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2 LAURA SAMPSON: Good evening and to the Lumbee
3 Tribal Council of North Carolina business meeting for Thursday
4 November 20th. The meeting is now officially called to order.
5 If we could have our invocation, please. We'll ask Preacher
6 Ricky Burnett to do that for us.

7 If you would, please stand, remove your hats. And
8 if you have your cell phone, if you'll either turn it off or on
9 vibrate, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

10 (The Invocation was given by Councilman Ricky Burnett.)

11 LAURA SAMPSON: At this time, we will have our
12 pledge of allegiance. We'll ask John Lowery to lead us in that.

13 (The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Councilman John
14 Lowery.)

15 LAURA SAMPSON: Madame Secretary, if we could
16 please have a roll call.

17 (Roll Call was given by Councilwoman Frances Chavis and
18 the following Lumbee Tribal Council Representatives were
19 present:)

20 Audrey Hunt, District 1

21 Sharon Hunt, District 2

22 Louise Mitchell, District 3

23 Laura Sampson, District 3

24 Pam Spaulding, District 3

25 Helen Locklear, District 4

1 Kernice Lee Locklear, District 5
2 John Lowery, District 5
3 Frances Chavis, District 6
4 Larry Chavis, District 6
5 Ray Littleturtle, District 7
6 James Harold Locklear, District 7
7 Wendy Moore-Graham, District 7
8 Steve Sampson, District 8
9 James Taft Smith, District 9
10 Brad McMillian, District 10
11 Richard Locklear, District 11 (Absent)
12 Furnie Lambert, Jr., District 12
13 Shelley Strickland, District 12
14 Ricky Burnett, District 13
15 Welford Clark, District 14

16 FRANCES CHAVIS: We have a quorum.
17 (Quorum for the Tribal Council Meeting was reached.)

18 **Review and Approval of the Minutes**

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Madame Secretary. At
20 this time, we'll review and approval of the Tribal Council. Do I
21 hear a motion?

22 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I make a motion that we accept the
23 minutes.

24 LAURA SAMPSON: There's a motion on the floor.

25 STEVE SAMPSON: Second.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: And a second. Ms. Audrey?

2 AUDREY HUNT: There needs to be a correction. On
3 page 61, Line 20, that should -- instead of Sharon Hunt it should
4 be Audrey Hunt, the other Hunt.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other questions? Hearing none,
6 there's a motion and a second on the floor. All in favor?

7 (Ayes were given.)

8 LAURA SAMPSON: Any opposed?

9 (No nays were given.)

10 LAURA SAMPSON: Motion carries.

11 ("Motion 1" - Approval of October minutes with
12 corrections was passed.)

13 **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

14 LAURA SAMPSON: At this time, we'll have a review
15 and approval of the agenda. Are there any additions or
16 subtractions?

17 JOHN LOWERY: I'd like to ask that the
18 Constitution and Ordinance Committee be removed from the
19 Committee Reports because we did not meet this past month.

20 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: Second.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other changes to the agenda?

22 WELFORD CLARK: Madame, normally after the
23 Committee Meetings, article 9, or item number 9, you normally
24 have a place for comments under Tribal Council where we discuss
25 miscellaneous business, is normally there. Is it an oversight by

1 that not being there?

2 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes, Sir, it was. Would you like
3 to add that?

4 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Comments?

6 WELFORD CLARK: Yes, just --

7 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other additions or subtractions
8 from the agenda? Hearing none, is there a motion -- do I hear a
9 motion that we approve the agenda?

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: I offer such motion.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Second?

12 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Second.

13 LAURA SAMPSON: There's a motion and a second. All
14 in favor?

15 (Ayes were given.)

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Any opposed?

17 (No nays were given.)

18 ("Motion 2" - Motion to approve the agenda with
19 amendments was approved.)

20 **Community Comments**

21 LAURA SAMPSON: At this time, we'll move into the
22 Community Comments. I would remind you that if you have
23 signed up to speak, we do invite you to do that. We're thankful
24 for your comments and we encourage you to do that. At the same
25 time, we do expect you to respect those who are in the audience.

1 We expect you to respect the Council as a whole. So, we'll thank
2 you in advance for doing that.

3 First on the agenda is Tracey Locklear. And I
4 will remind you that you have three minutes, Mr. Tracey. Thank
5 you.

6 TRACEY LOCKLEAR: I want to just say that when you
7 come down to the Lumbee Tribal Office and ask for assistance or
8 help in anything, seems like we have an attitude problem there.
9 And that should be corrected, if you understand where I'm coming
10 from. Okay, and other things that has happened that I know
11 about, seems like the Tribal people at the office, I don't know
12 if the Board knows about these things or not, should be brought
13 into the Board to let the Board look over it and make a decision.
14 You know what I'm talking about.

15 And I'm not here to blame nobody, but I'm here
16 just to speak my mind and what's on my mind, if you understand
17 where I'm coming from. So, I'll appreciate it if you would look
18 into this matter. And I thank you for letting me speak.

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Tracey. Next
20 on the agenda is Mr. Eric Locklear.

21 ERIC LOCKLEAR: Good evening members of the Lumbee
22 Tribe of North Carolina. And thank you to each one of you have
23 taken responsibility for showing up this evening to be a part of
24 your Tribal Government.

25 As we approach this season of thanks, I'm thankful for

1 my faith, my family, my friends, my health, and every member of
2 my Tribe. And I mean every member of my Tribe. Recently, I
3 orchestrated a prayer meeting of the churches of the Burnt Swamp
4 Baptist Association soliciting prayer for our Tribe. In this
5 season of thanks, I also ask each of us to pray for some things.

6 Let's pray that we as Tribe remember that we are
7 related to each other, and that we are responsible for the care
8 and safety of each other. Let's pray that selfish agendas of
9 Tribal Administration, Tribal Council and the Tribal Judiciary
10 branch will be set aside for the global agenda of Tribal well-
11 being.

12 Let's pray that the people of our Tribe will channel
13 their anger, discontent and frustration with our Tribal
14 Government toward positive outcomes. Let's pray that a positive
15 outcome will be a new Tribal Administration that recognizes and
16 respects the people of our Tribe and the branches of our
17 government.

18 Let's pray that positive outcome will be the election
19 Tribal Council members who recognize that the power and purpose
20 of our government rest with the people, and not with 21 name
21 plates. Let's pray that a positive outcome will be the seating
22 of a judicial branch of our government that is forged on wisdom,
23 truth and character.

24 The word Indian in many languages means "In God" or "In
25 Spirit." As Indians, let us be reminded that we have the

1 strength of God and of our individual and collective spirits
2 behind us when we are in pursuit of the common good. Some of you
3 on the Tribal Council and within the Tribal Administration have
4 questioned the motives behind my work toward Tribal reform. My
5 answer to you on that question is simple.

6 Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart adviseth its way, but the
7 Lord directeth his steps." Thank you, happy Thanksgiving to each
8 and every one, and God bless the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Eric.

10 (Audience applause.)

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Next on the agenda is Laura
12 Locklear.

13 TARA LOCKLEAR: Tara Locklear.

14 LAURA SAMPSON: I apologize, Tara Locklear.

15 TARA LOCKLEAR: Good afternoon to the Council and
16 to the audience. My name is Tara Locklear and I live in District
17 7. I would first of all like to congratulate Mr. Terry Campbell,
18 who was elected to District 7 council. He will be taking the
19 place of a wonderful woman who will be greatly missed by me and
20 the community development.

21 Wendy constantly checked her district and made sure we
22 had -- if we had problems or concerns, she would address them and
23 she would try to resolve them. I live in Arrow Point, one of the
24 recent properties that the Lumbee built for low-income families,
25 which I was greatly appreciative of. When I and many others

1 moved in, we never dreamed that a new construction project would
2 turn into a rehab project.

