

1 LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

2 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

3 Thursday, April 20, 2006

4 -6:30 p.m. -

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6 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR called the meeting to order.

7 MR. WELFORD CLARK gave the Invocation.

8 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: Roll Call.

10 Larece Hunt: Here.

11 Sharon Hunt: Here.

12 Gerald Goolsby: Here.

13 David Carter: Here.

14 Pam Spaulding: Absent.

15 Sanford Locklear: Here.

16 Kent Hunt: Here.

17 John Lowery: Here.

18 Frances Chavis Here.

19 Lawrence Locklear: Here.

20 Joel Garth Locklear: Here.

21 James Harold Locklear: Here.

22 Wendy Moore-Graham: Here.

23 Jerl Locklear: Here.

24 Linda Hammonds: Here.

25 Jimmy McNeill: Here.

1 Richard Locklear: Here.

2 Danita Locklear: Here.

3 Shelley Strickland: Here.

4 Ricky Burnette: Absent.

5 Welford Clark: Here.

6 MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: We have a quorum.

7 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR read notes from Ms. Pam  
8 Spaulding and Mr. Ricky Burnette informing the Council of their  
9 absences and the reason(s) why. Regarding Tribal Council member  
10 absence, Mr. Lawrence Locklear asked to let him know, and give him a  
11 note or something in writing as so the reason(s) for the absence.

12 MR. LARECE HUNT asked for prayer for Mr. Leslie  
13 Locklear's family.

14 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

15 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS noted "New Business" was not on the  
16 agenda. "New Business" was added.

17 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Does any changes to the agenda  
18 have to be voted on.

19 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: If the speaker is against  
20 that, I think there would be a vote then. Okay. Anything else? Do  
21 I hear a motion that we accept the agenda with new business prior to  
22 or right before Community Comments.

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24 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR made the motion to accept the  
25 agenda with the changes.

1 MR. LARECE HUNT seconded the motion.

2 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I have a motion and a second  
3 that we adopt the agenda with the addition of new business, is there  
4 any discussion? Okay, hearing no discussion, all those in favor, say  
5 aye. (Aye responses.) All those opposed, say no. (None.) Okay,  
6 motion carries and the agenda is adopted with the addition of "New  
7 Business".

8 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

9 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, I only received my  
10 minutes this afternoon and I do understand that this has nothing to  
11 do with any individual, the minutes were got back to the Secretary  
12 late, therefore, since I have not had a chance to read them, I'd like  
13 to suspend the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

14 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: I second that.

15 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, there is a motion and a  
16 second to suspend the vote on the minutes until the next meeting, is  
17 there further discussion?

18 MR. LARECE HUNT: Mr. Speaker, if I might, I don't  
19 want to start a precedent, but if this is gonna be something that may  
20 need to look at, we may need to take a look at doing it at the  
21 following meeting rather than at the upcoming meeting. Because I  
22 realize when you look -- our minutes are handed, getting a chance to  
23 look through this in two or three minutes then make a vote on it. I  
24 have some concern with that, but I don't want start precedent, but I

1 would like to be sure that we have given ourselves enough time  
2 to look at the minutes and approve what is there.

3 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, thank you, Mr. Larece.  
4 Any other discussion?

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7 visit the Tribal office every other day or actually every week. I  
8 have found that I'm not receiving my mailing. I'd like to find out  
9 why that is taking place and why I am not receiving on Friday's  
10 traditionally for all of our mail was packed up and sent to us. And  
11 if that has been suspended, I want to let you know who made that  
12 decision and why. I understand postage has went up a few cents, but  
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17 why. I understand postage has went up a few cents but we spend  
18 dollars quite freely around here.

19 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay.

20 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: One other thing to along with  
21 this, Mr. Speaker, it is very important that we get our packets of  
22 the stuff that we are going to be dealing with at our meetings at  
23 least a week ahead of time because we don't have 21 members on our  
24 committees, and committee work that may be voted on the night of the  
25 meetings needs to be in each Council person hands at least a week

1 ahead of time so that they read it and understand it before we  
2 come to the meeting. I'd hate to have to vote on an ordinance  
3 tonight that I haven't seen until tonight.

4 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, any other discussion?  
5 I'll check into those for you and get back with you on that. Is  
6 there any other discussion? Okay, all those in favor of the motion  
7 to suspend the vote on the minutes of the next meeting, say aye.  
8 (Aye responses.) All those opposed, say no. (None.) Motion  
9 carries.

#### 10 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

11 MR. LEON JACOBS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, we do have a  
12 couple of guests. I think most of you know the one from the state  
13 here, Mr. Holly. He's been at several functions that have occurred  
14 and meetings and also we have a new person handling the Lumbee  
15 recognition bill in Senator Dole's office and we've met with him  
16 about 3 weeks ago and he informed me that he was going to be in the  
17 district and I chatted with him that we'd love to have you come by  
18 and meet the Tribal Council and chat some with the Council. He's Mr.  
19 Robbie Boone, he's Legislative Council with Senator Dole and we're  
20 happy to have him here. Would you make some comments, please?

21 MR. ROBBIE BOONE: Thank you so much for inviting me  
22 down, Mr. Jacobs, Chief Goins. It's a pleasure to be here in Lumbee  
23 country and I just wanted to come by and introduce myself. Reggie  
24 does a great job for Senator Dole and the state and I wanted to, --  
25 just sort of so you all could put a name with a face with the

1 Senator's DC staff. I came over to Senator Dole's staff in  
2 January. I worked 2 ½ years for Representative Howard Coble in the  
3 House of Representatives. I just took on this issue in January for  
4 the senator. Obviously, I know you all are keenly interested in the  
5 recognition bill and as you all know was the first bill that Senator  
6 Dole introduced when she was elected to the Senate. She campaigned  
7 on the issue and let me assure you that it remains a high priority  
8 for her getting further action on this bill. But prior to coming  
9 here to this meeting here tonight, we had, Reggie and myself, had a  
10 good informal discussion with some of your administrators on the  
11 Council and I'm sure they could perhaps be more candid than I am  
12 going to get into at the moment. Let me just say that the bill, I  
13 know, we're getting late into this Congress, obviously elections are  
14 in November, midterm elections. The Senator is, -- at this point  
15 just to give you a quick update of where we stand in the Senator's  
16 office is likely going to be recirculating a letter asking for more  
17 co-sponsors among the Senate, trying to garner some more support than  
18 we've got, and we're gonna particularly focus on in some of the  
19 members of the Senate who co-sponsored the bill in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress  
20 and try to get them to renew their interest in this supportive  
21 legislation. We appreciate, I know, Senator Burr has been engaged on  
22 this and we appreciate his support and also appreciate all the  
23 outreach that you all continue to do with him and his staff and we  
24 look forward to working with him more to get progress on this bill.  
25 We are sort of, -- one other possibility that we're exploring at the

1 moment is continuing to find other ways to engage the Chairman  
2 of the Indian Affairs Committee as far as bringing more attention to  
3 this bill. Senator Dole is not on the committee, you all are well  
4 aware of that, but the Senate is also a unique institution in that we  
5 certainly will do everything we can to make sure that Chairman McCain  
6 understands that this is an important priority of the senators and  
7 that has not changed one bit. Again, I just thank you all for  
8 letting me come down. Reggie or myself, anytime, I will leave some  
9 cards this evening. You all feel free at any time to be in touch. I  
10 hope the folks that I've had the pleasure of working with understand  
11 that I like to operate under an open door policy and absolutely that  
12 doesn't change with any of the Council members or any of your  
13 membership, your constituents. So, I look forward to working with  
14 you all in the future and I know there may be a few questions, so  
15 free feel, if there's anything you can think of. Thank you.

16 MR. LARECE HUNT: Regarding the Lumbee recognition  
17 bill all along has been from the Cherokees the fact that we were -  
18 the possibly of gaming coming with our recognition. Now that the  
19 state has an approved lottery system, has that changed the stand on  
20 getting the bill passed through quickly or is it still a part of the  
21 bill that even though with the lottery system, we're still having the  
22 gaming issue?

23 MR. ROBBIE BOONE: I did speak to the Cherokees and  
24 they were actually in Washington, Chief Michelle, I believe, many of  
25 you all know well and I had the opportunity to reiterate the

1 importance of Senator Dole's bill to them and, of course, you  
2 all know a lot better than I do, sort of, where they are coming down  
3 on this bill, but they also understand it's very important federal  
4 recognition to you all and Senator Dole stands behind it. With the  
5 passage of the lottery in the state we are all starting to get our  
6 arms around that right now. In fact, when I was coming down last  
7 night I was going down close to Reggie's home who lives in Southport,  
8 I was driving to Wilmington, I stopped at a gas station in Burgaw and  
9 some guy was buying a lottery ticket and he said he was from High  
10 Point and he had won \$48,000 or something that, so it's a new world  
11 we're living in the state with the lottery, but that maybe helpful,  
12 but of course you know the Cherokee's, as far as we're aware have  
13 not, and they have a separate bill in the house which we're not co-  
14 sponsoring. I think they would be a 2-year window of time for the  
15 Lumbees to get federal recognition. We just don't think the Senator  
16 does not think that's the right approach at this time.

17 MR. LARECE HUNT: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: How many do we have supporting it  
19 right now.

20 MR. ROBBIE BOONE: The House bill, I think, has over -

21 MR. LEON JACOBS: 217.

22 MR. ROBBIE BOONE: 217, okay. And the Senate bill at  
23 the moment, Senator Burr is the co-sponsor, we just have 2 or 3 at  
24 the moment, co-sponsors. In the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, we have 15 co-  
25 sponsors. So, that's what we are focusing on right now and what we

1 are going to be getting out in the next couple of weeks is a  
2 letter, across the Senate, not just the folks who co-sponsored in the  
3 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, but a letter encouraging them to renew their support.  
4 Co-sponsors, I know it can be a frustrating concept to those sort of  
5 uninitiated in the ways of the Senate, but it is very helpful and as  
6 far as bringing the importance of a bill to a chairman like John  
7 McCain who is the Chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and  
8 that helps Senator Dole to be empowered to impress upon him the  
9 importance of this legislation. Even though we're not on the  
10 committee we're doing everything we can to try to get and will be  
11 doing more to try to get more votes on the bill to show the Chairman  
12 just how important this legislation is. I'll leave it at that.

13 MR. KENT HUNT: Are you working any with Ms. Arlinda?

14 MR. ROBBIE BOONE: And on the record, I don't think  
15 there's probably anyone in Washington who's more knowledgeable about  
16 the circumstances that you all find yourselves in, you know, that we  
17 all do, then Mr. Locklear. She has made herself available and I hope  
18 that you all feel good about things. I know we certainly appreciate  
19 being able to work with her in DC. Anybody else? Okay, thank you  
20 all very much.

21 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Reggie, did you have anything  
22 you want to say to the Council while you are here?

23 MR. REGGIE HOLLY: Mr. Speaker, I think that my  
24 colleague here has spoken sufficiently to the issue and I don't want

1 to encumber any more of your time. It certainly is an honor to  
2 be here with you.

3 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you.

4 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

5 **CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

6 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, the constitution  
7 committee met on March the 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Individuals present  
8 were Lawrence Locklear, Danita Locklear, Jerl Locklear, Wendy Graham,  
9 Welford Clark, Richard Locklear, John Lowery, James H. Locklear,  
10 Jimmy McNeill, and myself, Linda Hammonds. We officially established  
11 that group of people that just been named as the constitution and  
12 ordinance committee.

13 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: My name is not on there?

