with whoever comes in and take
applicants -- so here's your problem. We don't
have funds for this. NAHASDA is for
housing-related activities, and you've
essentially started a whole other job here for
somebody at the tribe. I mean, quite frankly,
when I see thing, I think about Tammy. Tammy,
are you paying attention?
MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I am.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: This looks like it would fall kind of in her lap -- but who's going to pay Tammy to do this? Where's the money coming from? And don't get me wrong, I think it's an excellent idea, but you might need to find out who's going to pay these people to do this stuff and decide who goes to judicial, who deals with -- and quite frankly, it's wonderful. We just don't have the money to pay people.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Well, we already have interns for periodic times in the past, and I think I see this as formulating that process because right now none of us here -- we don't know what accountability is because we don't have -- we don't know how many have been through here. If we formulated a process, if we have this program, at least we'll be able to keep track -- because I know right now there have been interns in the past, and none of us here have no idea about it. But at least if we create a program, we can keep those numbers, we can keep track. And if we're looking at it from the side of accountability, I think this
is definitely a step in the right direction
because there's going to be in the future --
there has been in the past -- let's go ahead
and take the wild, wild west and put it -- I
use the term -- let's formalize it. Again,
that's my thoughts.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Anyone else?
Anyone else? Mr. Jarrod, I'd like to make a
motion to send this back to committee to clear
up these concerns and get someone from the
administration to come in with us and explain
the pros and cons of your ordinance.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: In that case, Mr.
Speaker, I withdraw the ordinance. The
committee withdraws the ordinance.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: We sent it back.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: We make a motion to --

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No. I made the
motion. We haven't got a second yet.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: I second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. The vice
chair seconds. For technical reasons, let's
vote. Ms. Jan, do a roll call, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Evan Davenport?

Terry Hunt?
MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: And the motion is to send it back to committee. That's what we're voting for. Janie McFarland Oxendine?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear? 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? Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

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

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins? Frank
Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson? Shelley Strickland? William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Motions carries. Mr. Lowery, you may continue.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: So also in the packet, there's a resolution that the committee voted on this past week. It's entitled Lumbee Tribe Boys and Girls Club My Heritage A-Z Study. Before I read off the study, I want to pass around an example of the end result of the study, the end result of the students' work. This is just an example of what would most likely come out of each student's study. So I'm going to read the resolution and explain the study, and we'll go from discussion from there.

Whereas, the Tribal Government structure preserves for all time the Lumbee way of life in promoting educational, cultural, social, and economic well-being of the Lumbee people;
Whereas, the mission of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Youth Services is to inspire youth in any country the cultural enlightenment to realize their full potential, regardless of the circumstances, to become caring, responsible tribal members.

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Youth Services meets the challenges laid out in their mission statement by programs and institutions to be Pembroke Boys and Girls Club, Hawkeye Boys and Girls Club, First Nation Boys and Girls Club, and Southern Spirit Boys and Girls Club.

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina recognizes the Lumbee Tribe Boys and Girls Club My Heritage A-Z Study is a way to inspire intellectual curiosity about our culture and about our way of life to our youth, also recognizes that our way of life while preserving it to the passing down to our youth.

Whereas, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina believes that in using this incentive to cultivate enthusiasm about the responsibility of carrying on our culture and traditions. At the end of the three-week study
-- at the end of the three weeks, each study will be scored, and one winner from each category will be rewarded a financial benefit.

Now therefore, we will start on the 16th day of July, 2015, the Lumbee Tribal Council authorizes the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Youth Services in conjunction with the Lumbee Tribal Council to authorize the $800 needed to reward 16 students $50 savings bonds who achieve the highest score in the individual categories in the Lumbee Tribe My Heritage A-Z Study.

So the director of youth services came to me the other night, and there is a program or a study that began last week and will be completed next week and the week after that, and we're going to pick the 16 winners. In your packet, there's a complete overview of the study.