3 Most of the homes are valued at over a hundred thousand
4 dollars. From what I have seen with mine own eyes in eight homes
5 are nonsense. Floors bulging, laminate floor coming apart, used
6 hood ranges with grease placed in a new home, leaks, peeling
7 paint, half-caulked windows, no grass, busted driveways. The
8 list is endless. Some of these homes aren't even a year old.

9 I would personally like to invite each Council member
10 to take a tour of the Arrow Point Community. My home just had
11 over \$6,500 dollars worth of rehab work, and I already have other
12 things that are falling apart. I don't understand why you -- all
13 of the Tribal Council have not once been to these homes when it
14 was such an extremely newly-built project for the Tribe.

15 It is your responsibility to see how these monies were
16 spent instead of figuring how you are going and where you are
17 going on the many trips you are so privileged to take. My
18 concern is Arrow Point and how are Council going to address the
19 problems and how they will be rectified.

20 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you.

21 (Audience applause.)

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Lawenda Williamson.

23 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: I didn't write anything down. I
24 didn't know it would such a formal occasion. I've never been
25 here bf.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: And it's really not. Just be
2 yourself.

3 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: Okay. In 2002, my husband and I,
4 Ronnie Williamson, went to the Council to get the 10,000
5 assistance. Well, at the time, my husband was the only one
6 working and I was unemployed and had just had two children.
7 Well, when I went back another time, which was a couple of weeks
8 ago, I had went through school. And I was in two years and
9 raising five children, three step-sons and two of my own.

10 My husband and I have had a very hard time of it.
11 We moved from a single wide that was very, very rundown to a two
12 bedroom home with five children. I now have a single wide that's
13 a three bedroom. Something that was even out of our league was
14 that single wide home. We have had dreams of owning a house ever
15 since we have been together, and that has never been achieved and
16 I don't understand why as being a Lumbee Tribal member that I
17 have not had that opportunity when there are so many funds
18 available.

19 When I went the first time, I was told we didn't
20 make enough money. Now that I'm a nurse working at Southeastern
21 Regional Medical, I am very proud that I have made it through
22 school, nursing school, which is very difficult and I'm a
23 registered nurse, a Lumbee registered nurse on that floor and I
24 am proud, very proud. And now that I have gone back for the past
25 -- it was probably three weeks ago when I went back -- I now make

1 too much money to get assistance.

2 So, what do I do and where do I turn to? Do I
3 quit my job? Do I let my husband quit his job so we can qualify?
4 It doesn't make any sense to me, you know, to not be able to get
5 assistance that is earned by being a Lumbee. I mean, I could if
6 I was just, you know, lazy and not having a job, being
7 unemployed.

8 But, I worked hard to get where I am and my
9 husband has as well, and we are both very hard-working
10 individuals. And I think we deserve some recognition and some
11 assistance as Lumbee. That's just about all I have to say and
12 I'd like to know if I'm going to be able to get that assistance.
13 We're trying now to get land on Deep Branch road, but we don't
14 have a \$20,000 dollar down payment for a home and land.

15 We're going to have to do it in sweat equity.
16 We're going to have to work our behinds off yet again to get
17 another home that's fitting for a large family, if that's even
18 possible. We don't even know yet if we're approved. But, we're
19 trying because we have a dream like everybody else. And as
20 Native Americans, I would think that you all would find some way
21 to give us that assistance. And I beg you to please help us in
22 the very near future because that land gets sold.

23 Because it is our dream to live there on Deep
24 Branch Road. We've always wanted to live there, ever since we've
25 been together. And we're hoping that will be possible with your

1 assistance. Thank you.

2 (Audience applause.)

3 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you very much. Next on
4 the agenda -- oh, I'm sorry.

5 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Where do you live on Deep
6 Branch Road?

7 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: I don't live on Deep Branch
8 Road yet. I live on a raggedy dirty road off of Harleyville
9 Road.

10 WENDY GRAHAM: Where do you want the land on
11 Deep Branch Road?

12 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: It's next to the lady who owns
13 Native Angels, I think it's Ms. Bobbie. Between her and the
14 other brick home. There's four homes through there for sale.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: District 2.

16 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: They're going to let us get the
17 land if everything works out, but eventually we'll probably have
18 to settle for just -- because it's a large sum of money which we
19 don't have.

20 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you so much for sharing your
21 story, and congratulations to you on your hard work in becoming a
22 Registered Nurse.

23 (Audience applause.)

24 LAURA SAMPSON: And I personally would like to
25 speak with you after the meeting and see what, you know, we can

1 do for you. All right, thank you.

2 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: What's your name, Ma'am?

3 LAWENDA WILLIAMSON: Lawenda Williamson.

4 LAURA SAMPSON: Next on the agenda is Ponnice Jones
5 (spelled phonetically).

6 PONNIE JONES: I'm from Hoke County. I wasn't out
7 here the last time that y'all was talking about your
8 constitution. I'm sorry that I weren't here because I heard
9 something I want to tell y'all about the constitution. The
10 constitution is written for one person and he tells most of y'all
11 what to do.

12 But, your constitution, you need to try to get him a
13 contract with Scott Tissue and put it on a roll of tissue paper.
14 Every time he goes to the bathroom, he can sit down and read the
15 constitution and he can flush it down the commode. Because
16 that's as far as -- that's all it's good for.

17 I've seen too many things go wrong with the
18 constitution. You won't abide by your constitution. If y'all --
19 I mean, you know, if y'all don't abide by it, how do you expect
20 us to abide by it. That's all I've got to say.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Jones. At this
22 time, we'll move into our Committee Reports. First on the agenda
23 is Education and Culture.

24 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Madame Speaker?

25 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes, Mr. Ray?

1 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Could Mr. Jones give some specifics
2 of how we're not following the constitution? He didn't use his
3 three minutes.

4 LAURA SAMPSON: I'm sorry, Mr. Ray. Could you say
5 that again, please?

6 RAY LITTLETURTLE: He didn't use up his three minutes.
7 Could he tell us what we're doing wrong? You've got to know what
8 you're doing wrong before you can --

9 PONNIE JONES: On one thing, Oceanus Lowery.
10 Oceanus Lowery resigned from over the board, right? When he
11 resigned, he signed up to run against my buddy back here, Terry.
12 That's wrong. The constitution says if you do that, you're
13 supposed to be out for 48 months, right, before you can go back
14 into office on anything else.

15 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Okay.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Jones.

17 RAY LITTLETURTLE: That was addressed.

18 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you again, Mr. Jones. First
19 on the agenda is Education and Culture, Mr. Fernie Lambert.

20 **Education and Culture Committee Report**

21 FERNIE LAMBERT: Good evening. Before I get into
22 some of the resolutions that we have from the Culture and
23 Education Committee, I would like to tell you what's been going
24 on, as far as culture is concerned, the last three weeks. Two
25 weeks ago yesterday, myself, the Tribal Chairman and several

1 folks from the Youth Services, we made a trip down to Camp
2 Lejeune, North Carolina to visit the Naval Hospital. Those folks
3 asked us to come down there and share some of our Lumbee culture
4 with them.

5 We did this, and we spent about an hour-and-a-half down
6 there. And you should be very proud of our kids from the Youth
7 Services. They did a fantastic job of sharing our culture. And
8 yesterday, there was some of us went down to Fort Jackson, South
9 Carolina, Columbia. And we were down there in the Officer's Club
10 and it was a packed house.

11 And again, our Youth Services sharing our culture were
12 just superb. If you could have seen it, you would have been
13 very, very proud of them. So, I am very proud at being able to
14 go places with these young folks. And they make us all proud.