14 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Garth Locklear did you meet  
15 with us on March the 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Garth, I don't believe you did. You  
16 met with us on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Okay, yes. The committee that was  
17 established, this list that was just read as the official  
18 constitution committee -- by the names that we have just read here.  
19 We also met on April the 13<sup>th</sup> at an hour and time that was more  
20 conducive to me and I appreciate this list of people that we just  
21 spoke with or read off here for agreeing to do that because there was  
22 a conflict for me later in the afternoon. The constitution and  
23 ordinance committee has worked on, at this time there are 3  
24 ordinances. Each of those ordinances are ready to be presented, or  
25 will be ready to be presented to you at the May meeting. One

1 ordinance could have been probably introduced tonight, but then  
2 again, because of the time on April 13<sup>th</sup>, we just, as Ms. Wendy stated  
3 earlier, we did not have time to get those copied and get those  
4 approved to you so that you could have a chance to read over those.  
5 But again, there are 3 of them. At this time I do not know if there  
6 are any ordinances that have not been signed by - we have not been  
7 given any notification that the chairman of the Tribe have signed the  
8 ordinances that we have passed. Our next meeting is scheduled for  
9 next Tuesday and you realize that there's a difference of this  
10 meeting from that on your calendar. And the reason for that is as  
11 Mr. Lawrence is going to bring out later the Supreme Court sent to us  
12 a memo stating that they were meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of next week,  
13 Thursday, so we felt like that we could not meet at the same time  
14 that they would be meeting, so, we have changed that to next Tuesday,  
15 we are going to meet a little earlier than some of you may be able to  
16 meet with us at the beginning of that meeting and we set it at 4:30.  
17 And let me explain to you why because there is an education and  
18 culture meeting, I understand, at 6:00 or 6:30 that afternoon too.  
19 And we just did not want to interfere. We're meeting at next  
20 Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. And the reason for that is that we have asked  
21 members of the administrative court as well as the supreme court to  
22 meet with us because we are starting on the code of ethics for the  
23 judiciary branch and we're asking that they give us their input into  
24 that particular ordinance. And what the committee did was to pass  
25 out - we have sent to them or talked personally with members of both

1 of those levels of the judiciary that we would be looking at the  
2 North Carolina Supreme Court code of ethics as a draft to go by.  
3 Yes, Mr. Speaker has asked about the May meeting. The May meeting is  
4 still scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Now we have those scheduled  
5 at 5:30. I am amenable to changing that to earlier or later  
6 whatever the wishes of this group of people will be. So, if you have  
7 a question about that time and would like to speak to me about it,  
8 please feel free to do so.

9 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I forgot to mention, I put a  
10 copy of a form that's entitled "Committee Reports". There should be  
11 one in everyone's packet. For those of you have e-mail, I think I e-  
12 mailed it to you also. What it is and if you look in your packet, I  
13 tried to put together a sample for my committee and we'll look at it  
14 when you get to it, but this report if the committee chair could fill  
15 this out and maybe provide a copy to each Council member for their  
16 records, it would be great, it simply has the name of the committee,  
17 the date, the start time, end time and location, who was in  
18 attendance and any topics or items that was discussed at the meeting.  
19 So, that's just a note to the committee chairs. Thank you for that,  
20 Ms. Linda.

#### 21 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

22 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: The economic development committee  
23 met April the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Those present were myself, Frances Chavis,  
24 Gerald Goolsby, Jimmy McNeill, Speaker Lawrence Locklear, Danita  
25 Locklear, John Lowery, Wendy Moore-Graham. Also present were Ben

1 Jacobs, James Hardin and R.D. Locklear. Update on the LNDA  
2 Business Plan Development, the staff reported that the for-profit is  
3 moving to develop a business plan that encompasses a construction  
4 company and construction management unit that will provide services  
5 for the Tribe's rapidly growing Indian Housing Block Grant. This  
6 service would initially be in the area of assets management. The  
7 effort is not solely focused on getting 8A certification. The  
8 company must grow its capacity with internal Tribal support first and  
9 then expand outward to other venture opportunities, potentially in  
10 the 8A arena and even the private sector. ANA Grant Review, the  
11 staff summarized the recent grant submitted to ANA and its goals and  
12 budget. That would be an economic development grant to help grow our  
13 for-profit company to handle the Tribe's assets management function  
14 for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. If the project is  
15 funded, the start date would be around October of this year for the  
16 full project's implementation. 8A certification application update,  
17 the staff reported that the SBA office has requested that the Tribe's  
18 for-profit demonstrate "financial capacity" to undertake a contract  
19 upon 8A approval. The staff is working to a line-of-credit  
20 established at a local bank to meet this requirement for the for-  
21 profit and document it to the SBA per the company Board's recent  
22 approval. By-Laws discussion, the committee had concerns about the  
23 by-laws for the for-profit company so we set the May meeting just to  
24 work on the for-profit by-laws. In other business, the staff  
25 provided information to the committee on the equity and collateral

1 needs for the for-profit for it to be able to go out and do  
2 business in the private sector with banks to secure credit from time  
3 to time. This will be a slow process for this new start-up company.  
4 Even if the company becomes 8A certified, it will still need access  
5 to capital to start up any new contract secured. The contract may be  
6 sufficient to get credit in some cases, but not others. At the last  
7 meeting I forgot to elect a vice-chair. I will have to do that. The  
8 next meeting is the first Thursday of next month, the first Thursday  
9 of every month at 6:30.

10 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: The next economic development  
11 committee will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, that's a Thursday. Mr. Jerl says they are  
12 going to meet the very first Thursday of every month.

13 **EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

14 MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: The education and culture  
15 committee met Monday, March the 27<sup>th</sup>. We elected Mr. Welford Clark  
16 and Mr. Shelley Strickland as co-vice chairman. Our special guest  
17 speakers were Dr. Melinda Maynor-Lowery and Mr. Willie Lowery of  
18 "Strike at the Wind". And our reason for asking them to come is that  
19 we believe that the education of our children is entwined with the  
20 culture of our people and that we can't shirk one for the other. And  
21 "Strike at the Wind" gives an indepth look at the life and times of  
22 Henry Berry Lowry who many of us regard as a local hero or a Robin  
23 Hood. And their 5 - 7 year goal is that all ticket revenues will  
24 cover the cost at "Strike at the Wind". They hope that they will be  
25 able to have church night on every Thursday night. They'll be

1 beginning their season July the 1<sup>st</sup> through August the 26<sup>th</sup>.  
2 Every Thursday night will be church night and they encouraged me to  
3 ask each and every one of you who may have drama teams or groups at  
4 your church that might be willing to participate to contact Willie  
5 Lowry at 910-384-3531. They had asked us to look at maybe the Tribe  
6 sponsoring a Lumbee night. That has to go the finance committee. I  
7 don't have the authority to do anything with regard to anything that  
8 cost money, thank the Lord. They also gave some mention of a course  
9 that's going to be offered at the University of North Carolina at  
10 Pembroke. It will be offered May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday -  
11 Friday, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. It will be called "Musical Theatric  
12 Workshop". It will be held in Moore Hall and the cost is \$50. All  
13 ages are encouraged are to participate. You have to be no less than  
14 16 years of age. There will be 3 credits that will be offered to  
15 those who take the course. Their capacity is 50 people. There will  
16 be scholarships available for those who may have problems with the  
17 \$50. So, you can contact Willie Lowry for that. Also, I met with  
18 Ms. Rita Locklear who is the Director of the Indian Education  
19 Resource Center and she gave me a lot of insight on the programs and  
20 services that they offer at the resource center. She also gave  
21 insight with regard to the dropout rate and the things that they were  
22 doing to address the dropout rate. They have specific counselors in  
23 each school that work with children that go and do onsite visits to  
24 each home when children get into a distressed, -- at risk age. They  
25 have people come and go directly to the house and they try to address

1 it with the parents. But the problem that we're facing is the  
2 complacency of the parents. When parents don't care if children get  
3 education, it's hard for a child to be motivated to follow through  
4 with education. So, we have a problem, not only with our children  
5 but with our parents as well. I talked to Mr. Greg Richardson today  
6 with regard to the Scotland County issue or our Title VII monies. It  
7 has been reported at our community meeting in District 12 that the  
8 monies that are given and appropriated to and specifically for the  
9 enrichment of Indian children within the public school system is  
10 being diverted into the whole pot. Now, the grant does specify that  
11 if the committee so deems, the parent committee so votes that it be  
12 disbursed in that manner then they can do that. I have a letter that  
13 I'm going to submit on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe to the  
14 superintendent requesting the names, merely the names, of the people  
15 on the committee. I need to know who is making the decisions for our  
16 children in Scotland County. Before I submit that letter I will  
17 bring a draft to the Council and get your approval before I submit  
18 it. Our next meeting is Monday night at the Tribal office at 6:30.  
19 I would encourage all of you to, who can and who care, to come and  
20 participate with us. I think we're moving in a positive direction.  
21 Ms. Rita has agreed to work with us in any capacity that she can and  
22 she will be giving us advise with regard to the dropout rate.

23 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: May I ask a question? Could  
24 you give me the date and location of our retreat for our district?

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: We're going to talk about  
2 that a little later.

3 **ETHICS COMMITTEE**

4 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: We met on the 6<sup>th</sup>, right after the  
5 economic development meeting, it was real brief. And the only thing  
6 we did was elect the chairman which was myself and also Mr. John  
7 Lowery as the vice-chair for that committee. I would like to  
8 encourage anybody that has anything dealing with ethics or code of  
9 ethics or anything to refer to the ethics committee, I know we are  
10 just getting started, so give us something to do if you got anything  
11 of that nature. I was going to traditionally have the meetings right  
12 after economic development, but in May I think Mr. Jerl wanted it to  
13 held the 9<sup>th</sup> because of the discussion you are going on the by-laws of  
14 that and it's going to take a little bit of time. So, if it's  
15 convenient for the rest of them, I would like to reschedule for the  
16 following Thursday after the constitution committee. Ms. Linda, how  
17 long do you think your meeting will last, you starting at 5:30 on the  
18 11<sup>th</sup>?

19 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Well, you know, sometimes we go 3  
20 hours, so I would hate to get started and have to stop for another  
21 committee.

22 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Okay, we will skip May or I'll  
23 call and schedule one, but traditionally it will be the first  
24 Thursday after the economic development meeting.

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2 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, while Mr. Goolsby is  
3 there, the problem with the May calendar is the trip, on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

4 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: You have the constitution - but  
5 it's on the 25<sup>th</sup> you have a meeting so you want to cancel that.

6 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Yeah, I'm going to have to cancel  
7 that one because of those people that will be gone on that day. I'll  
8 have to reschedule and make changes there.

9 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: And it would unethical to have a  
10 meeting with all of us gone. Oh, the ones that was present in the  
11 room, whether they were present or not, myself, John Lowery, Jerl  
12 Locklear and Ms. Moore-Graham.

13 **FEDERAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

14 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Mr. Hunt would you come up  
15 here. Those present on April 4, 2006, were Linda Hammonds, Ricky  
16 Burnette, Sharon Hunt, Wendy Moore-Graham, Gerald Goolsby, Joel Garth  
17 Locklear, Lawrence Locklear, Richard Locklear. I had passed out for  
18 you this flyer here and I want Mr. Hunt to explain it to you and  
19 explain to you also what it is for, and how it's being financed.

20 MR. JIMMY HUNT: Good evening. I apologize for my  
21 appearance this evening, we've been working over at the Boys and  
22 Girls Club this week, painting and doing some work over there, so I  
23 apologize coming to a meeting looking like that, but this is  
24 something that we had been talking over with some folk for a while.  
25 We always know we are looking from money for federal recognition to

1 help with lobbyist and everything. I thought it might be a good  
2 idea that we can use this as raising some money for federal  
3 recognition, and Mr. Gerald could talk to this matter also. Over the  
4 last year we done a lot of runs for folk who was sick and sometime  
5 was had as high as 300 to 350 bikes in a run. And all the money goes  
6 to ever who we are having the run for. Ms. Danita knows about that  
7 too. So, this is something that I have been thinking about and I  
8 talked to Mr. Garth on more than one occasion about it and I believe  
9 I talked to Mr. Gerald about it and it's something that we could come  
10 up with to raise money for federal recognition. Won't cost the Tribe  
11 anything. I know you're glad to hear that. This is something where  
12 food will be donated. Usually it's \$15 for a couple to ride, \$10 for  
13 a single. We map out an area and one of the things we talked about  
14 was maybe hitting all 4 counties that we represent. The food will be  
15 donated, we will raise the money for the food, we will have some door  
16 prizes and 50/50 tickets and all proceeds will go to federal  
17 recognition. And this is something that I have talked to Mr. Garth  
18 about and presented it to him. So, he wanted to see what y'all  
19 thought about it before we proceeded any further. We'll take off  
20 there at the Tribal office. We haven't gotten any further as far as  
21 planning where we will come back at to have a place to sit down and  
22 eat, but I'm sure we'll have some and we'll give you more details  
23 later on if you decide to approve it tonight, then we will nail down  
24 all those loose ends and give you a report next time.