And basically what they want to do is that each student throughout the next three weeks are going to pick out a word -- a word like P for pinecone patchwork. They're going to be able to pick out the word, they're going to study the word, and they're going to make a
notebook, which is being passed around now, and
it's going to be from A-Z, and it's a way for
-- it's a program for the Boys and Girls Club
to teach the students through the summertime
about their culture hoping they pick up the
ideas and traditions and/or heritage, and
through their work, be able to be cemented in
their minds.

Also, there's going to be 100 students
doing it. There's 16 categories by grade,
which is in your packet here, and in each boys
and girls club, there's going to be 16 winners.
They came and asked us -- asked the education
committee if we would help them raise the money
and set aside 15 [sic] savings bonds for every
single winner -- and so that would come out to
be $800. And what we talked about was allowing
them to raise some funds and members of the
tribal council would donate ourselves
personally if we wanted to, and that -- what
was left over, we would fill the gap with the
economic development education fund that we
have.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. And this did
come from your committee?
MR. JARROD LOWERY: (Nonverbal response.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any questions?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Is someone outside the tribe doing this study? I heard you mention the North Carolina Youth Services.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: No, no, no. The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Youth Services at the university, so -- not the university, at the boys and girls club here. All of the students are involved.

MS. JAN LOWERY: So it's internal?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes. It's internal.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: So the staff at the boys and girls clubs everyday go over a different letter, and the students get to pick out one word that coincides with the letter in their culture. Like I said, I've seen some examples where L for library or P for pinecone patchwork -- and so they get to, as you'll see in a minute, they get to show a little write-up about it in this little paragraph about what that word is and how it relates to them and their culture. And so they want to be able to display a group since it's going to be a
thorough process and would like to reward the
students in some way -- by way of savings
bonds.

MS. JAN LOWERY: So this information is
not for some outside group that wants to do an
activity like this?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: It's internal?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes, ma'am. This is a
way to allow the students to do their own
research.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Bobby, did
you have something?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: No.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It came from
committee. We don't need a second. Are we
ready to vote?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a
comment actually. On your resolution, what --
I mean, you're calling this a board resolution.

What board is that from?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: The Lumbee Tribal
Council.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: What?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: The Lumbee Tribal
Council.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Well, it's wrong. And if it's a resolution, it's should be CLLR, just like you do the ordinances with the same date and all that good stuff.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: That can be corrected as well.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And initially when we got this information from the committee, you had $100 savings bond; is that right?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: At the committee, we marked it out and put $50. And I think what happened when they made the packet, they didn't make it with that correction.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. So this is just to be done in the boys and girls clubs?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes, ma'am.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So again, my district is left out. So then what your committee needs to do is look at doing this in the -- in other communities in the other districts because I think it's very good.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Let me --

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Make that statement
again, Ms. Anita.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I said his committee needs to look at doing this in other communities, other districts than the ones that already have boys and girls clubs because mine doesn't. A whole bunch of people's don't -- and so our kids are being left out -- and I think it's a really good program.

MR. FRANK COOPER: Uh-huh.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Frank?

MR. FRANK COOPER: What she's saying. They probably could do it at vacation bible schools in the communities that don't have clubs and probably because vacation bible schools go two to three weeks.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: We just had vacation bible school two weeks ago.

MR. FRANK COOPER: I'm sorry. I'm trying to help.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita, are you asking Mr. Jarrod to make the necessary corrections to --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Well, he needs to correct his document.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That's what I'm
asking.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yeah, yeah.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. So we will vote on it according to making the necessary changes. Is everyone in agreement? Are you ready to vote? Roll call vote, please.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport? 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? 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? Robert Chavis?

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill Brewington? Daniel Jones?