15 Okay, we have a couple of ordinances. One of them is
16 the Tribal Council monthly actions available online. This comes
17 from the Committee, so it's not going to need a second. I'll
18 read it.

19 It says, "Therefore, be it further resolved, the Tribal
20 Council does request all Tribal Council motions and actions dated
21 from January 2008 up until now be made available on the Lumbee
22 Tribe website," which is lumbeetribe.com.

23 And we have another one. It's a ordinance and
24 resolution archiving. And it says -- okay.

25 It says, "Therefore be it further resolved, the Tribal

1 Council does request all Tribal Ordinances and Resolutions be
2 filed with the Tribal Clerk or archive it." And that comes from
3 the Committee.

4 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Fernie. I don't
5 know who was first. Ms. Louise.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yeah. It is my understanding this
7 is a resolution, not an ordinance --

8 FERNIE LAMBERT: Right, yeah.

9 LOUISE MITCHELL: -- we're getting ready to vote on.

10 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yeah.

11 LOUISE MITCHELL: It's a resolution, okay.

12 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, Ms. Pam.

13 PAM SPAULDING: Okay and on that resolution, we
14 should also notate (sic) that it's from January 2008 to the
15 present 'cause it's not on there.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Ray.

17 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I'd like to remind everybody and
18 invite you to Raleigh next Friday and Saturday. We'll have our
19 Indian Heritage Month celebration over at the Museum of Art.
20 Dancers will be from all over the state. And they will be
21 performing, story-telling, dancing. Some of the artists will set
22 up.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray. Okay, Mr.
24 Ricky.

25 RICKY BURNETT: On that Lumbee Actions online, we

1 have Tribal Council spelled right.

2 LAURA SAMPSON: Okay, so we'll make that
3 correction, Tribal Council.

4 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yeah, I see it.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Okay, Mr. Clark.

6 WELFORD CLARK: I just want to inform the Tribal
7 members that are present just exactly what in particular this
8 ordinance and resolution archiving is. At the present time, on
9 the website under Tribal Clerk all the Tribal Law is posted on
10 there. The resolutions are not. So, we're asking that
11 resolutions be archived be kept and made available as records of
12 the Tribe by the Tribal Clerk as well as the law itself, so you
13 can see not just the law, but some of the actions of the Council
14 that were put into resolution form.

15 It's to -- for your benefit that we did that and to
16 preserve the -- our library of Tribal activities for historical
17 purposes.

18 LAURA SAMPSON: Ms. Mitchell.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: And also, along with that, agendas
20 for our monthly meetings will be posted so that you all will also
21 know the -- what's the agenda item as you come to the meeting.
22 And also a calendar, too.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, anything else.

24 WELFORD CLARK: Madame, if I just may, one of my
25 biggest concerns since I've been on the Tribal Council, -- and I

1 know it as Tribal member, -- we have such a -- we don't have a
2 whole lot of money to spread news about Tribal activities. It's
3 just we can't afford the newspapers to put every -- all our
4 business and all our activities in there.

5 We can't mail you letters. If we got 50,000 people, we
6 could spend in postage alone, we could spend 15 or \$20,000
7 dollars easily every month mailing letters, which is just -- that
8 cost is just unreasonable. So, the Council is trying to find
9 ways, creative ways, to inform you about what's going on because
10 it's your business.

11 And the easiest way we had found to do it is the
12 internet and that kind of thing, because about everybody has
13 access to that. So, we're going this for you folks in mind. I
14 want you to know that the Council, irrespective of what you may
15 think at times, we really do have your best interest in mind.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Clark. Mr. Ray?

17 RAY LITTLETURTLE: For the ones of you who don't have
18 internet, most of your libraries have access to the internet.
19 You can go to the library there and get -- each month get what's
20 on the website.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray. Alex?

22 ALEX BAKER: Also, if I may, to underscore what
23 the Council has said tonight, if they do not have a library close
24 to them, they can come to our office. We'll be happy to download
25 that for them and let them have a copy of that. They can contact

1 my office, which is the Public Information office, and we will
2 see that you get to the proper channel.

3 But, ask the Tribal Clerk, or if I can download that
4 and give it to you immediately. So, that is also another
5 resource.

6 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Alex. Any other
7 questions, concerns? The Chairman has asked that we do a blanket
8 vote on this, if it should please the Council. If it does, we'll
9 just go to the second one, have our discussion and vote once
10 we've talked about the two. Any questions or concerns?

11 ALEX BAKER: I have one clarifying question.
12 This here, the way the law reads, it would be only the motions
13 and not verbatim minutes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Exactly.

15 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yeah.

16 ALEX BAKER: I want that to be publicly
17 disclosed that we are -- only action items taken by the Council
18 and not the verbatim minutes that we have recorded.

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other questions or concerns as
20 it relates to the two items that we will vote on momentarily?
21 Hearing none, do I hear a motion?

22 STEVE SAMPSON: I make a motion to accept the two
23 resolutions.

24 LARRY CHAVIS: Second.

25 LAURA SAMPSON: Madame Secretary, may we have a

1 roll call vote?

2 FRANCES CHAVIS: Audrey Hunt.

3 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

4 FRANCES CHAVIS: Sharon Hunt.

5 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

6 FRANCES CHAVIS: Louise Mitchell.

7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes.

8 FRANCES CHAVIS: Laura Sampson.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

10 FRANCES CHAVIS: Pam Spaulding.

11 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

12 FRANCES CHAVIS: Helen Locklear.

13 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

14 FRANCES CHAVIS: Kernice Locklear.

15 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

16 FRANCES CHAVIS: John Lowery.

17 JOHN LOWERY: Yes.

18 FRANCES CHAVIS: Frances Chavis, yes. Larry Chavis.

19 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

20 FRANCES CHAVIS: Ray Littleturtle.

21 RICHARD LOCKLEAR: Yes.

22 FRANCES CHAVIS: James Harold Locklear.

23 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Yes.

24 FRANCES CHAVIS: Wendy Moore-Graham.

25 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: Yes.

1 FRANCES CHAVIS: Steve Sampson.
2 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes.
3 FRANCES CHAVIS: James Taft Smith.
4 JAMES SMITH: Yes.
5 FRANCES CHAVIS: Brad McMillian.
6 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.
7 FRANCES CHAVIS: Fernie Lambert, Jr.
8 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yes.
9 FRANCES CHAVIS: Shelley Strickland.
10 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.
11 FRANCES CHAVIS: Ricky Burnett.
12 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.
13 FRANCES CHAVIS: Welford
14 FRANCES CHAVIS: 20 yes, zero nos, zero abstentions.
15 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Madame Secretary.
16 ("Motion 3" - Two separate resolutions: Resolution to
17 post Tribal Actions and Motions online, and Resolution to file
18 all Ordinances and Resolutions with Tribal Clerk for archiving
19 were approved.)
20 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Madame Secretary.
21 FERNIE LAMBERT: I have one other item here. I was
22 given a note a little while ago. The Seminole basketball team
23 down in Hollywood, Florida has invited some of our Lumbee youth
24 to come down and play in a basketball tournament between the 4th
25 and 6th of December. It's going to be in Hollywood, Florida.

1 There will be Tribes from all over the nation playing in this
2 tournament.

3 Each player in the tournament has to show a
4 membership card from the Tribe. Some of our youth have played in
5 these tournaments before and they're very proud to represent the
6 Lumbee Tribe. And what they're doing is asking for if we can
7 help them some financially. If you want to personally help these
8 individuals, talk to Ms. Frances here.

9 The tournament fee is \$350 dollars. A hotel, two
10 rooms, \$120 dollars a night, \$720 dollars in basketball uniforms
11 with the Lumbee Tribe logo, \$420 dollars. Thank you.