1 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: I looked at the sheet and  
2 it's just got sign up from 12 to 2, and then the run will be after  
3 that?

4 MR. JIMMY HUNT: Yes.

5 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: I'd like to be involved in the  
6 planning of that and I can get some of the guys at work if the  
7 Council will approve tonight, and also with the understanding of what  
8 we stand for. Because some of the runs I've been on have been from  
9 bar to bar and I don't approve of that.

10 MR. JIMMY HUNT: This one would not be anything like  
11 that. I'd like to say on behalf of the runs too, that all of the  
12 runs that I've been on there's never been no trouble.

13 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: This is coming to you. Our  
14 committee met and all this came afterwards as a result of that, I've  
15 asked the Speaker to allow us to present it here with his permission,  
16 I'd like to ask you to approve of this here by the Tribal Council  
17 since the committee didn't get to meet on it. If we have a motion  
18 for this.

19 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Garth. Because  
20 of being sponsored by a government entity, what is our liability?  
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22 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: I don't know of any  
23 liability we have when they are riding their own bike. They have  
24 their own responsibility.

1 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: I've probably been on a  
2 bunch of runs and I don't know of any liability that the person or  
3 sponsor had. Everyone has their own insurance. If need be, we could  
4 print a wavier at registration to sign. That would probably be the  
5 safest thing to try to do that. To print a wavier at registration  
6 and sign the wavier at registration.

7 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Anything to keep our insurance  
8 from going up any higher.

9 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: And I have been on a run that  
10 raised over \$6000.

11 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, I have a motion from the  
12 federal recognition committee to accept the Lumbee Tribe bike run on  
13 Saturday, June 17, 2006. Is there a second?

14 MR. LARECE HUNT: I'll second that.

15 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, any discussion?

16 MR. KENT HUNT: Could this possibly be posted on our  
17 web site as well? This could potentially be a huge fundraiser given  
18 that a lot of our people own Harleys, you know, or bikes or what not.

19 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Kent. Any  
20 more discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor of  
21 accepting the Lumbee Tribe bike run on Saturday, June 17, 2006, say  
22 aye. (Aye responses.) All those opposed? (None.) Motion carries.

23 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Thank you. Our next federal  
24 recognition committee meeting will be on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May at  
25 6:00 p.m., just before the housing committee meeting. Our previous

1 meeting when we held it we had a lot of discussion about the  
2 last fund raising that we had and it was requested from the committee  
3 that I get the amount of money that we had on hand. I do apologize.  
4 I came in time, I thought, today to get that from the budget so I  
5 could get it approved. Apparently they were busy and they weren't  
6 doing anything there and I could not get it. I left work and came to  
7 get it and I didn't get it. I will get it for you and try to put it  
8 in your boxes or your mail. So, you'll know exactly what we have.  
9 That's about all I have tonight.

10 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: On the fund raising that we had,  
11 -- federal recognition fund raising, did that money go and pay the  
12 note off that we had.

13 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Well, that money is there  
14 and it was agreed and understood that money, a portion of it would  
15 pay off the note.

16 MR. JAMES HARDIN: The check was signed.

17 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: So, that \$25,000 or whatever it  
18 was has been taken care of, and it's back down to zero on that line  
19 of credit?

20 MR. JAMES HARDIN: I can't guarantee you it's zero.  
21 But I signed the check for the amount we had borrowed. I can't state  
22 for fact that's it's zero.

23 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: I'll check.

24 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: We had a meeting on March  
2 14<sup>th</sup>, and those present for that meeting was John Lowery, Lawrence  
3 Locklear, Sharon Hunt, myself, Jerl Locklear, Linda Hammonds, and  
4 Richard Locklear.

5 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: You didn't put me down, I  
6 didn't sign up?

7 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: This is in March. And let me  
8 say this, these names that I'm calling off was - this is in regard to  
9 the stipend, and the minutes or the names that you were supposed to  
10 calling off tonight was in regard to the March minutes and your March  
11 meeting. So, if you forgot to call those off tonight, you need to  
12 come back and make sure that you bring those and give those names in  
13 because some of you called the names off for your April meetings. We  
14 need those names for your March meetings. And on that note, since  
15 we're talking about that issue, we had a issue with the stipend and  
16 I'm sure that you all want me to address this issue. I've already  
17 had some that they do want me to address it. I did come to Mr. Leon  
18 and I brought the documentation before him and he did sign off in  
19 regard to the stipend and he had me present to Patrick for payment  
20 and I did that. Patrick was to cut the check tomorrow. But we had a  
21 meeting set up for Tuesday night, is that correct, and when we met on  
22 Tuesday night, there was a letter in Lawrence's box, not my box but  
23 Lawrence's box and the letter stated that he needed to discuss in  
24 regard to the funds couldn't be used for government - the stipend  
25 money couldn't be used or this could not be used for government

1 purposes. We had to present a copy of the Council's action in  
2 which the Council - just let me read it. I think it needs to be  
3 read. "Mr. Danita Locklear, Council for District 12, presented  
4 attached document stating that the Tribal Council is requesting  
5 checks to be distributed". Now this is something that he had already  
6 signed off on and approved and the check was supposed to be written  
7 tomorrow. "As discussed, Tribal housing funds cannot be used for  
8 governmental purposes. If I am presented a copy of the Council's  
9 action in which the Council action was acted on, I will forward it to  
10 HUD in Chicago requesting a ruling". Well, a ruling has already been  
11 made from HUD. "Until that is cleared, I am not in a position of  
12 issuing checks that can create a finding in the audit. I am happy to  
13 meet with you and discuss this matter so that it can be cleared".  
14 And that was written to the Speaker and also a copy cc:'d to Mr.  
15 Goins. Well, like I said I had taken the names to Mr. Jacobs, the  
16 names of individuals that met and also the resolution that we had  
17 agreed upon and that we had voted on, and he had signed off on that  
18 and presented it for payment. And this is the letter that he had  
19 submitted back to the Speaker and says now that he could not pay it,  
20 that it had to be approved by HUD. Well, HUD has already made their  
21 finding in regard to the document or the notice that HUD has already  
22 submitted to us prior.

23 MR. LARECE HUNT: Ms. Danita, in 25 words or less,  
24 (inaudible - too softly spoken).

1 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: HUD gave us a notice when  
2 they were here. If you will remember back when HUD was here, the  
3 notice that we seen about the \$50 that we could get per meeting, or  
4 we could set up, you know, and do it per meeting or whatever, but we  
5 went even further than what we were required to do. But, Mr. Leon is  
6 saying now that we need to give it to them and then he would submit  
7 to HUD to see if it qualifies under HUD whether or not we would be  
8 eligible for that stipend.

9 MR. KENT HUNT: Ms. Danita, the individual that gave  
10 us the ruling, do they need to contact Mr. Leon?

11 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: There is a notice that came from  
12 HUD back in 1998, that notice was brought here when they came here to  
13 do the workshop with us. That notice came down from HUD when they -  
14 when NAHASDA was set up they had a notice done at that time that  
15 there was a stipend in place at that time, specifically to that  
16 effect. (Someone said, "he wasn't here then?"). Who wasn't here?  
17 Mr. Leon was here prior to that time. Not in this position.

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19 MR. LARECE HUNT: Ms. Danita, excuse me if I might, is  
20 Mr. Leon's problem in that saying that NAHASDA money can only be used  
21 housing, so therefore, it's his interpretation that we can only be  
22 paid a stipend if we're discussing housing issues?

23 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Well the other day it was fine.  
24 He signed off on it, but then he came back and said, "no, it's got to  
25 go through HUD".

1 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: You know, Mr. Larece asked  
2 was the problem that Mr. Jacobs had or the Chairman, which is what  
3 I've been told, that the Chairman said for it not to be written. If  
4 that is a problem, then you're gonna have to go back and look at all  
5 the things that have been written out of NAHASDA monies. For  
6 example, when you pull an employee out of housing for 2 months to  
7 work on another cause called federal recognition, and when you then  
8 replace that individual with the Chairman's sister-in-law, now  
9 there's a problem there. So, when you start trying to say I'm going  
10 to nit pick this to determine whether or not it's housing money,  
11 let's go even further. How about all the artwork that we have  
12 purchased from Strike at the Wind. Artwork, you know, I remember  
13 that first \$5000 portrait that we had. I have yet to see that  
14 portrait hung in the Tribal office. \$6500 last year, we paid \$1000  
15 for a banquet table here at ComTech for a fundraiser. Was that  
16 housing money? We took 2 employees to Florida to deliver a generator  
17 to an employee's relative. Was that housing money? We have the  
18 veterans affairs resource officers, 3 of those who have crucified us  
19 in the community by saying that they were not paid out of housing  
20 money but when you look at the financials that we get, what was it  
21 \$3000 last year? Does this mean that this Tribal Council is going to  
22 have to do like they have done and that is file with the Secretary of  
23 State a consultants position? Is that what we are going to have to  
24 do to get paid and guys every one of you know that it's not because  
25 Linda Hammonds wants or needs the \$250 but now it has become an issue

1 of me with the principle. Now, if it's correct to wine and dine  
2 employees with NAHASDA money, it's also correct to wine and dine me,  
3 because there's no one at this table who's spend more time with this  
4 NAHASDA than I have and I'm at the point where, as I said earlier, I  
5 expect some compensation. If everybody else is going to get paid and  
6 call themselves volunteers, if I'm going to take over \$28,000 out of  
7 housing to pay for pow-wow last year that we went over budget, then I  
8 want my \$250 a month. If I'm going to spend all this money for  
9 artwork, and I can name them time and time again, out of NAHASDA  
10 monies and I wish Mr. Jacobs was here, that I have a problem with  
11 this individual stating he's going to get it approved. And let's not  
12 forget the \$2000 --

13 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, wait a minute, Ms. Linda  
14 -- Ms. Linda --

15 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: -- paying for tickets for project  
16 graduation and there was only one table of people.

17 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, Mr. Garth and then Ms.  
18 Danita.

19 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Mr. Leon is trying to cover  
20 his butt by making sure he has proper documentation and send it into  
21 HUD, get them to approve it so that he's covered. You can't blame  
22 him for that. That's not a whole lot to ask. I don't need the \$250  
23 right now, I could use it later, or my son could, but I don't have to  
24 have it in 30 days. Please send in the documentation. It's not but

1 a little bit of writing. Let him send it off, whatever it is.  
2 And we should hear back in 30 days.

3 MR. WELFORD CLARK: You say a ruling from HUD has come  
4 down, would you please make a copy of that available to the Council  
5 people, I would appreciate it.

6 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Let me address that for you.  
7 There is a notice and when I say a notice, for those of you that  
8 attending that meeting, there is a NAHASDA notice, -- do you have  
9 that with you?

10 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: That's what I was looking for.

11 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: And everybody that attended the  
12 meeting, there is a NAHASDA notice, for board of commissioners and -  
13 it should be in that. It is a NAHASDA notice and that notice states,  
14 when NAHASDA started out, that NAHASDA notices states that any time  
15 that - and this was one of the questions that was presented to those  
16 that was setting up NAHASDA, those were rule makers or whatever that  
17 came into play, committee makers, and that's how they were getting  
18 reimbursed. And if you'll remember when the ladies came here, now if  
19 everything was wrong that was done at that point and time, it was  
20 wrong because of the simple fact NAHASDA came about period. You need  
21 to throw NAHASDA out the door because NAHASDA came about in '98 .  
22 This notice came about in '98 and it's not because Mr. Leon wasn't  
23 here, this that and the other. I wasn't here, but I worked with the  
24 Indian Housing Authority when that NAHASDA notice came out. But it  
25 is a reality, it is here, it's nothing that I've said or done to make

1 it valid or invalid, it is here. And the notice we all got it  
2 when we were hear at that training and I submitted that when - when I  
3 submitted the list of the names, and also the resolution that we  
4 approved the night up at Cape Fear and we talked about it in his  
5 office, he approved, signed it, made copies of it, sent it to  
6 Patrick, approved for payment and it was to be paid on Friday. Every  
7 one of you should have a copy of that notice. It would say, 98 dash  
8 such and such notice. I'm sure all of you should have seen it.