MR. DANIEL JONES: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins? Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland? William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Motion carries.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. While we're talking about the girls and boys club, you got a hand out for the first annual kids powwow.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: The date's wrong.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The date should be July 17th which is tomorrow. Okay. That's just a typo -- but I did want to make an announcement that you had it. And anyone that didn't get one of these, they will be there.
between the hours of 1:30-3:30 -- the first
annual kids powwow at the boys and girls club.
Okay. Next on our agenda -- Mr. Jarrod, did
you have anything else?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next on our agenda is
housing, and the chairperson's not here. Vice
chair, would you like to address this?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes. This is
concerning the 32 mobile homes that the council
approved for the purchase of -- and what we
want is when the ordinance is cleared and those
funds can be expended for that purchase --
because we understand that we talked to
Mitchell, Bosco -- that would be done as just
one large procurement for the 32 mobile homes.
What we're asking is that when that is done
that you all give us a list of who's going to
be getting those 32 mobile homes, and we want
an updated list of those who are waiting for
the mobile home replacements.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Tammy?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I will make sure that
Mr. Locklear's aware of those requests, Ms.
Anita. He'll be back on Monday -- but it will
be one large procurement. We know we can get the best price if we just do the 32 at one time.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Of course.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: And we may be able to do more than that.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And also, you're supposed to --

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Those two lists?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: You were supposed to -- we had questions about the old body of land -- something was being cut out. You're supposed to get us some details on that.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Right. I don't have those exact numbers in front of me. I will bring that to the next committee meeting, but it is my understanding that the entire transaction is based on the appraised value. So you know, the appraised value for the Raynham property in exchange for the appraised value for the Candy Park Lane property. And as a result of that -- we both aren't getting -- we are not selling or trading 100 acres. It's actually less than that, and we will receive less than that 88 acres -- which is somewhere
around 81 acres. Yeah -- because it's based on
the appraisal, and HUD has approved this
transaction.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Well let me
ask you this. The council -- it's my
understanding -- you know I voted against it,
but it's my understanding that the appraisal
was put before everybody that night, and
everybody looked at it -- and okay. Here's
this property -- whatever the acreage is --
here's the value of this property. We're
voting to give them $704,000 and 100 acres of
land -- and that's what the council approved.

So how do you all live with that when you
decide you're going to change something?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I don't think it was a
matter of what -- you all. I think it's
exactly what the ordinance states. It was the
motion that was made by the tribal council, and
we need to go back, and if we have to, we can
pull that and read the motion that the tribal
council made. I haven't looked at that motion,
but I think that the action was taken because
that information was sent up to HUD as well --
so that the action taken coincides with the
motion that was made by the tribal council that night.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So who decides the eight acres?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: We do. The Lumbee Tribe will decide, and we want the best land.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I'm a part of that tribe. Do I get to vote on that?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: We want the best land because we want to use it -- to be able to build on it, so the eight acres that they don't get is going to be the worst part, so they can keep it. We want the best.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Can we get some definite something, like black and white, showing exactly on what the tribe's purchasing and paying for?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes, yes. We surely will. I don't think they want to do anything until they got HUD approval. And there wasn't any reason to do that. We got this literally moments before this meeting started today.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I will get that for you. I can have it emailed to y'all.
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita, are we going to address that in the housing meeting. Is that what you're asking?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No. I'm asking for it now. I mean, we're going to start budgeting next week, so I want to know what we're spending and how we're spending it.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: She'll send it to everybody, but everybody is not -- we're still not together.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: We can discuss it at the next housing meeting, but we should know what we're discussing.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That's what I'm asking. I think it needs to be clarified as several council members were unclear, and that that was the process.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Right.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We need to clear the air --

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: -- and everybody be on the same page.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Ms. Tammy, on those bids for those trailers, how many of those have an opportunity to bid on that actually?
MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: All of -- American Indian builders -- like we did right now. We will put it out for RFP, and we'll of course go with American Indian.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: All right. We have any idea when it's going to go out?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Well, we've got to wait for it to go out. Does anybody know when the 30 days is over on that? I know the Chairman, Chairman Brooks, he signed it.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: So is that 30 days from the time we signed the motion?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: It has to hang for 30 days. I don't remember the day. I don't know the day right off, but as soon as that happens, we'll start the process.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Okay.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That was the end of the last council meeting.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: So it's closed.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: I'd definitely like to know that date.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes. We will.

MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Thank you.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan?
MS. JAN LOWERY: I have a question, Tammy. With these mobile homes, do we know how many are going to be replacing old mobile homes? Will all of them be replacing mobile homes that are currently standing or not necessarily? And then my other question is do we have to work with the county with the number of mobile homes that we've put out in the county? Is there some kind of regulation or anything we need to be aware of -- that we increase the number of mobile homes in the county?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: We've never had that problem in the past.

MS. JAN LOWERY: I didn't know.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yeah. We just have to follow the process, signing permits, and at that point, you find out sometimes that maybe the town isn't going to allow another mobile home to be placed in this area -- or if they're moving. You know, sometimes we do a mobile home replacement, sometimes the families actually go someplace else -- move from place to place.

MS. JAN LOWERY: So it's a case-by-case basis?
MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: It is. It is. We've had that happen before where they go back to the original location.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Have we tied these mobile homes down with the requirements for HUD?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes, yes.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita, any more question?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No, no.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. That will conclude our committee reports. Ms. Tammy, in the absence of the administrator --

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I have just a couple -- just a few things. We want to remind -- I believe it's Districts 6, 9, and 8 -- you have a vacancy that's coming on the administrative court, so we need to look at that. August 18th is his last day, Mr. Alton Hagans. So those three districts need to work together to identify a great candidate. They're actually meeting tonight. I think they've had eight cases to hear tonight.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I'll pass that information on.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Good. I appreciate
MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And I actually talked with Mr. Hagans, and he sounded kind of unsettled that -- he might stay -- I don't know.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Okay. That's great. At this point, the court didn't know that just earlier.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I'll call. I haven't got a reason yet -- cause I'm talking to Mr. Larry about that.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Okay.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: So the question comes up, what do we do? Like if Mr. Hagans is vacillating --

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Right. There's no sense in you going out to look. We need to get a definite answer from him before August 18th.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: If they're meeting tonight, --

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yep. We can talk to them tonight.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: -- talk to them tonight and let these folks know.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Give me those
districts. I know mine was in there.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I didn't go back to the ordinance for sure, but they gave me District 6, 9, and 8 -- so that's Mr. Larry, Mr. Douglas Locklear, that's you, Ms. Anita, and Mr. Daniel Jones.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: That sounds right. I received the numbers. I don't have it in front of me. That sounds right.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Also, I want to remind you, because we won't have a council meeting before then, but August the 14th. I know it's on your tribal calendar, but that will be the open house ceremony for Pembroke Senior Village, and we really, really want all of you to come out because there'll be homeowners actually living there by the time -- well, they're actually living there already. But it will be quite full by then, and we want you to go in and see the units.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I got a question about that. You say people have already moved in there?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: What appliances are
available to these people now that they're moving in?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: There's refrigerators, stove, they have dishwashers, they've got the garbage disposal. I don't think there's a washer and dryer in the unit. I think that's something they have to purchase, but they're in the community facility there. There will be washers and dryers for those who don't have them there. There'll be washers and dryers there for them to be able to use.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: The reason I asked that question is because I wish the naysayers could've been with me a few days ago when I heard three women talking about the Senior Village -- how happy, how proud they were. I didn't get their names to know where they were coming from, but I know they're senior citizens, and I am surmised at what they were saying -- moving in there -- how elated, how excited. These people were tickled to death, and I never interjected in their conversation whatsoever, but I'm going to tell you it was more than positive. It was absolutely wonderful.
MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: But, we really, really, really, want all of you to come and be part of that day. It's not going to take too long. We will have some light hors d'oeuvres for everyone, but we want you to get an opportunity to go through the units, see how they look -- and it's something to be proud of.

Last, but not least, I know that next week we look forward to working on our budget session we've got on Monday night, Tuesday night, Thursday night, and we've got everybody separated -- the managers will be here and ready. And we want to thank y'all for all y'all did because it's going to be a busy week. It was busy this week, and you're going to be busy next week, so thank you for your continued support for this administration and work we're doing. I want to just give you a round of applause for the hard work. It's not always easy.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Ms. Tammy, if I may ask, Mr. Terry Hunt wanted to know if there would be food provided next week?

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: I'm telling you, we need to eat something if I have to buy it
myself. I like to eat.