12 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Fernie. Next on
13 the agenda is the Economic Development Committee report. I have
14 been informed by that Chairman that there is no report at this
15 time. Moving through the agenda would be the Finance Committee
16 report, Mr. James Harold Locklear.

17 **Finance Committee Report**

18 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Thank you very much. Okay,
19 reporting on the finance, we have a couple of items here that
20 we've already approved and everything. And plus, we have our
21 amendments to the budget. And we've already looked over those.
22 And if there's no questions -- is there any questions about that?
23 Yes? Go ahead, yes.

24 And also, I want to make mention that the money here on
25 -- where it says the PR line item transfer, that 8,500 we've

1 already voted on that for the new equipment that we'll be using
2 in meetings just like this and even in our committee meetings.
3 And so, we'll be voting on that. And then the Director of
4 Finance salary.

5 The Director of Finance salary is -- we have a cap on
6 that. And let me read this. It says, "Therefore, be it further
7 resolved, the Director of Finance salary range shall be adjusted
8 to not exceed a maximum of 60,000."

9 And that seat right now is vacant. And we'll be voting
10 on this in a minute because we'll probably have discussion on it.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. James.

12 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Thank you.

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Are there any questions as it
14 relates to the budget amendment?

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Ms. Mitchell.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Madame Chair, in this that we've
18 received, it's not showing the monies that we have on-hand. So,
19 to me, this would not be a complete resolution for us to --
20 amendment to vote for tonight. And also, I'm a little concerned.

21 I'd like to know -- it shows where we have increases
22 and where -- it shows where we have decreases. And I'd just likt
23 to know, you know, where we went into the other areas to get
24 these increases.

25 So, I'm -- you know, a little concerned about that at

1 this point. And I make a motion that we table this and send it
2 back until we get some more answers or I'm -- for me, anyway.
3 So, I make that motion tonight.

4 AUDREY HUNT: Second.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: There is a motion and a second on
6 the floor. Any other discussion? Mr. Clark.

7 WELFORD CLARK: We're dealing with three fiscal
8 years here, right. Of a little, small portion of it, a very
9 small portion is our fiscal year 2005. And another relatively
10 small portion for here 2006. And the bulk of it is 2007.

11 What I would like to understand from the administrative
12 side is this: I know some of this action maybe of such a critical
13 nature that there may be outstanding bills that has to be paid
14 that have not been paid. And some of this, we may have to --
15 there may be some -- it may be time-sensitive. That's what I'm
16 trying to say.

17 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: Right.

18 WELFORD CLARK: So, I -- if I could get somebody.
19 I don't see the interim Tribal Administrator here. But, Mr.
20 Boscoe is here. If I could get him to maybe enlighten us a
21 little bit.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Boscoe, would you like to
23 respond? Are there any time-sensitive issues?

24 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: Madame Speaker, there's a lot of
25 time-sensitive issues there. This -- there's -- it

1 just it shuts things down a lot until the next 30 days, if you're
2 going to send it back.

3 WELFORD CLARK: Say that again.

4 LAURA SAMPSON: So, what I hear --

5 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: It sets a lot of things down from
6 the Administration if you're going to send it and wait another 30
7 days. I mean, there's a lot of -- a lot of projects will be
8 delayed. And we'll just have to put things on hold.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: So, what I hear you saying -- to
10 repeat -- I'm sorry. To repeat what you said, is that there are
11 some time-sensitive issues as it relates to this budget
12 amendment. And another 30 days would make a difference?

13 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

14 LAURA SAMPSON: Okay, Ms. Audrey.

15 AUDREY HUNT: Then I make a motion that we have a
16 special called meeting, substitute motion, have a special called
17 meeting to bring this back to Committee and let's take a further
18 look at it.

19 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Yeah, that's what we were just
20 discussing, a special called meeting.

21 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Second. I second that, Ms. Audrey.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: There's a substitute motion and a
23 second. Any discussion? Mr. Kernice Locklear. Mr. Clark.

24 WELFORD CLARK: Can we approve the '05 and '06
25 portion of it?

1 PAM SPAULDING: Not the way it stands. It's all in
2 one resolution. Not the way it stands.

3 JAMES LOCKLEAR: You mean like partial?

4 WELFORD CLARK: Can we -- we can amend the
5 resolution, and let's close out 2005 and 2006. Because the bulk
6 of it 2007. And not delay that. Those projects -- those -- I
7 don't know where we're at on the District 2 Community Center, but
8 I know they need one.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Okay, so where are we? There is a
10 motion, a substitute motion on the floor with a second. Any
11 other discussion? Hearing none, Ms. Audrey, would you like to
12 restate your motion before we vote?

13 AUDREY HUNT: That we have a special called
14 meeting. I don't have a calendar.

15 LAURA SAMPSON: You don't have one in your packet?

16 AUDREY HUNT: No, there is not a December
17 calendar.

18 PAM SPAULDING: Well, it won't be in December.

19 AUDREY HUNT: Well, can -- that's right.

20 PAM SPAULDING: It'll be in November.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: The 24th? Would you like to define
22 special called as in Finance or Counsel?

23 AUDREY HUNT: Special called Finance meeting.
24 And again, we'll we got to go back to Finance.

25 LAURA SAMPSON: We just needed your verbiage for

1 others who are questioning.

2 SHARON HUNT: Can I make a suggestion? On the
3 8th, when we have the Finance Committee meeting on the 8th, we
4 could probably meet after that meeting. It's probably only one
5 item that you would have to address in a special meeting.

6 AUDREY HUNT: I agree, that's good. And it's not
7 30 days. It's before 30 days.

8 SHARON HUNT: I mean, if you're gonna meet on the
9 8th for a Finance Meeting anyway, you could address that matter
10 at the Finance Meeting. It is a Finance matter. And then you
11 could just have a special meeting following that meeting to
12 approve or to deny the budget amendment.

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Are you offering that as a friendly
14 amendment?

15 SHARON HUNT: No, I'm offering it as a
16 suggestion.

17 JAMES LOCKLEAR: On that night, on the Finance
18 Meeting that night, we're gonna have some visitors. Do you
19 remember?

20 AUDREY HUNT: That'll be fine.

21 JAMES LOCKLEAR: But, what I'm saying is the time.
22 If the time doesn't matter or what?

23 AUDREY HUNT: You gotta do what you gotta do.

24 SHARON HUNT: We probably won't have but one item
25 for the special meeting is what I'm saying.

1 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Okay, all right. Okay.

2 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, we can't do anything

3 with suggestions. I need a motion.

4 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I make a motion.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Ray, I'm sorry. John? Go

6 ahead, John.

7 JOHN LOWERY: I make a motion that we have a

8 special called meeting directly following the Finance Committee

9 meeting on December the 8th, and the special called meeting will

10 be dealing with the one item regarding the budget amendments.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: There is a motion on the floor. Do

12 I hear a second?

13 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Second.

14 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Second.

15 LAURA SAMPSON: All in favor.

16 (Ayes were given.)

17 LAURA SAMPSON: All opposed?

18 (No nays were given.)

19 AUDREY HUNT: Ms. Chairman, I need to rescind --

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: She needed to rescind her motion

21 before this motion could be voted on.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Would you like to rescind my

23 motion.

24 AUDREY HUNT: I will rescind my motion.

25 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. John, would you like to restate

1 your motion for a vote? Just so that we can do it.

2 JOHN LOWERY: I would like to make a motion that
3 we have a special called meeting directly after the Finance
4 Committee meeting on December the 8th dealing with the one item,
5 which is the budget amendment.

6 LAURA SAMPSON: And there was a second. Mr. Ray.

7 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Without -- is there any
8 reservations on a second? I second that motion.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray. All in favor?