9 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Do we meet the definition, does  
10 the Council meet the definition of board of commissioners.

11 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Yes, we do.

12 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Anything else, Mr. Welford.  
13 Okay, Ms. Danita.

14 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Let me tell you what we  
15 discussed on Tuesday night. One of the issues that was brought up  
16 was down payment on Tuesday night. Patrick did say that there was  
17 enough money that was set aside already to cover down payment  
18 assistance. The people that worked with the pow-wow were there and  
19 did tell us at the time their operating budget this year was \$92,085.  
20 Well, they came in and gave us a brief overview of the \$92,000. Well  
21 I have had some concerns for the simple fact of anticipation.  
22 Because that goes back to the \$150,000 budget that we had anticipated  
23 before and when that grant fell through and there's still working off  
24 that grant and they are putting \$15,000 of that money into this line  
25 item for this pow-wow. And where that \$15,000 is coming from I don't

1 know. But that goes back to anticipation. You all know there  
2 was \$150,000 budget and that grant fell through this year but they  
3 said that they were getting \$15,000 out of that grant to put into the  
4 pow-wow, so we're there getting - all that actual money. I don't  
5 know from what line item they'll getting it from, but that goes back  
6 to like I said, anticipation. So, I do have a concern because we  
7 went into the hole drastically last year with that pow-wow. I don't  
8 have a thing against pow-wow. If anything I would like to see it,  
9 but I do have a concern when we don't the money or the resource. So,  
10 I do have a concern as to where we are getting monies.

11 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Is that a budget that has been  
12 presented for approval?

13 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: No, they just wanted to tell us  
14 how much they actually were anticipating this year as far as raising,  
15 not for approval.

16 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: But, again, what happens if they  
17 obligate money and we don't raise, which I believe we will, but what  
18 happens? What's the money coming from?

19 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: I guess we'll be caught like we  
20 were last year, Linda, back biting bullets because we bit it last  
21 year and knew nothing about.

22 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, let's continue with the  
23 committee report.

24 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: We made a motion to approve that  
25 Frances Chavis and Jerl Locklear be given a credit card. The motion

1 was made by Lawrence Locklear, seconded by Shelley Strickland in  
2 regard to take care of the affairs just the Council alone because  
3 we've had some concerns as far as taking care of arrangements for  
4 Council members. Because when we travel lots of times we don't have  
5 any of the staff in our presence and whatever we do have concerns  
6 lots of times, seems like we are having more and more concerns even  
7 trying to get the information that we need, much less making  
8 arrangements.

9 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: So a motion from the finance  
10 committee that Frances Chavis and Mr. Jerl Locklear be assigned a  
11 Tribal credit card and since that is coming from committee, no second  
12 is needed, is there any discussion?

13 MR. LARECE HUNT: Most of us are finishing out our  
14 terms. I've been in situations where we had a credit card but it was  
15 in Mr. Patrick Bullard's name and I recall specifically being in Las  
16 Vegas and we presented the card and the lady says, "is either one of  
17 you Patrick Bullard", we said no and she said it's not worth it's  
18 weight. I know there's situations because we are dealing with 20  
19 some people and traveling and there are situations that if you don't  
20 have extra cash on you, unless you got a good friend on the Council  
21 who is willing to let you use their credit card until you can get  
22 back and take care of it. We have discussed credit cards the last 3  
23 or 4 years and everybody getting credit cards and nobody having  
24 credit cards, but at some point and time, somebody who normally going  
25 to be a member of traveling crew need to have access to that. That's

1 just general business. If there's a problem with that then you  
2 got 2 people, the administrator and the finance officer can deal with  
3 it. It just makes good sense to do proper business and do it in a  
4 professional manner.

5 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: We done that because lots of  
6 times Frances does travel and a lot of time Jerl is traveling to  
7 somewhere, so that's why we chose Jerl and Frances.

8 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, any more discussion?

9 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: Mr. Lawrence, you were  
10 supposed to call Mr. Leon and find out about this particular  
11 situation we're talking about.

12 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: You're talking about the  
13 credit card?

14 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: Not the credit card, but  
15 the stipend.

16 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: He was out of the office all  
17 of this week until today and I had 2 committees and I didn't have  
18 time to speak with him. But that's something I'm going to still do,  
19 to get up with him tomorrow. That's something I'm going to bring up.

20 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: On the credit card situation, I  
21 don't have a policy to look at, I'm just wondering that if 2 users -  
22 recently we were in Washington and I went to check in and I couldn't  
23 check in, and I did say that so and so is going to be here later on  
24 with the card and let us go in. I'm asking for myself to be added,  
25 but I'm saying Jerl is free to go a lot, Frances works, she can go on

1 a lot of trips. There's some that between 21 people, I would  
2 think 4 users would probably be a better number.

3 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Well, what if we say we can do 2  
4 right now and then see how things work and then go from that.

5 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Any more discussion no this?

6 MR. KENT HUNT: I would like to see if the card is  
7 used for special situations to compensate a particular situation  
8 where someone doesn't any money and they need something taken care of  
9 at that particularly time, that the office will appropriately invoice  
10 that individual, or that that be taken care of because that could be  
11 a potential audit finding. So that needs to be followed through.

12 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Any more discussion? If there  
13 is no new discussion, then all of those in favor of the motion to  
14 assign Ms. Frances Chavis and Mr. Jerl Locklear a Tribal credit card,  
15 say aye. (Aye responses.) All those opposed, say no. (Opposing  
16 responses.) Motion carries.

17 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: The only other item basically  
18 that we did discuss is the clerk for the Council. We did discuss  
19 that and hopefully we'll bring it up at our next meeting. I had  
20 asked Patrick, again, to have the financials ready again for January,  
21 February and March and I see I do not have them again. It is not my  
22 responsibility as a Council person to take them home, copy them and  
23 have to bring them to the Council meeting. That is not my  
24 obligation. I serve as a Council person, not as an employee and that

1 is not my obligation to do that. And for some reason, I do not  
2 have them again today.

3 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Just of note, my objection was not  
4 to the 2 people who's names were on it, but to the number itself. I  
5 just want them to know it was not them, just a number.

6 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Here I am, it's the beginning of  
7 May, I don't know whether we're in the hole, in the red, I don't know  
8 how much money we've spent because I don't have a financial report.  
9 There is none of us, I pray, that run our business like this. But we  
10 have allowed this to continue on and on and on where you have the  
11 fiduciary responsibility and you don't know nothing. But we don't  
12 have nothing. We all need to be kicked in the rear-end. And how  
13 dare we even ask for a credit card. How dare we even ask for  
14 anything. Because we don't care how the money is being spent. We  
15 can't get anything from that office, not one financial statement we  
16 sit here tonight. As a government and I know and I hope the paper  
17 will print this. I want the people to laugh at the fact that we're  
18 here 4 months and we don't even know a thing about what this  
19 government has spent and has not spent.

20 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: I asked when we were up at Cape  
21 Fear and what I got in my box and there was a copy that was cc:'d to  
22 the Treasurer. I got a copy of the February financials, so I went  
23 back and I asked why is this copy of February financials in my box.  
24 I don't know. Come to find out they said you didn't get a copy of  
25 it. I said I did not have copies to pass out to the Council so that

1 they could approve it in the regular Council meeting. So, I  
2 say, again, we do not have the financials to pass out in order for  
3 you to approve. I know everybody doesn't come to the meetings, but I  
4 say again it's not my place to copy them at my expense to pass out to  
5 you all. We have employees to do that and they get paid to do that.

6 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: For clarification though. You  
7 did get copies of or you did not get copies of it?

8 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: The finance committee gets  
9 copies of that, that is correct.

10 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: It has been presented so it has  
11 been gone over, you just don't have physical carbon copies or  
12 whatever you want to call it to hand out for us tonight.

13 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: That's correct. But it is not  
14 my place to make copies for 21 people.

15 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Did you have copies for all the  
16 finance committee people when you went there Tuesday night?

17 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: No. If there's only 2 shows up,  
18 those 2 get copies. But it's not my place to make copies for 21  
19 members.

20 MR. WELFORD CLARK: I understand you to say that you  
21 do in fact have the financials, you just haven't -

22 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: I have a copy.

23 MR. WELFORD CLARK: So, it's not that the  
24 administration hasn't provided, it's just that they haven't provided  
25 -- went through the mechanics - at the copying machine -

1 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: They are to make copies for  
2 all Council members, Mr. Clark, not myself.

3 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Anything else, Ms. Danita.

4 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: That's it.

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6 MR. KENT HUNT: Mr. Lawrence, one more thing could I  
7 suggest that Patrick e-mail those financials when he can.

8 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Did you get that, Ms. Danita?  
9 To make a request to Mr. Patrick that he e-mail, if we can get those  
10 in digital format, to e-mail to the Council members.

11 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: Some don't have e-mail, what about  
12 them?

13 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: For folks who do have e-mail,  
14 that's one option. Yeah, for folks that don't we still try to get  
15 you a hard copy.

16 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

17 MR. LARECE HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Council  
18 members you should have a folder in front of you that has, Mr.  
19 Lawrence made reference to the form he e-mailed or mailed to you,  
20 that should be the first thing. We met the 11<sup>th</sup> of April from 630 to  
21 8:30. Mr. Ben Jacobs, Mr. Ed Brooks, Mr. Howard Brooks, Ms.  
22 Christine Moore, Ms. Wendy Moore-Graham, and I were present. The  
23 first action was we elected Mr. Ben Jacobs for the vice-chairperson  
24 for Health and Human Resources Committee.

1 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Larece, that would be in  
2 my opinion contrary to the constitution because to me it's on the  
3 executive side rather than on legislative side.

4 MR. LARECE HUNT: The group that was present, we  
5 discussed this and we find in no fault or ignorance of the  
6 constitution whatever, we saw no reason why he couldn't serve. If it  
7 is a violation of the constitution then we'll readdress at the next  
8 committee meeting. Mr. Jacobs shared with us that the Tribal Council  
9 has received a \$30,000 grant from the North Carolina Office of  
10 Minority Health and Health Disparities, going to take a look at the  
11 number of homicides, death by auto and diabetes among Lumbees. He  
12 gave us some information and we're still compiling that. There's  
13 going to be "Celebrate our Community" health fair at the Farmer's  
14 Market. The Health and Human Resources are going to have a booth  
15 there to pass out more information, to share more information with  
16 the number of deaths that we lose through homicides, auto deaths and  
17 diabetes. The "Celebrate our Community" health fair will be held the  
18 29<sup>th</sup> of April from 8 to 4 at the Southeastern Farmer's Market on 74.  
19 Again, we are going to have a booth there, we're asking Council  
20 members to come and help work the booths with this activity. Also,  
21 the Lumbee Tribe has received a \$15,000 pilot grant to work HIV  
22 prevention curriculum through the Boys and Girls Club. This is the  
23 first time this has happened for the Lumbee Tribe and we are very  
24 proud of that fact.

1 MR. ED BROOKS: Mr. Larece, I apologize for  
2 speaking out of term, that \$15,000 is a first because it came from  
3 IHS.  
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6 MR. LARECE HUNT: And I apologize, Ms. Wendy, Mr. Ed  
7 you were there, chime in and help with the information, and don't  
8 apologize for that. Share why it's so important.

9 MR. ED BROOKS: It is the first because traditionally  
10 we haven't received any monies from the BIA and Indian Health  
11 Services because we're not federally recognized. This is significant  
12 because the \$15,000 came from an agency of the federal government  
13 that doesn't traditionally give money to non-federally recognized  
14 Indians. As Ms. Wendy says, it sets a precedent where we may be able  
15 to go the Indian Health Services on other grants and say, "well, we  
16 received money before from Indian Health Services, why we can't  
17 receive this money". So we can sort of use that an leverage other  
18 money.