Okay. Last but not least, I -- we do have something fun tonight. We're going to look at the new tribal website. Ms. Emily Love Jones is here to share with you. She and my child here, Courtney -- I feel like I've had her. But we are proud of this website. We heard you, Ms. Anita. We know you wanted a new website. We know you wanted it to be better, and we think we struck gold with this website. It's an opportunity for you to look at it, and she's going to kind of highlight things. Ask questions if you see things you think we should improve; we want to make these improvements. She's not going to take long, but we do want to share with you and especially with those who maybe haven't seen it yet -- so go ahead, Emily.

MS. EMILY JONES: Hello. My name is Emily Jones, and I'm the web designer developer that helped the tribe make more of an impact in an engaging way for the community. I teach also web design and web developing for the University of Phoenix -- and so I was able to think about ideas and structures of how I
wanted to come across with the tribe's website. And what I found the tribe's website really needed was innovation because our young kids, our teenagers, our older adults -- the way they want to learn about the tribe is by the Internet.

You Google everything. Everybody has smartphones. Everybody has iPads, tablets now. I wanted to make a website that was going to be user-friendly, also Google friendly, and search engine optimization. So if somebody searches for the Lumbee tribe, we're going to populate to the top. So the website is more robust and it's more mobile-friendly. So I'm just going to go through and show you a couple things about the website, and I encourage you to go to the website and look at it and see if there's anything that you would like to see or like to see changed about it or that you like about it too because I'd like to hear your feedback about that.

But the front page -- we put at the top home, services, government, history, culture, and Lumbee news -- and I'll go back and show you those pages. Also at the top, there's
employment opportunities because we're trying
to be transient or transparent if there's a job
opening to have that. Also, I have a link here
about the Lumbee tribe. With this scrolling
slide show, I have different pictures. I have
youth services, I have community pictures, I
have administration pictures, I have housing,
and the senior village.

I wanted to be very transparent about what
the actual tribe provides with that slide show.
Also, I heard different -- I got some different
feedback from the committee saying I want to
see a website that has more pictures. I want
to see something that says, hey, there's my
child, or hey, there's my grandma, or hey,
there's somebody that I know on that website --
so that just makes them proud.

So I made a link here for each department
that's very -- you know, that has a fundamental
aspect to the tribe. The first one is the
government. So when you click on it, it will
go to the government page. You got elderly
services, the energy program, enlightening
native daughters, vocational rehab, housing,
Lumbee community, our history and culture, and
our youth services. So if they don't want to
go to the top up there, they can click on these
individual pictures, and it will take them to
those pages, and I'll show you that. Also with
Lumbee news, I put a blog, and a blog is very
user-friendly. They can read anything they
want to about the blog and read. To be
transverse, I put your mission there, the
mission of the Lumbee tribe and what you are.
And also, I put a description of what your
services are for the Lumbee tribe.

And then down at the bottom, I did a slide
show of the two sponsorships you provided at
the hawk and eagle levels and for the powwow.
Down at the bottom, I did a little synopsis
about if they'd like to learn more about
different services, your information and forms,
you're on Facebook and Twitter, and then your
contact information. Say, for instance, I live
in Baltimore, and I went to this page, and I
want to find out about how to get enrolled in
the tribe. I can leave my name, email,
subject, and a message, and it will go to --
actually, it goes now to Courtney Chavis, and
Courtney will correspond to that person using
that information. So if I go back up to the
top and I click on services, we go to the
service page. And with the service page, I
made it more user-friendly. Everything's a
one-stop shop. So if I'm going to learn about
the elderly services program, I would read
about them, their mission, the program
overview, the services they provide -- and
Bobby Jo Hunt -- Oxendine. In housing, I got
the mission, program overview. If I want to
learn about the down payment assistance
program, I can click here, and they can see all
the information they need for the down payment
assistance program and all the employees that
work there. If you click back, then it goes
back. If I want to look up the new
construction program, it gives me news on new
construction -- and also it gives pictures on
new construction. So it gives us the staff for
the new construction program. If I want to
learn more about transitional housing, same
thing. It talks about how to be eligible for
those, and it gives you property management.
So each program under housing, you click there,
and you can actually go to each page. The same
thing with the department of energy, the crisis program. You can click on crisis intervention program. You can download the check sheet, and these are everybody that works -- that are employed with the energy department.