10 (Ayes were given.)

11 LAURA SAMPSON: All opposed?

12 (No nays were given.)

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Motion carries.

14 ("Motion 4" - Special called Finance meeting on
15 December 8th, 2008 was approved.)

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Director of Finance salary
17 adjustment. Any discussions?

18 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Fernie.

20 FERNIE LAMBERT: Madame Speaker, I feel like we're
21 getting into the Executive side of the house's business when
22 we're just pulling a salary like that and wanting to put a cap on
23 it. And I need to -- they haven't asked us to do anything like
24 that. And I think we may be overstepping our bounds.

25 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, thank you, Mr. Fernie.

1 Any other discussion?

2 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes, Madame Speaker, I voted on
3 this in Committee. And not to kill it here, I would like to
4 table this until our next meeting on the 8th. We can bring this
5 up on the 8th also.

6 JAMES SMITH: Is that in the form of a motion?

7 STEVE SAMPSON: In the form of a motion, yes.

8 JAMES SMITH: I second it.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: There is a motion on the floor to
10 table this until the next Finance Committee meeting and a second.
11 Mr. Ray?

12 RAY LITTLETTURTLE: Correct me if I'm wrong. The
13 budget is formulated by the Administration. And our power is to
14 object or accept that budget.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Or amend.

16 RAY LITTLETTURTLE: In those -- in that budget is line
17 item as to what salaries will be which. Are we going to get into
18 a slippery soap that every time a job vacancy comes along, we're
19 gonna try to cut the salary or raise it? I'm -- I don't know. I
20 wonder where we're going with that.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray.

22 RAY LITTLETTURTLE: Because this budget already
23 addresses it.

24 LAURA SAMPSON: Ms. Wendy?

25 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: With the state of the United States

1 economy, I cannot fathom why this Tribal Council can't see or
2 recognize the merit in coming back to the table and assessing
3 what we need to do as a Tribe in order to best serve our people
4 and make sure services are there. Because services are our first
5 priority. It is not indirect monies, it's direct services to
6 people.

7 We need to be more concentrated on taking care of the
8 people rather than taking care of ourselves.

9 (Applause.)

10 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Wendy. Is there any
11 other discussion?

12 WELFORD CLARK: I just have a question.

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Clark.

14 WELFORD CLARK: We began by talking about our
15 constitutional authority to do something. And then we talk about
16 how much people should get paid, you know. We need to address --
17 I just want to know what the issue is. Is the issue that there's
18 too much money being paid, or is the issue we're having -- we're
19 trying to get out of our constitutional realm. I just want to
20 know what the issue is.

21 Do you understand what I'm saying?

22 RAY LITTLETURTLE: That was my question.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other discussion?

24 WELFORD CLARK: But, now we have in the past --
25 excuse me, Madame Speaker.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: You're fine.

2 WELFORD CLARK: We have raised this temporal -- as
3 in years past -- raised individual salaries before. And so, the
4 budget belongs and we have all the constitutional authority we
5 need in so far as how much someone is paid, and putting a cap on
6 a position rather. Excuse me, in capping the position. But, we
7 can't tell him how much he can pay, but we can tell you this is
8 all you're gonna to pay him with, try to get it in there
9 somewhere.

10 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Clark. I don't know
11 who was first. Pam?

12 PAM SPAULDING: And I just wanted to -- I don't
13 know who I'm -- I'm not echoing anybody. I'm just echoing Pam,
14 okay? We are within our scope of authority. I'm not saying
15 that, you know. And this has been done before, you know.
16 Sometimes you have to come back to the table.

17 We have a budget of 10, 11 million dollars. There's
18 Finance Directors across the county who have budgets of 50 and a
19 hundred million dollars who don't make this kind of monies. And
20 that's all we're saying. Not to -- because you can't say that we
21 are fighting a battle with somebody. There's nobody in this
22 position as of this point.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Pam.

24 PAM SPAULDING: So, I'm just saying we need to be
25 responsible and we need to be good stewards with this money.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Ray.

2 RAY LITTLETURTLE: With that being the case, if we do
3 have the authority by the constitution, I suggest that we be more
4 vigilant in some of the salaries that we're paying. Because
5 compared to the local economy, it's ridiculous. The Tribe is up
6 here.

7 The local economy is down here, doing the same job. Or
8 doing more. And a lot of times doing more of a job. So, if it -
9 - look forward to having some more salaries checked or
10 questioned.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray. Ms. Pam?

12 PAM SPAULDING: I just wanted to add to the end of
13 what I was saying is it's my goal before I leave this Council, I
14 don't want us to depend on NAHASDA funds to pay our people. I
15 would love to see our people making top dollars, everybody. But,
16 to do that, we've got to be innovative, we've got to be creative.

17 There's Tribes all over this United States who don't
18 depend on NAHASDA funds to get by. We have got to come up with
19 some -- some monies to do more economic development, you know.
20 Brad's been working on that. He's done a fine job. But, we've
21 got to get more aggressive in that.

22 Because we can't depend on this money for the rest of
23 our lives. It could be -- it's just like a grant. It can be
24 gone next week.

25 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Pam. Any other

1 discussion?

2 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Was there a motion made?

3 LAURA SAMPSON: There is a motion and a second on
4 the floor to send this back to -- just table it until the next
5 Finance Committee meeting. Any other discussion? Hearing none,
6 all in favor?

7 (Ayes were given.)

8 LAURA SAMPSON: All opposed?

9 (No nays were given.)

10 LAURA SAMPSON: Motion carries.

11 ("Motion 5" - Motion to send Director of Finance salary
12 adjustment back to Finance Committee was approved.)

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Next on the agenda -- I'm sorry, I
14 apologize, Mr. Chairman. Did you have anything else?

15 JAMES LOCKLEAR: No, Ma'am. That's it.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Next on the agenda is Health and
17 Human Services. I have been informed -- I'm sorry.

18 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Well, the line, yeah, that's right.

19 LAURA SAMPSON: Madame Secretary, may we have a
20 roll call vote?

21 FRANCES CHAVIS: On the salary adjustment?

22 AUDREY HUNT: We've still got line item -- PR
23 line item transfer.

24 FRANCES CHAVIS: Audrey Hunt.

25 AUDREY HUNT: We are voting on the PR line item

1 transfer; am I correct?

2 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Yeah.

3 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

4 FRANCES CHAVIS: Audrey Hunt.

5 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

6 FRANCES CHAVIS: Sharon Hunt.

7 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

8 FRANCES CHAVIS: Louise Mitchell.

9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes.

10 FRANCES CHAVIS: Laura Sampson.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

12 FRANCES CHAVIS: Pam Spaulding.

13 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

14 FRANCES CHAVIS: Helen Locklear.

15 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

16 FRANCES CHAVIS: Kernice Locklear.

17 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

18 FRANCES CHAVIS: John Lowery.

19 JOHN LOWERY: Yes.

20 FRANCES CHAVIS: Frances Chavis, yes. Larry Chavis.

21 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

22 FRANCES CHAVIS: Ray Littleturtle.

23 RICHARD LOCKLEAR: Yes.

24 FRANCES CHAVIS: James Harold Locklear.

25 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Yes.

1 FRANCES CHAVIS: Wendy Moore-Graham.
2 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: Yes.
3 FRANCES CHAVIS: Steve Sampson.
4 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes.
5 FRANCES CHAVIS: James Taft Smith.
6 JAMES SMITH: Yes.
7 FRANCES CHAVIS: Brad McMillian.
8 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.
9 FRANCES CHAVIS: Fernie Lambert, Jr.
10 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yes.
11 FRANCES CHAVIS: Shelley Strickland.
12 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.
13 FRANCES CHAVIS: Ricky Burnett.
14 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.
15 FRANCES CHAVIS: Welford Clark.
16 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.
17 FRANCES CHAVIS: 20 yes, zero no, zero abstentions.