19 MR. LARECE HUNT: A couple of other sheets behind this  
20 committee report will also give you more information on both of these  
21 grants, the \$30,000 and the \$15,000 grant. Section E, Violence  
22 Against American Indian Women, I saw an ordinance where they are  
23 going to ask that we start addressing that. There's a problem folks,  
24 and it's not just amongst the Lumbees, it's in society in general and  
25 that is domestic violence against women. It's a concern that we need

1 to take a look at. The committee after much discussion made the  
2 recommendations that we make a suggestion or recommendation to the  
3 housing committee to consider or begin thinking in terms of having  
4 our own site that can take care of our American Indian women that are  
5 caught up in that situation. I know we talk about housing, that we  
6 need housing, but we also need a safe harbor for our American Indian  
7 women. So, we're asking the housing committee to really take a look  
8 at this and start planting the seeds. If funds can be generated that  
9 could become a safe haven for our American Indian women. A couple  
10 sheets following that is information on the \$30,000 grant, the \$15,000  
11 grant for the Boys and Girls Club. There are 2 flyers, they  
12 basically the same. April the 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8 to 4, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> page, the  
13 green copy is basically saying the same thing. There is a misspelled  
14 word on the green copy. I didn't have anything to do with that. I'm  
15 not going to tell anybody where it is, I'm going to let them find it  
16 themselves. The HealthKeepers again reminding you that May 15<sup>th</sup> is  
17 the deadline for reapplying, those folks that need to make that  
18 change for Medicare Part D. May the 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for that.  
19 Mr. Howard shared with us in our committee, if you do not register by  
20 May 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a penalty and the penalty increases each month.

21 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: I was just going to say that they  
22 had it on the news today that the government was going to extend that  
23 deadline from May the 15<sup>th</sup> to another date. Because there are about  
24 108 some million senior citizens who haven't applied, so they are  
25 going to extend it.

1 MR. LARECE HUNT: The committee had discussed the  
2 possibility of asking for an extension but since it was a federal act  
3 then there was very little we could do at the local level or the  
4 state level. You know, you are affecting the folks that really need  
5 the help the most, our elderly folks, with very little education.  
6 (Mr Kent Hunt asked for further clarification.) If you were receiving  
7 Medicare, Medicare Part D you got to resign up, and if you don't sign  
8 up by May 15<sup>th</sup> then you get penalized. Say for instance, you may get  
9 penalized 2% in June, you're gonna get penalized additional 2% in  
10 July, and 2% in August if you don't sign up before August. It  
11 accumulates each month. And you don't get that part back.

12 MR. ED BROOKS: The penalty is cumulative. It's stays  
13 with you for the rest of your life. What's happening here, the  
14 Medicaid patients are being automatically enrolled in Medicare Part  
15 D. They don't have to worry about signing up. Medicare patients,  
16 some of them are going to be automatically enrolled, but the problem  
17 with that enrollment is that if you're automatically enrolled you're  
18 enrolled into a particularly type of insurance carrier. That carrier  
19 may or may not supply the medications that you need. You might have  
20 to go to your doctor and have him change your prescriptions because  
21 your carrier doesn't have your drug regimen in their regimen. And  
22 you can only change that once a year, so that whole year you got to  
23 change your medicine for that year until you can go to your doctor  
24 and get them to change it. Whereas if you sign yourself up and these  
25 social workers sign you up at your request, they can look at your

1 drug regimen and make sure you're enrolled in the right carrier  
2 and that's why it's so important for everybody who's impacted by this  
3 sign up on their own volition rather than being enrolled by the  
4 government.

5 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: I take heart medicine and  
6 other medications, (inaudible- very softly spoken) but I get all my  
7 medicines in one place, Howard's drug store, can't they give out  
8 whatever I might use?

9 MR. ED BROOKS: They're not allowing the pharmacies to  
10 do it, but as you say if you go to HealthKeepers, they have social  
11 workers from DSS who have come and put a desk in the pharmacy there  
12 and you can get it taken care of in a very short amount of time right  
13 there in the drug store. Mr. Larece hadn't mentioned it but at the  
14 pow-wow my dad is trying to get the DSS workers that are in his  
15 office to go to the pow-wow and set up a booth to have people  
16 registered there. Also, I gave Mr. Larece a flyer, Saturday they're  
17 having a meet and greet Dr. Lowery, who is the new cardiothoracic  
18 surgeon in Lumberton. At that meet and greet they are going to have  
19 social workers there to sign people up for Medicare Part D. So there  
20 are opportunities to sign up. We just have to get the word out for  
21 people to know -

22 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Is there any charge?

23 MR. ED BROOKS: No, sir, no charge.

1 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: The ladies at HealthKeepers  
2 will be there Tuesday through Friday. They don't be there on  
3 Mondays. She already has said she is going to be at the pow-wow.

4 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Isn't there a monthly charge with  
5 that?

6 MR. ED BROOKS: Right, but I'm saying there's no  
7 charge to be enrolled.

8 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Looking at item E, Violence  
9 Against Indian Women, have you talked with anybody from Southeastern  
10 Family Violence Center? Isn't this a conflict or -

11 MR. LARECE HUNT: Well, we didn't want to impose, and  
12 no I have not spoken with anyone there. We realize that there is a  
13 center in Lumberton that covers any person, but we were just saying,  
14 -- thinking about the increase with Lumbees that maybe we need to  
15 take care of our own. That's why we asked the housing committee to  
16 take a look at it and that's something that our committee, we're  
17 certainly sit down and share with those folks and let them know we're  
18 not trying to put them out of business. Just trying to create  
19 another safe harbor without having to go all the way to Lumberton.  
20 Other counties would certainly be eligible. I will get in touch with  
21 those folks and get more information at our next health committee  
22 meeting and pass it on. And just to re-emphasize again, as Mr. Ed  
23 said, the HealthKeepers on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is on Saturday, from 10 to  
24 2, reception for Dr. Lowry and there will be a social worker there to  
25 help with the registration for Medicare Part D. There's a community

1 meeting, on our next meeting we are going to try to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2 Tuesday, but there's a District 6 meeting, can we do it on a Monday,  
3 let's back it up to the 8<sup>th</sup> if no one else has a meeting scheduled for  
4 that time, at 6:30. And come on in and join us, we don't charge.  
5 It's May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We also have Dr. Woods who has a presentation.

6 DR. RUTH DIAL-WOODS: I would have like to have done  
7 this during finance. I've come to resolve any conflict and concern  
8 about a \$15,000 that might have been delivered to the Healing Lodge.  
9 Let me assure you, there is no \$50,000 being deliver to the Healing  
10 Lodge. This happened about November of last year and I waited 2 or 3  
11 months for the folks who had conceived of the idea to come up with  
12 something that I thought was legitimate for the Tribe and legitimate  
13 for the Healing Lodge and so I come to you representing the Healing  
14 Lodge tonight as chairman of the board and to say to you that your  
15 Tribal chairman and I sat down together and we developed a memorandum  
16 of agreement. The only money that will be transferred to the Healing  
17 Lodge is \$7,000 for administrative cost and our supervising the  
18 project. The whole thing will be a cost reimbursement agreement and  
19 until services are rendered and documented, there will be no money  
20 paid. There is, I understand, some folks that wanted to let's get it  
21 all over there, but as much as we appreciate the opportunity to help  
22 the Tribe work in housing, we don't want your money transferred over  
23 there until we've earned it. And until I leave here that's the way  
24 it will be. You already know that we are a faith-based organization  
25 and one among our efforts of some of the same things that you're

1 duplicating now in terms of health screening, HIV/AIDS, STD's,  
2 we've been in the business almost 5 years now. We're also working in  
3 a community-based project training lay advisors to work with people  
4 in the whole effort to increase access of Indian people to health  
5 services. This memorandum of agreement will focus on substance abuse  
6 and counseling. And last week or the week before, I think it was the  
7 week before, Mr. Jimmy Hunt, Mr. Dwayne Lowery who has been  
8 contracted with the Healing Lodge to serve as the outreach worker,  
9 and Ben Jacobs from the Tribe, and Bruce Swett met and the purpose of  
10 that was to clarify how this memorandum agreement would be organized  
11 and effective. Dwayne Lowery is a pastor at Philadelphia United  
12 Methodist Church. He is a former staff member of the Healing Lodge  
13 and his expertise lies in being able to meet the man on the street  
14 and to relate with that man or that woman and to know of the services  
15 and the broad range of support that people with mental problems,  
16 substance abuse problems, and other kinds of problems, are needed.  
17 You don't just yank up people and put them in an office and say we  
18 referred and forget them. And one of the things we plan to do in  
19 this project is document what we do to make sure it's followed up.  
20 Dwayne has already worked with evaluators at the university, folks  
21 he's worked with before. We have a data collection document, he's  
22 talked with Jimmy back there and he says he's already been to Red  
23 Hill, and we talked about going into Hoke County and we also talked  
24 about going into Cumberland County and I'll mention that in a minute.  
25 We're doing a lot of things at the Healing Lodge, but we were not

1 really focusing on the issues of mental health, and the  
2 necessity for helping folks hook up with areas. When you talk about  
3 a shelter for women, I hope you will consider a shelter for the  
4 homeless and a substance abuse center, because certainly I was in a  
5 meeting in Raleigh recently and telling them how we defeated liquor  
6 by the drink in Pembroke and they said that's wonderful, defeating  
7 liquor by the drink, defeating alcohol in an Indian community. That  
8 tells you a little bit about the perceptions. I here to tell you,  
9 first of all, to clarify the issue of \$50,000. Secondly to tell you  
10 that Dwayne is going to help Jimmy organize community counsels in  
11 those units. He will also be doing some supportive counseling and  
12 pastoral work with the senior citizens down in Fairmont and accepting  
13 referrals from other housing activities in the Tribe that falls  
14 within this line of outreach and counseling and support. I have said  
15 to Dwayne that we will only serve those folks who are eligible by  
16 Tribal criteria for housing, however you will remember in NAHASDA  
17 rules it says that you will give Indian preference, however you will  
18 not discriminate and in some of these housing units, I understand,  
19 there may be some mixed marriage there, there may be some folks who  
20 are not Indian, but there in those housing projects or else you've  
21 put them in, -- sorry, we're not going to call them housing projects,  
22 housing units. You put them in there so obviously you declared that  
23 they are eligible. We want you to know that we are definitely aware  
24 of the NAHASDA rules and regs, we're staying within the confines.  
25 Regardless of what you heard or what the initial negotiations were,

1 this is how it is. Again, no transfer of money except the  
2 \$7,000 for administrative costs and that's for making sure the  
3 paperwork is right and all that, and it will be a cost reimbursement  
4 product. Dwayne is in New Orleans or somewhere south and will be  
5 there for 2 weeks, but we have set up the process where Dwayne will  
6 come to this body and provide you with a written report and you may  
7 ask him questions. It was suggested by Ben Jacobs that we go to the  
8 health committee, I don't have a problem with that, but I just want  
9 you to know that I want you to have the information so that you won't  
10 be "we didn't see the budget, or we didn't see this or that". I  
11 can't deal with the other problems, all I can do is promise you that  
12 you will hear from the Healing Lodge about what is going on. Thank  
13 you.

#### 14 HOUSING COMMITTEE

15 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: I'm going to make it short and  
16 sweet. As a matter of fact, I ain't got no housing report. This is  
17 what the man just told me. And basically the ones that were at the  
18 meeting on 4/04/06 was myself, Lawrence, James Locklear, Garth  
19 Locklear, Gerald Goolsby, Sharon Hunt, Ricky Burnette and Ms. Linda.  
20 And like I said, basically I have no housing report because all the  
21 monies are going to other entities besides housing. We have no  
22 emergency assistance monies, we have no down payment assistance money  
23 or that's what they tell me when I go into the office, that's what  
24 they tell y'all. I'm not trying to be funny. Really I'm not. I am  
25 tired of this. I have 32 calls I had to go through last evening.