So each services I provided a little description, and then you actually go to the service. I encourage you to go to each service and look at what it provides. Then I go to the top and click on government, and you can see all of the government -- I have executive, legislative, and judicial, and then your constitution. If I click on executive, it goes to the executive part which is Mr. Paul Brooks and Mr. Tony Hunt. If I click on legislative, it will go to the legislative branch, which is you guys. This is the picture of you guys, and it lists from District 1 all the way through District 14. And then it gives when your meetings are and your ordinances. You click on ordinances, it goes to all the ordinances for the tribe. If I go back to government, it will go back to your agenda and your meetings. And then judicial branch -- you can download a supreme court petition, you can download a
administrative court petition, and then your constitution. History and culture has a little synopsis about the recognition. You can go here and click on the timeline from the 1700s all the way to 2009. That's the last update for the timeline. Lumbee FAQs -- these are just some FAQs that we noticed that people are asking about the Lumbee tribe. If you click on history and culture, you can click on who are the Lumbee, you can see Lumbee way of life, our past efforts, and our origins. And you can see every page at the bottom says about us and a contact page so that they can always be connected to the tribe. So then you can click on Lumbee Ledger, which is your newsletter which comes out quarterly. They can click on the actual -- this is the one that just happened in July. It will take them to a -- we have a link to a website that should click to it. So it goes to the website for those ledgers. You click on Lumbee news. Lumbee news is just -- blogging is a new way -- some people say that blogging's bad. The way we set up this blog is with website blogs where they can go on, make comments, stuff like that --
but blogging helps with your search engine optimization. If I want to search for anything about the home ownership appreciation event -- if I go into Google and I type in that, and it's going to populate this article. Some people don't understand, but you have a lot of PDFs on websites and they're not searchable, they're a non-searchable format. So the only way -- they call them robots. Google robots can only see HTML code, and that HTML code only comes from blogs, Facebook, social media, and websites. They cannot come from PDFs. I just made a blog. It looks like a website. If I click on elderly services, it will go to all the articles that deal with elderly services. If I type in Senior Ms. Lumbee, the tribal council -- it will go to anything that involves the tribal council. If I got to events and activities, it will go to anything that's going on with the tribe. Another thing that a blog's -- you've probably heard about hashtags. A lot of people do hashtags and Instagram, but also hashtags can help with your search engine optimization. If I put in a hashtag, it will populate to a website to the top at the same
time. So that was just a little synopsis of
the website. Is there any feedback, any
questions?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Question. Is there
any way of counting how many times this stuff
is accessed?

MS. EMILY JONES: Well, that's something
that's really not used as much anymore because
that's an HTML code -- it's considered an HTML
code, more HTML5. I'm a coding person, so I
can go into more detail, but it's all done by
Google analytics now. Actually that's how
Google makes their money. We don't pay Google
or anything, but Google actually gives me a
transparency of what -- how many people have
been to the website. That's something we've
done for the past three days, and I gave some
statistics to Tammy to show. Just like with
Facebook -- we linked the website to Facebook,
and there was 52,000 reaches which means either
52,000 people either clicked on the website or
saw it populate from Facebook just in the
matter of three days.

MS. JAN LOWERY: The comments where people
can email, where does that information go?
MS. EMILY JONES: Right now I've got it going to Courtney, and Courtney can respond to them.

MS. COURTNEY CHAVIS: The comments are sent directly to my email, and so far, I think starting, you know, around the middle of last week, most of the inquiries we get are about enrollment questions. So I would say 95 percent so far has been enrollment, so I will send back contact the enrollment office or refer to our website -- basically, that's it. Then I keep a database file of all the emails and correspondences that I send out to our tribal members.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anyone else?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman [sic], back to the tribal council, can you show each of the 14 districts that you can go to individually -- where District 5 is within the operation -- and maybe put each one of our pictures on there -- District 5, District 6 or whatever so people want to know what district they're in and what that person looks like -- who's their representative.