18 ("Motion 6" - motion to transfer \$8,500 from PR line
19 item to pay for purchase of recording equipment was passed.

20 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Madame Secretary.

21 JAMES LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Ma'am.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Next on the agenda is Health and
23 Human Services. I have been informed by that Chairman that there
24 is no report at this time.

25 **Health and Human Services Report**

1 **(No report given.)**

2 LAURA SAMPSON: We'll move right on to the next
3 Committee Report, which is Housing. Mr. James Taft Smith.

4 **Housing Committee Report**

5 JAMES SMITH: Madame Speaker, I don't have
6 anything, unless Mr. Boscoe or Mr. Paul have anything.

7 LAURA SAMPSON: No report? Yes, Mr. Ray.

8 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Before you close out the reports,
9 I'd like to give my report. It was an oversight. Federal
10 Recognition is ongoing.

11 LAURA SAMPSON: Certainly.

12 **Federal Recognition Committee Report**

13 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Because the was not brought up in
14 this last session, and all they're worried about is covering
15 their butt now. I'd like for with the permission of the Council
16 first to contact Obama's Chief of Staff and remind him of what he
17 said in Fayetteville, what he said in Raleigh, what he said in
18 Charlotte. It was the same people asking the questions.

19 And when he came, he said he would help us. The
20 same goes for Kay, our new Senator. So, with your permission,
21 I'll start a new push for Federal Recognition. We've got to be
22 pro-active. We can't sit and wait until they have already set
23 their agendas.

24 And it looks like we're gonna have a filibuster
25 group in Congress. And Kay has personally said since she started

1 running office that Lumbee would be her interest like it was
2 Lindsey Doyle's. Well, I got problems with Lindsey Doyle. It
3 was not her priority. She could have put the on the floor any
4 time she wanted to.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Ray.

6 RAY LITTLETURTLE: The Governor also said that she
7 will use her influence with the Senators and with the President
8 with the Governor's Counsel about Lumbee.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you so much, Mr. Ray. Moving
10 along on the agenda.

11 WELFORD CLARK: Which Committee are we in?

12 LAURA SAMPSON: Comments.

13 WELFORD CLARK: We're not finished Housing; are we?

14 LAURA SAMPSON: There was nothing from him. He
15 announced that he did not have a report.

16 WELFORD CLARK: But, can we discuss Housing?

17 LAURA SAMPSON: Sure, absolutely.

18 WELFORD CLARK: I would like to get an answer from
19 -- I'm not certain which Rehab program we're operating under.
20 And I'd like for somebody to tell me. I know there's some --
21 there's some work that's going on now that the Tribe hired the
22 contractors rather than the homeowner choosing a contractor. Is
23 that some carry over work?

24 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: Nope, that is -- there is some of
25 it out there where they were already in progress. And when we

1 put everything on hold, everything was stopped. So, then those
2 that was already in progress, those was finished up under the old
3 system.

4 WELFORD CLARK: Okay, and about how many of those
5 do we have in the works?

6 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: I don't have any idea.

7 PAUL LOCKLEAR: Probably about 15, 20, something
8 like that.

9 WELFORD CLARK: Now, under the new Rehab plan, how
10 many of those contracts have been let.

11 PAUL LOCKLEAR: I --

12 WELFORD CLARK: And what kind of problems have we
13 encountered, if any?

14 PAUL LOCKLEAR: Well, we really haven't run into
15 any problems. We've finished up somewhere in the neighborhood of
16 15 of those. And we haven't had any problems with it. It's been
17 going real smoothly, so.

18 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Kernice.

19 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Are y'all taking any applications,
20 Paul?

21 PAUL LOCKLEAR: Yes, we started taking back
22 applications this --

23 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: When?

24 PAUL LOCKLEAR: -- this week, Monday,

25 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Monday? Okay. That's all.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Alex.

2 ALEX BAKER: In an effort to -- we did begin
3 taking Rehab applications under the new Rehab policy. That did
4 start Monday. We did not begin publicizing that that first week
5 because with it being a new program, we didn't -- word travels
6 fast. In the first day, actually they seen 31 people the Monday
7 we opened the doors.

8 So, even -- maybe 37. Ms. Wendy's correcting me.
9 So, in the last two days alone, we've already seen 60-some
10 people. But, our campaign to let our Tribal members know, we
11 actually started that campaign today. It will air on Sunday. It
12 has been an extensive campaign in which we have reached out to
13 Tribal members.

14 This will be our third segment to help our Tribal
15 members understand what policies y'all have adopted and how that
16 has drastically changed the program. And the steps that we will
17 take now to be the advocate of the -- the advocate to the Tribal
18 members.

19 So, I would encourage -- if you know somebody in
20 your community, if you can catch where we do our broadcasting,
21 which is Channel 47, WPEM, then check that out. We really broke
22 that down. We're taking the step-by-step so that hopefully even
23 an elder that may be 80 years old, because that's the
24 demographics of that market, can really understand what we're
25 going to do, how we'll advocate for the Lumbee people, and how

1 this will change and give them the authority to make sure that
2 the work that is done in their house is quality work that they
3 are satisfied with.

4 So, I would encourage you. We will continue more
5 campaigns like that to help our Tribal members to understand the
6 differences and what their new rights under the policy and the
7 law that has been passed and adopted, once the Council translates
8 it.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Mr. Ricky.

10 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Alex, what my question is --
11 and you answered it -- is TV 47. Cumberland County, we don't get
12 TV 47.

13 ALEX BAKER: And we're looking. We understand
14 that and we're very concerned. There is a concern with us about
15 activities after February once the nation goes broadband. We are
16 looking at doing some infomercials through TV 47, which is a Fox
17 station. They have been great partners with us and have come to
18 our communities to help people get converter boxes and be made
19 aware.

20 So, we are going to look at some partnering
21 activities to help broaden out of that. So that we're not just
22 stuffing one market. I have also met with Time Warner Cable in
23 Fayetteville so that we can go ahead and run some announcements
24 and some Public Service Announcements about these changes and who
25 that they can contact.

1 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Boscoe?

2 BOSCOE LOCKLEAR: One correction, we're not taking
3 rehab applications. We're taking emergency and non-emergency
4 applications. And to throw out there that the maximum cap on
5 those to be spent is \$7,500. Those that already have a rehab
6 application in, the maximum to be spent is \$12,500, which is down
7 from the 20,000.

8 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Kernice? I'm sorry, I'm trying
9 to do hands. Pam? Well, go ahead, Mr. Kernice.

10 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Was they up before me?

11 PAM SPAULDING: No, go ahead. I'm waiting.

12 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: At our Housing meeting the 1st of
13 November, it really upset me very -- and I almost had to leave
14 out there and breaking down, because Ms. Cynthia Hunt addressed
15 us on some issues. And I think as a Councilman that we need --
16 there are certain forms of this that we need to revisit. And she
17 brought out some good questions, because some of these elders,
18 they might not know who to pick as a contractor.

19 Because -- I got to thinking -- I've been thinking
20 about that. A couple of things I've been thinking about. And
21 there's two vital -- well, actually three vital important things
22 for our Tribe. First of all is our elders and their homes. And
23 a lot of times, elders don't know contractors. And I think we
24 need to set up some kind of special committee somewhere to inform
25 our elders in some way, form or fashion to help them if they need

1 help finding contractors.

2 And quality contractors, not some Joe-Blow that
3 don't know what he's doing. And another thing is Federal
4 Recognition, that's very important. And one thing Ms. Pam said a
5 while ago, economic development. If we don't start some kind of
6 economic development for our people, we can't depend on that
7 NAHASDA dollars all the time.