1 And don't answer the phone half the time. We have rehab  
2 assistance is 4 years down the road; am I incorrect? Is that the  
3 leaflet that's on the desk there in the front office? Okay. In  
4 house 184 even the administration don't know when it's coming into  
5 effect. I'm sorry folks, but this place is out of whack down there  
6 in that office. Bank 184, that's a nightmare. That is a nightmare  
7 folks. Your constituents can't even go in that office, they call  
8 them because all they get is an answering service. I'm complaining  
9 about what's going on in the office basically. I can get to what we  
10 had in the meeting, but give me 5 minutes. Elder transition  
11 apartments, I'm glad Mr. Hunt is here. I'm sure he reports to Mr.  
12 Leon. I'd glad to get some reports Mr. Hunt. I'd like to get some  
13 of the information that you give to Mr. Leon because I am the  
14 chairman of housing. Those people call me every day. Now, I don't  
15 know whether they call you. I seen you out there today and I guess  
16 you do your job the best you can, I believe you do. But we need some  
17 reports, feedback from the people on administration. We set those  
18 people in those apartments and guidelines and if they defail (sic)  
19 they throw them out. What is administration doing to assist those  
20 people? That's my question. I would encourage everybody to come to  
21 the committee meetings because there's going to some ordinances and  
22 resolutions brought in up the next few minutes that y'all might be  
23 interested in before they come to full Council. And don't get here  
24 and go to complaining when you could have sit in Council and shorten  
25 this meeting. That's the way I feel about it. Our next meeting is

1 the first of May at 6:30, you ought to be there. There was some  
2 things talked about and I made copies of it, if you want it, but  
3 we've been here long enough.

4 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: In the finance committee the  
5 other night, Mr. Patrick made reference that there was several  
6 changes in policies or whatever that was coming about in regard to  
7 housing this that and the other, changes that were coming about and  
8 our questions to him at the time was it hadn't been brought to the  
9 Council or the Council had no foreknowledge of it and that's a big  
10 concern of ours. The Council has no knowledge about changes policies  
11 - that the change in policies is occurring in the office, things are  
12 occurring there but the Council has no knowledge of it. It seems if  
13 the outside, the community knows more about than the Council knows  
14 and that's sad.

15 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: I would think those things  
16 would have to come to the Council meeting.

17 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Policy changes are supposed to  
18 effective here. From what I understand it's being implemented there  
19 and we're the last ones that -

20 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: I would think, since I still  
21 have the floor, that we should off resolutions right and left and if  
22 the Chairman don't want to work with us on it, Mr. Goins, then we  
23 need to fill a complaint with somebody. That's my personal thoughts.

24 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Richard.

25 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: I was at that meeting and -

1 MR. JOEL GARTH LOCKLEAR: Speak up a little bit  
2 so we can hear.

3 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: He did say that they were working  
4 on some down pay assist policies and procedures and stuff of that  
5 nature and asked that the Council not transfer any more money over to  
6 down payment assistance until they got the policies and procedures  
7 ready to be presented back to the Council. So I think that was an  
8 important thing that he was talking about that night at that meeting.  
9 The housing committee -

10 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: But, --

11 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Wait, Mr. Goolsby had the  
12 floor, wait a minute.

13 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: -- that went on in the housing  
14 meeting, so the Council needs to be aware that that went  
15  
16 on that night and that he did - he himself said not to transfer any  
17 money until he got the policies and procedures in place.

18 MR. LARECE HUNT: Mr. Hardin, and I don't want to put  
19 you behind the eight ball. Do you know how many applicants we're  
20 serving a month now? We used to get a report saying how many houses  
21 we were rehabbing or whatever we're doing a month. Are you familiar  
22 with how many we're doing now?

23 MR. JAMES HARDIN: I don't really know but those  
24 reports in the past have went to the housing committee. The chair

1 also got Mr. Bosco and department heads to produce those reports  
2 before the committee meeting, is that not right, Mr. Welford?

3 MR. LARECE HUNT: And I knew Mr. Richard, and that's  
4 why - Mr. Chairman because I knew that you didn't have that, that's  
5 why I was asking Mr. Hardin. And this may be what we were discussing  
6 earlier, the changes that were taking place, at one time we had  
7 rehab, we had emergency, we had all these situations and the  
8 understanding I have now, they are back in one group, that everyone  
9 is on one list now. I had a person call me and in talking with some  
10 folks that, -- this was in January, we'll get you the first of April.  
11 She called me the first of April and said no one has been here, so  
12 when I did a follow up she is now number 101, because now they are  
13 back in one group. I wasn't aware of that and I was sort of  
14 disheartened because if they didn't do it in April, maybe May, and  
15 that's why I was asking how many are we doing a month so I can do  
16 some kind of projection down the line to where we can get to 101.

17 MR. JAMES HARDIN: I can't give you that tonight. I  
18 don't work directly with that. We can get that to you tomorrow.

19 MR. LARECE HUNT: Okay, I was just - if you had some  
20 numbers off your head, thank you, I appreciate it.

21 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: They are on Brother Billy's  
22 advertising that now and that's where some of us heard it at. They  
23 are on Brother Billy's program advertising that they have  
24 consolidated it now, and why should we have to hear it on Brother

1 Billy's program and we Council. We're policy makers and we're  
2 hearing it on Brother Billy's program people

3 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Richard, we are going to  
4 move on.

5 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, the finance  
6 committee rejected giving any more monies to down payment assistance  
7 because they couldn't get no information on where monies were going  
8 on down payment assistance. We don't write blank checks. Y'all  
9 might did it before I come on.

10 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Mr. Speaker, --

11 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Last comment, then we're going  
12 to PR.

13 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Just for one clarification and I  
14 don't recall which meeting, but I think that if you'll look maybe in  
15 the December minutes or perhaps the January minutes, I believe that  
16 this Council voted by some means or come to some consensus concerning  
17 the one list that we were in fact going to dispense with any  
18 rehabbing other than the elderly and the emergencies. Does anybody  
19 recall that other than me?

20 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: I brought that up Thursday  
21 night and they said that we did not vote on it, we discussed but we  
22 didn't vote on it.

23 MR. JIMMY MCNEILL: My question was, the comment was  
24 said not to switch any monies over to down payment assistance until

1 policy changes had been written. Was there a timeline limit on  
2 how long it was going to take to write those policies.

3 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: If I remember correctly, they  
4 would try to have some by the housing committee meeting if I remember  
5 correctly. They would have some ready by the next housing meeting.

6 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Richard, if you can at the  
7 next meeting, -- at the next housing committee meeting can you take a  
8 look at those revised policies -

9 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: If he has them. From what I  
10 see, sir, and I would think, I would be included and some of the  
11 people off the committee would sit down with them and look at those  
12 policies or develop those policies.

13 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Well, I think what the folks  
14 are getting at since the Council approves policies, those policies  
15 have been changed without the Council's knowledge and approval and  
16 they need to be brought to the housing committee. So, just that's  
17 something that we can discuss -

18 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: -- at the next housing  
19 committee meeting.

20 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: I thought the Council made the  
21 policies. I didn't know the administration made policy.

22 MR. RICHARD LOCKLEAR: Well, it should be co-written.  
23 I would think 'cause you hired administrators to do that, but you  
24 know and doing that we wouldn't have to necessarily, I would say like  
25 someone said earlier, they got the message today. Why would we get

1 anything at the last minute before full Council or before  
2 committee that administration is proposing? That's my train of  
3 thought.

4 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: What we are going to do is  
5 discuss the housing policies at the next housing committee. We are  
6 going to move along and take a break. The last committee is the PR  
7 committee.

8 **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

9 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: We met on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>,  
10 you should have a copy of this in your packet. The Council members  
11 in attendance were myself, Lawrence Locklear, Frances Chavis, Richard  
12 Locklear, Shelley Strickland, Welford Clark, Danita Locklear, Jerl  
13 Locklear, Sanford Locklear, and Ms. Wendy Moore-Graham. A couple of  
14 things we talked about, Ms. Frances Chavis was elected vice-chair. I  
15 think I gave each member a copy of UNCP's "Pine Needle" and I think I  
16 also put a copy in each Council's box. There are 2 articles in the  
17 "Pine Needle", one was new members of the Lumbee Tribal Council  
18 ceremony, the January issue, then the Lumbee constitution focus of  
19 the Tribal meeting that was the March issue. So that was some good  
20 PR for the Tribe. I just wanted to mention that to the Tribal  
21 members. Also, number three, I encouraged the committee members to  
22 set dates for 3 community meetings. We need to go ahead and get that  
23 done as soon as possible so we can go ahead and start advertising  
24 those and what I'm going to do is get everybody a full calendar for  
25 the rest of the year. I think a couple of districts have already set

1 some community meetings and we're going to talk about those a  
2 little later. Another issue we discussed was the absence of pictures  
3 of Tribal Council members in the lobby of the Tribal office and the  
4 need for the pictures to be rehung. I talked to the photographer and  
5 I talked to the new Council members about getting their photos taken  
6 and I talked to Mr. Leon about that today. So we are going to try to  
7 get those hung as soon as possible, the pictures of Council.

8 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, it's been like 2  
9 months. Why were those pictures taken down?

10 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: What I've heard, they took  
11 those down because the new Council members didn't have pictures taken  
12 and they were empty so that's what I'm hearing. Those will be up  
13 shortly. Whether the new Council members pictures are up or not.  
14 So, I encourage the new folks to contact the photographer as soon as  
15 possible. Number five, the PR committee discussed and began  
16 preparations to establish a church communication network to serve as  
17 means for transmitting Tribal Council news. If you look in your  
18 packet, you should have a list of churches and if you read at the  
19 very top of the handout it will tell you what the denomination is.  
20 What I'm encouraging each Council member to do is go through or maybe  
21 circle the churches that are in your district because what our plans  
22 to do is to identify one individual in each church that we can notify  
23 on a regular basis about any upcoming events, Tribal Council meetings  
24 and maybe those churches can post that information somewhere in the  
25 church or actually put it in the church bulletin.

1 MR. JIMMY MCNEILL: I looked at this list and I  
2 haven't seen my church listed.

3 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Yeah, I was noticing too,  
4 there was a couple of churches that was missing and that's one thing  
5 I want you to do, each Council member, is look through and if there's  
6 a church not listed, please right it down. I got this from a local  
7 organization, so I think the reason some churches may not be listed  
8 is because they may not be affiliated with that organization, so  
9 that's probably why. But, please look through it and help us out  
10 with this as much as you can. The last issue we discussed was the  
11 very limited Tribal Council presence in the latest edition of the  
12 Tribal newsletter.

13 MR. KENT HUNT: Mr. Speaker, if you can recall, way  
14 back in November or maybe October or November there was - I don't  
15 know if it was in the Robesonian or the Fayetteville Times but there  
16 was 2 full pages of information that was provided, Tribal  
17 information, updates on different things and that nature as far as  
18 our programs and I got a lot of positive feedback from that. I think  
19 it was in a Sunday paper. If we could possibly do that and I know it  
20 would be expensive, but if we could possibly do that, make it on a  
21 quarterly basis, something like that, that would be good.

22 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Kent. Any  
23 other questions for the PR chair?

24 MR. SANFORD LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, I have something -  
25 I should have brought to the Council but it just come to my mind.

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Does the Council mind if  
2 Mr. Sanford addresses before we take our break? (No opposition.)

3 MR. SANFORD LOCKLEAR: I sit on that Elder Board and  
4 they ain't but about 5 people on it. We're going to need some of the  
5 committees -- we'd love to have some more communities to sit on that  
6 board. If somebody stays out we can't pass nothing, can't do nothing  
7 and we need people from other

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9 communities, they know somebody, we know somebody and we can keep it  
10 going in good condition.

11 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I think the constitution  
12 committee is working on an ordinance right now to -

13 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: We already have -

14 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: -- yeah, just waiting to get  
15 signed -

16 MR. SANFORD LOCKLEAR: Okay.

17 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: We are going to take a 10  
18 minute break. We'll be back at 8:50.