MS. EMILY JONES: Yeah. So like you're in
District 5?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. EMILY JONES: So you want your picture to be on this page, or you want it to be on a separate page?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Whatever it is. I'd like it on a separate page.

MS. EMILY JONES: The only thing I would suggest if you do want individual pictures -- not just -- everybody do it -- like be consistent -- not just where one person does it. It just makes yourselves looks like you're trying to hide something. So I would just try to be transparent. I would make sure that everybody's on board and be consistent, let everybody be in the same background -- not like selfies of one person and like an actual professional shot for another. So you just need to be consistent for everybody. Same background, same layout.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: That's something we had talked about earlier, developing our own website page within the tribal council, and then each representative would be responsible for putting something on there about what's
going on in their district -- or if they want to have a meeting.

MS. EMILY JONES: And, Mr. Bobby, that sounds like you would want more of an individual page because on this site, you can link it to your site, and your site can be more individualized to your personal community or to your district. That would probably be more engaging within the tribe and within the council, compared to having it here. Home to here, you could have it out, but then they could actually go to your website and see who you are, what you're about, and what your outcomes are, and have some pictures there. That's just a suggestion.

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question. On the legislative site, you have a heading for minutes and agenda and all that. Is that stuff actually on there?

MS. EMILY JONES: I haven't had any agenda or minutes quite yet, but we now have the access, so they'll be sending me the minutes -- but I have the links already built.

MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: And now that we have a
stenographer, now we can start uploading those
into the links and into our website.

    MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So you will
continuously upload --

    MS. TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes, yes. And I think
it's great we have a stenographer for historic
purposes and for legislative purposes. We know
lots of times actions take place, but we don't
know the legislative history around it and why
things were said or done, so we're going to --
now somebody's going to know why and what you
did. But we will start doing that.

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

Based on our agenda, it's calendar review.

We have a note from Ms. Areatha that on July
27nd, she wants to have an ethics meeting at
6:00 p.m. -- on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. And
while we're setting these, please, all the
chairpersons, let's try to go back to our rules
where we try to refrain from having meetings
the week prior to our council meeting so Ms.
Belinda can get all our information and send it
out at a good timeframe -- and in setting
these, please keep that in mind. Anyone else?
Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE McFARLAND: I just wanted to remind everybody about the meetings next week. I think Ms. Tammy's already reminded you. They're having those three meetings with the department heads, but we're also having a workshop on the 23rd which is that Saturday.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The 25th.

MS. JANIE McFARLAND: I'm sorry. The 25th at 9:00, and that is at Soaring Eagle in Lumberton.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All right. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Are we still in July, or can we look at August?

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We can look at August.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Tuesday, August 11th, I'd like to have a health committee meeting. What is the earliest? Can we do six or 6:30?


MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Health committee on the 11th.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Health and human services on the 11th at 6:30.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Remind me about the seven
days? Does that include the weekend or not?

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: Okay. Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. On August the 4th, 6:30 housing meeting and 7:30, constitution.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: 6:30, housing.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Uh-huh.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: Constitution will hold its committee meeting at 7:30 on August 4th. Do we have another one?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman [sic], August the 6th.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: August 6th at 6:30?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: 6:30, education.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: Education at 6:30.

Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I don't know if we will be finished with our budgets, so I may have to set mine August the 3rd at 6:30.

MR. LESAUNDRY HUNT: We'll just go ahead and put it at 6:30 on August 3rd. Finance, August the 3rd at 6:30. Okay is that all? Committee chairs, is that all?

MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: I make a motion to adjourn.
MR. TERRY HUNT: I second.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Don't forget, we will be having an LNTP meeting in the break room.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have the Chairman, if he would, and Ms. Tammy, if she would, attend the meeting.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Tammy, Mr. Chairman, if you could, meet with us for LNTP. Stand with us for the benediction. I'm going to ask Mr. Homer Fields to lead us.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Homer Fields.)

(End of proceedings.)
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