8 It's been cut. We're gonna get it for the next
9 five years, it's done been passed. Bush passed that. And that's
10 critical, it's very critical for our people that we find some way
11 to start a business. We blowed it when we didn't jump -- didn't
12 do the hotel thing. We messed around and didn't do the hotel
13 thing, and we let somebody else come in there and get the hotel
14 thing.

15 But, that's economic development for our people.
16 And you all pray for us that we will do the right thing. I've
17 heard some bad comments, and we're trying to do our level best
18 for our elders. I put elders first and foremost because 'm 66
19 years old and I'm an elder. But, I just thank God that I'm part
20 of this Tribe. And y'all need to pray for us and support us
21 because we're trying to do the best that we can.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Kernice. Mr. Ray?

23 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Alex?

24 ALEX BAKER: Yes, Sir.

25 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I would suggest that you call UNC-

1 TV. They are always open for anything cultural oriented. And I
2 say that to say Tribal business is cultural oriented. We could
3 have dancers, get a weekly program. Because we've got a tower
4 here in Lumberton close by so everybody can get it.

5 ALEX BAKER: And I can go ahead and let
6 Councilman Kernice know we did do a segment today. And Boscoe
7 covered just how much control the homeowner will have over that.
8 This intendation that some may have experienced by contractors in
9 the past will be negated. Because if the homeowner thinks the
10 contractors performed shoddy work, they will have to pack their
11 tools and leave right then.

12 And then there will be a team -- and Ms. Tammy
13 will cover this next week on the show. Ms. Tammy will cover the
14 team and what happens if we have shoddy contractors that are out
15 there trying to bully some 70 and 80 year old woman on getting
16 this done and that done, and moving on. She will address the
17 recourse that Tribal member has.

18 Because we -- this new slant, we were focused on
19 the contractor. This new policy -- and correct me if I'm wrong,
20 Boscoe -- empowers the people, the homeowner.

21 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Ms. Louise?

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yes, Alex, what are you doing about
23 the paper, the Robesonian and the Fayetteville? What kind of
24 information are we going to be doing there? Because I do
25 understand Housing does pay for Housing information in the paper

1 or -- the Robesonian or whatever. You can use the funds out of
2 Housing to do that.

3 So, what are we going to do? Because a lot of
4 people may not look at the airing of the show you're talking
5 about. But, they surely read the Robesonian, they surely read
6 the Fayetteville paper. And so, --

7 ALEX BAKER: You're exactly right. And I would
8 encourage all 21 of my Council members. I have spent an ungodly
9 amount in the last month with every newspaper in this office.
10 And I have not seen but one paper -- I want to publicly state
11 when we gave 500 gifts to you, and when we just hand a stand-down
12 that effected a thousand veterans at our office, and I spent
13 \$1,500 dollars with a newspaper and they didn't have the common
14 courtesy to come out.

15 Yes, Sir. Yes, Ma'am. I'm very upset with the
16 local coverage. Because they are here every week, every month to
17 cover the discussions in this room. But, when I issue -- and I'm
18 spendin \$1,500 dollars with you to promote a stand-down for the
19 veterans, I think it's common courtesy that they would come to
20 visit and see what we're about.

21 (Applause.)

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Alex, let's go back to the
23 question that I asked on one particular thing. And this is this
24 new reconstruction that we're doing. That's what I'm asking, on
25 that particular thing, not on what other that you were doing.

1 The -- what type of information through the newspaper are we
2 going to be doing with this new program that we have?

3 ALEX BAKER: I can sit down and make that
4 request to Donnie Douglas. But, squeaky wheels get the oil. And
5 if I'm just one voice and I have 21 other people calling saying I
6 subscribe to the Robesonian, or I subscribe to the Hoke County
7 paper, and I want to know what are you going to do to help inform
8 my community. Because it's not just me and my department. I
9 need help from y'all.

10 You represent your community and I need y'all to
11 pick up the phone and say, hey, my people aren't being informed.
12 And I see this money -- has Alex Baker contacted you, and find
13 out if I have. And if they tell you I haven't, call me back and
14 find out what's my problem that day that I haven't called Donnie
15 Douglas, and I haven't called Venita Jenkins or anybody else at
16 that paper.

17 I can guarantee you when one of you give me a
18 call, me and you and that person will get on the phone right
19 then.

20 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Fernie.

21 FERNIE LAMBERT: Yes, Alex. On those PSAs with Time
22 Warner, does that include the Laurinburg and the Maxton area?
23 That is Time Warner up there.

24 ALEX BAKER: PSAs are very unpredictable. PSAs
25 can run at 2:00 o'clock in the morning, and that's not

1 beneficial. That doesn't provide us the benefit that we need.

2 FERNIE LAMBERT: Or the announcements that you were
3 talking about.

4 ALEX BAKER: Yes. But, now one thing you have
5 to understand about a press release is that it's not paid
6 advertisement.

7 FERNIE LAMBERT: Right.

8 ALEX BAKER: That's on their discretion.

9 FERNIE LAMBERT: Thank you. Ms. Pam.

10 PAM SPAULDING: Just real briefly. Have you
11 checked into the possibility of inserts in the newspapers?
12 Because if I get an insert, I'm more likely to pick it up and
13 look at it than I am to some little article.

14 ALEX BAKER: That's something we can go ahead
15 and look at, and get some price quotes together and see the cost
16 of having them delivered.

17 LAURA SAMPSON: Ms. Wendy?

18 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: I would suggest that you check into
19 viewing or trying to find which publications are free
20 publications, are going to go out to the most of your Tribal
21 membership. Because a lot of people don't buy any paper. I
22 don't buy -- I don't subscribe to any paper because life's bad
23 enough without having to read it every day.

24 But, I -- particularly I get free newspapers from
25 the -- what is it -- Pembroke Eagle. Hoke County has free

1 publications. Laurinburg, the Community News and Observer. And
2 you get more circulation through those free publications than you
3 ever will having to go to a subscriber-only venue. Because I
4 know, what it is, 24,000 subscribers to the Community News and
5 Observer?

6 ALEX BAKER: And they have been very gracious
7 with us.

8 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: I know that there are free -- I'm
9 not saying to not go with the standard, which is Robesonian and
10 the Fayetteville Observer. But, I'm saying that you're gonna
11 reach more people by using the free publications. Because
12 everybody gets them even if they do throw them in the trash.

13 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Paul?

14 PAUL LOCKLEAR: One thing I would like to say to
15 the Chairman is that we have an address with each one of you that
16 we will do approximately 20 houses a month. And out of that 20,
17 70 percent of them come from the waiting list, from the date they
18 applied, and that means 12 units. And 40 percent will come from
19 a walk-in off the street. And that means 8 houses. And when
20 I've got 21 members wanting to two and three houses, I don't know
21 where to start or where to stop.

22 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Paul. There is one
23 gentleman who's been waiting. Mr. Blue, is that right?

24 LYNELL BLUE: I didn't know whether would be
25 able to speak. I want to know, I went the church about three

1 weeks ago. And I didn't know, and I asked do they still have
2 something for the disabled, emergency. And I was told no, that
3 program was cut out until 2009. And I just wanted to see if
4 that's -- you had started that back up now or not.

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Well, I'll tell you what. If you
6 want to see me or any other Council member after the meeting,
7 we'll try to square that away for you with some of the Housing
8 folks who are here. Thank you, Mr. Blue. Mr. Clark?

9 WELFORD CLARK: What I wanted to ask Alex is when
10 these folk -- or excuse me, I think Boscoe would probably -- or
11 Mr. Paul would have to do this. When the new people are coming
12 in, right, of those -- number one, I know we're just handling the
13 most severe of severe emergencies; correct?