19 - BREAK at 8:45 -

20 - BACK at 9:00 -

21 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Let's get started. We are  
22 going to try to be gone in 45 minutes or something similar to that,  
23 not before, so let's try to move along as quickly as we can. A  
24 couple of housekeeping items, one thing we discussed last fall, we  
25 set a date and it kind of fell through setting a mini-retreat. To

1 come one Saturday for a couple of hours to talk about Tribal  
2 history, federal recognition, what we've done over the years for  
3 federal recognition, the opportunity to ask questions about our  
4 Tribal history and other things. I want to know if this is something  
5 that the Council is interested in. It would probably be like a 9 to  
6 12 session one Saturday because if you were approached by someone and  
7 they asked you some detailed questions about Tribal history you would  
8 be able to answer their questions. How does that sound? I think it  
9 would be really good for us to learn more about Tribal history,  
10 federal recognition and how long we have been seeking it and some of  
11 the history behind it. What I am suggesting is that in May that we  
12 chose a Saturday in May if this sounds okay with everyone. Does  
13 anyone have a suggested Saturday in May.

14 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Lawrence with the conference in  
15 May -

16 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, do you want to do it in  
17 June.

18 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: That would be better.

19 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: So, what I'll do I'll check  
20 for a Saturday, a date in June and I'll let everybody know. Next  
21 thing. There's a note in your packet about the Community Day on  
22 April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Robeson County Fairgrounds. Free food will be  
23 provided beginning at 11 o'clock, 3 PM there will be a ballon release  
24 and I think there's going to be a gospel sing toward the evening. I  
25 think the purpose of this is to celebrate 5 years of service. And I

1 ask that the Tribal Council if at all possible could have a  
2 booth. I'm going to pass this around. This is the volunteer sheet  
3 for the Tribal booth if you're interested in coming to the Tribal  
4 booth, just in case there are Tribal members there that have  
5 questions of the Council, you may want to answer some of their  
6 questions.

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8 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: So, how much is this community  
9 day going to cost?

10 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I have no idea. This memo was  
11 placed in the box on Monday, probably like the rest of you this is  
12 the first you heard about it.

13 MS. SHARON HUNT: About this community day, it's just  
14 very ironic to me that about 2 months ago I put on my calendar that  
15 Mr. Clarence Locklear from District 2 was having a - I don't to say a  
16 fundraiser, but he was having an event for our current chairman on  
17 April the 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock at the Robeson County Fairgrounds. Well,  
18 it's been in my book for 2 months. And then just the other day I  
19 looked at this newspaper and I saw that the Tribe was hosting a  
20 community day. I said, if I'm not mistaken that's the same day as  
21 Jimmy's thing at the fairground. And I just thought it was very  
22 ironic it's the same place, same time. It's been in my book for 2  
23 months, April the 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock at the Robeson County  
24 fairgrounds. Not the 20<sup>th</sup>, whatever the Saturday is.

1 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Mr. Lawrence, in regard to  
2 what you're referring to as far as Council setting up to meet there,  
3 I have a problem. If this is a campaign thing, I have a problem  
4 being a part of anything like that. And not only that, spending  
5 NAHASDA funds buying an election. I don't know where this money is  
6 coming from. I don't see it any other way. You would have to prove  
7 it to me that it's coming out of somebody's pocket, but it's been  
8 advertised as a Tribal activity, but if it's going on the books as  
9 the City of Lumberton as an event for being put on for an election, I  
10 got a problem with it and if we sit here as a Council and approve  
11 that we are going to be a part of it, there's no way that I see that  
12 we should have a booth there in support of that. I have a problem  
13 with that.

14 MS. SHARON HUNT: It's not on the books at the City of  
15 Lumberton, it's in my personal book. The city doesn't own the  
16 fairgrounds. It's in my personal book and I was contacted  
17 approximately 2 months ago stating that Mr. Clarence was having an  
18 event for Jimmy Goins at the fairgrounds on April the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11  
19 o'clock. And then a couple days ago I learned through the newspaper  
20 that it's a community day hosted by the Tribe and I just thought it  
21 was very ironic that both were the same place and the same time.

22 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Is this the same thing that  
23 Mike Flanagan is involved in? The reason I say he was asking for  
24 donations and said he already got 6 hogs.

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I have no idea. This is  
2 all I know about it.

3 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: That they were donated.

4 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Let's take it at face value what  
5 it is, what we got in the packet. I see it as a good thing.  
6 Community awareness. If somebody here is going to run for Chief,  
7 hey, print out some cards and hand them out that day. I mean, you  
8 know, that's a good opportunity for you. We're all the time bringing  
9 negatives into things that should be positive sometimes. Regardless  
10 of what somebody else has thought, somebody else's ulterior motive  
11 may be, it's still a good thing to have a community day and if  
12 Welford wants to run for Chief, print some cards and hand out to all  
13 the Tribal members while he's there. I don't have a problem with  
14 that.

15 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Not in rebuttal to that, and I  
16 understand what you're saying but there's a good possibility that I  
17 may run to sit on this board another year and if it is, I'd like to  
18 know so I can have some cards to hand out. So, I'm saying, I don't  
19 care what it's called as long as it's upfront what it is. If that's  
20 what it is, then let us know so we all can get cards. You know.

21 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Welford.

22 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: Yeah, you wouldn't want the Tribe  
23 to buy you a booth to run a campaign.

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, wait, wait, wait -  
2 okay, Mr. James is going to make his comment and then we are going to  
3 move on to the next issue.

4 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: Ms. Sharon stated that  
5 this guy, Clarence, said he was gonna be doing it.

6 MS. SHARON HUNT: I've been hearing that for 2 months.

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8 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: Well, you see I never  
9 heard it, but I've never heard no insinuation whatsoever that anybody  
10 was going to be putting on a program to raise funds for Mr. Goins in  
11 campaign. But now, when you stated, you stated that this man said  
12 that he was gonna be doing it, not the Tribe. But he was gonna be  
13 doing it, and we asked to come and be part of it. Now, it seems like  
14 to me it's going in the wrong direction here because we're  
15 speculating on what you said a man asked you to do.

16 MS. SHARON HUNT: He didn't ask me, I mean, he told me  
17 2 months ago that he was having an event for Jimmy Goins at the  
18 fairgrounds at 11 o'clock on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

19 MR. JAMES HAROLD LOCKLEAR: And what's wrong with  
20 that?

21 MS. SHARON HUNT: Nothing. There's absolutely nothing  
22 wrong with that if he wants to do it, but there's something wrong  
23 with it if 2 or 3 weeks or 2 months down the line the Tribe decides  
24 to host it on the same day, then that's a conflict of interest. I  
25 beg to differ.

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: We are going to move on.  
2 I'll get with Ms. Sharon and we'll talk some more about this and what  
3 else we can find out and I'll get back to the Council about it. The  
4 next item is the Tribal pow-wow, it is coming up and they are looking  
5 for volunteers for the pow-wow. And I've got a print out here that  
6 has days and times that they are looking for volunteers. If you want  
7 to volunteer, there's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, they have  
8 different times during the day that you can volunteer. I also ask  
9 that the Council have - I would appreciate the same respect that I've  
10 given to you while you're talking. So, please listen while I'm  
11 talking. Okay. The schedule is broken up into 4 time periods. If  
12 you wish to sign up, I think the staff would truly appreciate you  
13 volunteering. I think last year, Ms. Frances and quite a few others  
14 volunteered and I think they would really really appreciate that so  
15 I'm gonna have this if you want to volunteer. That will be here if  
16 you wish to volunteer. Next issue is the Southeastern Indian Studies  
17 Conference. That was held today and that's also continuing tomorrow.  
18 It's held right in this room. For those of you that were here  
19 today, Ms. Wendy and I were there. Mr. David Wilkins, who's also a  
20 Lumbee, spoke today, he's the keynote speaker. He spoke on Tribal  
21 sovereignty and Tribal sovereignty as far as Tribe to State  
22 relationship. It was a very informative talk, it was a very  
23 passionate talk. Ms. Wendy and I and others talked about it, it was  
24 a really interesting speech. He spoke for about 30 minutes and we  
25 really enjoyed. So, some of you if you have an opportunity

1 tomorrow, I encourage you to come out. There have been various  
2 presenters talking on various topics. It's been really really  
3 informative. It starts at 9:30 tomorrow and I think it will last  
4 until 3 tomorrow and it's \$30 to attend and that's for food. Maybe  
5 the price will be reduced tomorrow since it's the last day but I  
6 recommend that everyone come out. It's a really really good event  
7 today. I'm going to ask that each committee chair from this point on  
8 to please give me a list of action items that need to be voted on  
9 during your committee reports so that I can start putting that on the  
10 agenda so that when the Council gets the agenda they'll see exactly  
11 what we will be voting on. I think I mentioned it during the  
12 retreat. But I'm asking again, please start getting that to me, so  
13 it will be on the agenda, you'll know exactly what we are gonna vote  
14 on, there won't be any questions asked about exactly what we are  
15 going to be voting on. And you can send me an e-mail. I think I had  
16 13 or 14 Council members e-mails. For those of you who don't have e-  
17 mail, if you could please get one because I think it makes  
18 communication easier. I still try to get you a hard copy of  
19 everything, but if you could try to get me an e-mail address so I can  
20 communicate with you a little bit better.

21 **NEW BUSINESS**

22 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I placed on each of  
23 your seats in your packet in front of you, a copy of a resolution  
24 that I'm going to solicit your support for tonight. This resolution,  
25 though I presented it, it did go through and I did present it to the

1 constitution and ordinance committee and it came favorably out  
2 of that committee. If you'll just go down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> "whereas" on the  
3 resolution if you will, where it says, "Whereas the Southern Drum".

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5 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Welford, can I ask you a  
6 quick question. You said you had brought it to committee, you said  
7 the committee voted on it.

8 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

9 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: To send it before the Council,  
10 right?

11 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

12 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Just wanted to make sure.

13 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: Is that correct Ms. Linda?

14 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Welford, did you talk with  
15 the education and culture committee?

16 MR. WELFORD CLARK: No, I didn't. I was in a dilemma  
17 as to which committee to present it to, whether to do it to the  
18 education and culture committee or to do it to the constitution and  
19 ordinance committee and I thought that the appropriate committee was  
20 the constitution and ordinance committee. That was the decision I  
21 made, be it a good decision or be it a bad decision. But,  
22 nevertheless, that's the decision I made.

23 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, I want clarification.  
24 What we've been trying to do in the past is that before we vote on an

1 ordinance, it needs to come out of committee. I just want to  
2 make sure that it - committee approved it.

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4 MR. WELFORD CLARK: And in all due respect, Mr.  
5 Speaker, that has been our goal, but in all due respect there's an  
6 ordinance on the book that allows any Tribal Council member to  
7 present any piece of legislation or any business in any meeting that  
8 we attend to irrespect (sic) of the fact whether it went to the  
9 committee or not. So, I've done both. I'm exercising both of my  
10 rights, one I went to the committee, and two, I'm going to do it.

11 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, do it as quickly as  
12 possible.

13 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Okay. "Whereas the Southern Son  
14 Drum group has had a significant impact on the culture enrichment of  
15 the Lumbee people and whereas the Southern Son has enhanced the lives  
16 of many youth and elders, and whereas the Southern Son have traveled  
17 across this country representing the Lumbee Tribe and they have  
18 developed good relations with other Tribes and whereas the Southern  
19 Sons have maintained the integrity of their culture and heritage by  
20 carrying the heartbeat of the Lumbee Indians nationwide in the many  
21 competitions that they have participated, now therefore be it  
22 resolved, the Lumbee Tribal Council does hereby honor Southern Son,  
23 and this is where the problem is, scratch out greater, okay, their  
24 greater, this is where the error in the printing. Their greater, and  
25 it will read thusly, I'll read it to you exactly as it should go -

1 "Now there fore be it resolved, the Tribal Council does hereby  
2 honor the Southern Son for the enhancement, understanding, and  
3 appreciation of the Lumbee people's way of life". Rather than  
4 'enhancing their greater understanding', we're not enhancing their  
5 greater understanding, it's the enhancement and understanding and  
6 appreciation of the Lumbee people's way of life."

7 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: So, in that 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence change  
8 their to the, scratch out greater and add enhancement, understanding,  
9 and appreciation of the Lumbee people's way of life. I'm going to  
10 ask for your support in this. Whether your interest is in pow-wows  
11 or not, whether that shakes your feathers and rings your bell,  
12 whatever or not. These people do great work for us as a people.  
13 They are known all up and down, from border to border and from coast  
14 to coast. Our pow-wow is coming up in the first week in May and I  
15 have spoken with someone in the Tribal office and they have agreed to  
16 put this resolution on a nice parchment and encase it in a frame and  
17 at one of the grand entries at the pow-wow, we are going present this  
18 to them there to honor them in the presence of those who will  
19 appreciate what we are doing for them. So, I'm going to offer a  
20 motion that this Tribal Council approve this resolution as it's read.

21 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Second.

22 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: I have a motion and a second  
23 to adopt the resolution with the said changes in the last section.  
24 Since this is legislation and we have an ordinance that says it has  
25 to be a roll call vote. Ms. Wendy.

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MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: Roll Call.

- Larece Hunt: Yes.
- Sharon Hunt: Yes.
- Gerald Goolsby: Yes.
- Kent Hunt: Yes.
- John Lowery: Abstain.
- Frances Chavis: Yes.
- Lawrence Locklear: Yes.
- Joel Garth Locklear: Yes.
- James Harold Locklear: Yes.
- Wendy Moore-Graham: Yes.
- Jerl Locklear: Yes.
- Linda Hammonds: Yes.
- Jimmy McNeill: Yes.
- Richard Locklear: Yes.
- Danita Locklear: Yes.
- Shelley Strickland: Yes.
- Welford Clark: Yes.

MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: 16 yeas, 1 abstain.

MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: By a vote of 16 yeas and 1  
abstention, the resolution to adopt the ordinance honoring Southern  
Son Drum Group is approved.

MR. WELFORD CLARK: Where do I get the resolution  
number.

1 MS. WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: I'll have to check with  
2 Ruth Locklear before we give it a number.

3 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would  
4 like to have an additional 3 minutes here.

5 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Go ahead.

6 MR. WELFORD CLARK: In reference to the pow-wow.  
7 There will be several grand entries. I remember last year at the  
8 pow-wow, an introduction was made of the Tribal Council members for  
9 one of the grand entries and I think there were probably 3 or 4  
10 Tribal Council members present. And I wasn't on the Council then but  
11 I know I felt a great sadness in my heart that the Tribal Council  
12 didn't support what is a great and festive time for us and if there's  
13 ever a time, we've got all our children there, and relatives have  
14 come, we got visitors from everywhere. There ought to come a point  
15 and time where we could lay aside any and all difference that we may  
16 have and rally together for the people and put forth our best, our  
17 very best face in support of our people. And I'm going to present  
18 this resolution at the grand entry that will come in about 6:30 or  
19 7:00 on Saturday night when the greatest number of people in audience  
20 there. It would just tickle me if at that grand entry that the  
21 Tribal Council representatives be introduced and we come in marching  
22 behind the head dancers and the kings and the queens at the flags.  
23 It would really speak well of us. It would speak well of us if we  
24 would gather at the podium and say to these people who represent us  
25 in a much more positive light than we represent ourselves sometimes.

1 It would be nice for us to look at them and say thank you, thank  
2 you, thank you, thank you. So, I'm asking you if you'll make just  
3 time enough out of your schedule just for that Saturday night.

4 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Welford, I recommend you  
5 put a memo in our box just to remind us, give us exact time and  
6 everything.

7 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Okay, thank you. Are we in New  
8 Business?

9 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Yes we are, go ahead.

10 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Two different things. The fact  
11 that the pow-wow is being held over in a hot, in a shade less area,  
12 when we have just a few miles from here a cultural center that's the  
13 rightful property of the Lumbee people and we should be enjoying that  
14 nice breeze off the lake, we should be enjoying the shade of those  
15 pine trees and just the beauty of that spot with the amphitheater  
16 there, but yet because we're being held hostage by one of our own and  
17 a great ransom is being demanded from us in order to use the facility  
18 that's ours. I am going to ask this Tribal Council to whatever  
19 committee we think we ought to direct it to, I think it's time for us  
20 to take possession of the cultural center. And I would like the  
21 education and culture committee, I think that's probably where we  
22 need to go and I'd like to raise to have a meeting with  
23 Representative Ron Sutton to see what we can do to get this action  
24 initiated. It belongs to us and that's where we need to be.

1 MR. KENT HUNT: Mr. Welford, if I may comment on  
2 that, I remember we passed a resolution one time that we acquire the  
3 cultural center from the state. I think we done that about a year or  
4 so ago, maybe 2 years ago, but I think there is -

5 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Let me say this and I hope that  
6 y'all have noticed that over the last months, how positive and how  
7 nice and pleasant I have become. It's takes a great deal of effort  
8 to restrain myself. If we are the Tribal government, then we ought  
9 to be the Tribal government and have an interest in all the affairs,  
10 not just NAHASDA money. There may come a point when we have no  
11 NAHASDA money and if we're all about money, we can go to the house.  
12 But, I'm really not as concerned about the money as some of you are.  
13 But I am concerned about the culture and I'm concerned about the  
14 heritage and I'm concerned about the public face that we have. We  
15 vote on a lot of things and we demand a lot of things and all we do  
16 is react to the administration. We ought to be taking the forefront  
17 in these activities. We ought to ourselves rally together and try to  
18 get out and put these things into motion and do something for our  
19 people. We do more for our people besides putting up vinyl siding  
20 and we're so worried about vinyl siding and new windows and making  
21 bathroom handicap accessible, we're not serving the total people.  
22 So, that is that. Now, we're about to address the budget issue.  
23 Laying in a line item in the budget and I remember last year there  
24 was a great amount of discussion about community buildings and there  
25 was a line item put in the budget and I don't remember somebody help

1 me, I think there's \$300,000 or \$400,000. \$400,000 in there to  
2 develop 2 or -

3 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: 700.

4 MR. WELFORD CLARK: Whatever the amount of money is.  
5 The point is this. You know why we don't have a building. It is  
6 nobody in the Tribal office's fault that we don't have a building.  
7 The reason there is not 2 community buildings in 2 districts is  
8 simply because we have not done -- we voted on it and we let it die.  
9 Now let me tell you what I'm doing here, my good people. I have  
10 found me some land that's got a softball field on it. If you don't  
11 want one, I intend to have a community building in District 14. I  
12 intend to have one. And I need your vote to get it. I hope that  
13 when we get ready to do this budget, I'd like for us to see \$200,000  
14 x 4 which equals \$800,000, that line item in the budget, I'd like for  
15 us to put numbers 1 thru 14 in a jar and I'd like for us to draw them  
16 numbers - 4 of them numbers out and whichever number comes out of  
17 there, that \$200,000 belongs to that district and we say to that  
18 district, that Tribal Council person, you got \$200,000. Buy you some  
19 land, find you a committee in your community, submit that proposal to  
20 the Tribal administrator and we are going to build this building for  
21 you and them other good folks in your community, y'all can figure how  
22 to keep the lights on and how to keep the grass cut. Now, that's  
23 what we need to be doing. We voted to give ourselves money to do  
24 something for these people that we profess to love. I'm fixin' to  
25 start preaching, I can feel it.

1 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: No, let's not, let's not.  
2 Let's move on.

3 MR. WELFORD CLARK: And then we let it lay there and  
4 sit up here and we grumble about what they're not doing at the Tribal  
5 office. And it ain't what they're not doing, my question to you,  
6 what have you done? And what have we done? What have you done to  
7 enhance the lives of the people in your district, other than getting  
8 a house or two rehabbed? I need your help. I need your help. If we  
9 don't spend it, there used to be a song that said, if I don't do it  
10 somebody else will. If we don't spend it, somebody else will. I'm  
11 done. Thank you.

12 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Welford. Is  
13 there anything else?

14 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: Yes, there is. When somebody  
15 says what have you done, I like to add my little part too.

16 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Briefly.

17 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: I would like to say things that  
18 I've done. And I went to Red Hill and I planted yards at Red Hill  
19 and I have had picnics at Red Hill. I've done numerous things in the  
20 Red Hill district and different areas. Not so much at that time that  
21 it was my area, it was just things that I done out in the areas.  
22 I've not only done from the financial aspect, I've been on all sides  
23 of the fence. I've done legwork, I've done from the financial aspect  
24 of it, I've done numerous capacities. I'm talking about from the  
25 physical aspect of it, from the financial aspect of it, I've done

1 hard labor. So, it's so much seeing from the limelight of it, I  
2 planted flower gardens out there, you talk about hard labor, I've  
3 done it. But now I do have a problem when we have a minimum here and  
4 you ask a Tribal administrator to come here, they can't come to the  
5 meetings, we asked the Chairman to come here. Now we don't have a  
6 big audience here, but all we do is ask these 2 people to come to the  
7 meeting here to address the issues, but they're not here tonight.

8 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, one minute, Ms. Danita.

9 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: And that's all I want is a  
10 minute. But they're not here tonight, but yes I get out and I work.  
11 I may not come for the grand entry, but I'm not here concerned about  
12 people seeing me as to who I am, but I will get out there and I will  
13 work and strive and it doesn't matter whether anybody sees me or not,  
14 but I strive as hard as anyone else.

15 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Ms. Danita. Any  
16 other new business?

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18 MS. DANITA LOCKLEAR: And even though someone else  
19 gets 3 minutes, I will take one.

20 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, any other new business.

21 MS. LINDA HAMMONDS: Mr. Speaker, yes. The question  
22 that I've been asked and that we will discuss at the next  
23 constitution committee meeting has to do with the numerous parts of  
24 this government and the people that are "volunteering" their time and  
25 they're not being "compensated" any for that and I'm going to talk

1 about the administrative court, I'm talking about the Elders  
2 Review people, we're talking about the judiciary side too. But yet  
3 we compensate certain components of this Tribal government. So I do  
4 want all of you to know that you're probably gonna be hit with this  
5 next week regarding the way that we are treated, various parts of  
6 this government differently than we are other components of it.

7 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Okay, hearing no other new  
8 business.

9 **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

10 No community comments.

11 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 12 • Community meeting - District 7, South Pembroke and  
13 Union, on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 at Deep Branch  
14 School.
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- 16 • Community meeting - District 6, North Pembroke and  
17 Raft Swamp on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Fellowship  
18 Hall at Burnt Swamp Church.
- 19 • New Tribal Council meeting - May 18<sup>th</sup>.

20 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: Just something I should have  
21 mentioned, the lower court, Mr. Tony, talked with me and said that  
22 they are having problems getting supplies, so I don't know who would  
23 be the one that needs to investigate that problem and see what it is  
24 that is getting him frustrated. The lower court.

1 MR. JERL LOCKLEAR: I talked to Mr. Leon about  
2 that and he said -

3 MR. JOHN LOWERY: Speak up, please.

4 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Jerl was saying that he  
5 had spoken to Mr. Leon and Mr. Leon said he had given all he was  
6 going to give them, as far as I think they were requesting computers  
7 and a couple of other things. We're talking about the administrative  
8 court. I'll check into that. What we are going to do is move into  
9 the closed session part of the meeting. I think we've conducted all  
10 the other business prior to. I'd like to thank everyone for coming  
11 out tonight.

12 MR. GERALD GOOLSBY: I offer a motion to go into  
13 closed session.

14 MS. FRANCES CHAVIS: I second.

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16 MR. LAWRENCE LOCKLEAR: The purpose is to discuss the  
17 elections board lawsuit and also to discuss our plan of action for  
18 the supreme court hearing on April 27, 2006. All those of favor of  
19 going into closed session, say aye. (Aye responses.) Those opposed?  
20 (None.) Motion carries.

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22 - Meeting adjourned and went into closed session 9:45 p.m. -  
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**TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS APRIL 20, 2006**

- 16
- 17 1. Motion to approve agenda - Motion Carried
  - 18 2. Motion to suspend approval of council March minutes until May meeting.
  - 19 Motion Carried.
  - 20 3. Motion to accept Lumbee Federal Recognition Committee's request for Tribal
  - 21 Bike Run for fundraising. Motion Carried.
  - 22 4. Motion from Finance Committee that Frances Chavis (Dist.6) and Jerl Locklear
  - 23 (Dist.8) be issued Tribal Credit Cards for Council use. Motion Carried.
  - 24 5. Motion for resolution of support for Southern Sun Drum. Roll Call Vote.
  - 25 16 YES and 1 Abstention
  - 26 6. Motion to go into closed session at 9:45 pm. Motion Carried

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