14 PAUL LOCKLEAR: Correct.

15 WELFORD CLARK: And the less severe of those
16 emergencies, are we telling those folks, look here, you're going
17 to be 897 on the list. And we're doing 12 each month, so we will
18 see you in 2014. And it sounds funny, and it really is, but
19 that's just -- that is the truth of the matter.

20 PAUL LOCKLEAR: You're absolutely right.

21 WELFORD CLARK: And we just have to tell them.
22 They need to be told the truth of the matter up front, to listen,
23 you are on the list. But, at the current rate that we're going,
24 if you're 865 and we continue at 12 each month, then you do the
25 arithmetic, you know. And I would calculate to be about six-and-

1 a-half years before we'll get there.

2 PAUL LOCKLEAR: I tell a lot of people, Mr. Clark.

3 WELFORD CLARK: As long as we're telling folks.

4 Because some of them go and expect you to come next week.

5 LYNELL BLUE: But, isn't it only right to go back
6 and review the applications instead of sending them back --

7 WELFORD CLARK: I think you may not have understood
8 what Paul said, but he just answered that. The current guideline
9 says this: That of all the rehab we do -- and I say rehab meaning
10 emergency and rehab -- any work that we do, 60 percent of it will
11 come from the oldest that we're dealing with, the oldest
12 applications, the one that was put in the longest point ago,
13 that's already been there four or five, six years.

14 We're doing those. But, sometimes folks come in
15 and the emergency is of such a nature that they've got sparks
16 shooting out of the window, if they got roofs leaking, if they've
17 got holes in their floors. There's some folks -- there are some
18 things you can't put off five years from now, you know. So, we
19 allowed ourself enough leeway to address the severest of severe
20 emergencies and get those handled right away.

21 If you've got somebody that's got a heart
22 sickness, or a asthmatic problem, or some kind of allergy problem
23 and they have to have a constant temperature to keep oxygen in
24 the house, and those kinds of things, when it comes to that life
25 and limb kind of stuff, there has to be some slack in there to

1 allow the Tribal Administration some discretion in handling
2 these.

3 (Open discussions were held with Tribal Council, Tribal
4 Staff and Tribal members of the audience about Housing programs
5 and waiting lists, LIHEAP, et cetera.)

6 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other discussion? Any other
7 comments before we move on? Hearing none. We'll move on to the
8 comments from the Tribal Council. Mr. Clark?

9 WELFORD CLARK: The first thing I'm going to do is
10 offer a motion. And the motion is that we appoint a committee of
11 two consisting of Frances Chavis and Audrey Hunt. We're looking
12 to have a great and a festive swearing in ceremony some time in
13 January for our new Tribal Council people. Frances Chavis in her
14 six years on the Tribal Council has pretty well handled the job
15 as the hospitality person.

16 And I'd like to give Frances Chavis the
17 opportunity to leave with a bang. So, I would like for Frances -
18 - and she can train Audrey -- that we will have a great swearing
19 in and an auld lang syne for those who are parting. And that's
20 my motion that they organize that.

21 LARRY CHAVIS: I second that.

22 WENDY MOORE-GRAHAM: I second it.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: There is a motion and a discussion
24 on the floor. Any discussion? Mr. Ray?

25 RAY LITTLETTURTLE: After the motion, I want to say

1 something.

2 LAURA SAMPSON: There's a motion and a second on
3 the floor. All in favor?

4 (Ayes were given.)

5 LAURA SAMPSON: Any opposed?

6 (No nays were given.)

7 ("Motion 7" - Motion for Frances Chavis and Audrey Hunt
8 to organize the January swearing in ceremony was approved.)

9 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, Mr. Ray?

10 RAY LITTLETTURTLE: I -- my health is not as such -- I
11 don't know how much longer I can serve the Tribe. That decision
12 is being made by the Doctor. So, that will be forthcoming and
13 then I'm gonna have to nod my head all the time when Mr. Clark
14 wants me to.

15 LAURA SAMPSON: Any other comments? Hearing none,
16 we'll move into the next item on the agenda, calendar at review.

17 **Calendar Review**

18 (The following items were either announced or
19 added to the Tribal Council calendar.)

20 **November 2008**

21 25th 5:45 p.m. LNTP Meeting

22 6:00 p.m. Economic Development and Ethics Committee
23 Meeting

24 **December 2008**

25 1st 6:30 p.m. Constitution and Ordinance Committee meeting

1 2nd Elder's Dinner
2 5th 11:30 a.m. Ground Breaking - Dist. 2 Boys & Girls Club
3 4th 3:30 lineup Pembroke Christmas Parade
4 7th 2 - 4 p.m. District 3 Community Center Walk Through
5 9th Health Assessment Workshop sponsored by
6 Chapel Hill
7 11th 6:30 p.m. Education, Culture and Public Relations
8 Committee Meeting

9 (Meeting resumed.)

10 LAURA SAMPSON: All right, anything else?

11 JAMES LOCKLEAR: I need to make an announcement.

12 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. James Harold.

13 JAMES LOCKLEAR: For all of us in here, and
14 especially to the Tribal Council, and Alex might be able to help
15 me out here some. But, I don't know if any of you are aware that
16 Wal-Mart is going to do away with their sewing and stitching
17 supplies and things like that. They're going to take it out of
18 the store up here. And I was told to make the announcement
19 tonight to try to contact them in ways to keep that department
20 open.

21 Because the Tribal Council really depends on that,
22 because we buy a lot of material from them, you know, from the
23 elders and the people doing their sewing and stitching and stuff.
24 So, if we can, Alex if you can, let's try to give them a call to
25 keep that department at Wal-Mart. Yes, Sir, go ahead.

1 ALEX BAKER: Well, unfortunately because we already
2 previously committed to Fort Jackson this week, the Chairman had
3 been invited to attend. Wal-Mart this was their second year,
4 this week the 17th through the 20th in which they invited all the
5 chairs and the chiefs of all the Tribes nationally to their
6 headquarters in Arkansas.

7 They are trying to be very responsive to our needs
8 within our community. I'm sure the Chairman may have called some
9 of you to hear what your concerns that you would like seeing sold
10 in our community. One of the things that we said in the office
11 is more items that look like us and pertain to us.

12 So, those were some of the issues. Unfortunately,
13 we were not able to make that. But, we will send our suggestions
14 to their team and their Vice-Presidents. And that is on that
15 suggestion.

16 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Alex. Any other
17 additions or subtractions to the calendar? Hearing none, we will
18 ask Mr. Ray Littleturtle to give us our benediction. If you
19 would, please stand.

20 Do I hear a motion that we adjourn?

21 JAMES LOCKLEAR: I make a motion that we adjourn.

22 BRAD McMILLIAN: Second.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: All in favor?

24 (Ayes were given.)

25 (No nays were given.)

1 (Motion to adjourn meeting was passed.)

2 LAURA SAMPSON: Mr. Ray.

3 WELFORD CLARK: First of all, before you dismiss,
4 just one final comment. I don't do this often, especially as it
5 relates to the Election Board. But, I think the Election Board
6 by and large this year stuck with the ordinance. And I think
7 they did a very responsible and a good job. My hats off to Mr.
8 Erle.

9 LAURA SAMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Clark. Mr. Baker
10 does have an announcement.

11 ALEX BAKER: The Chairman wanted me -- he
12 apologized that he could not be here tonight, even though he has
13 no official role and duty with the legislative branch's
14 government. However, he did want you to know and people to
15 congratulate the students in Scotland County tonight started
16 their first NASA Club. So, please congratulate those students
17 over there for taking that initiative and helping bring back
18 their culture over there in Scotland County.

19 (Applause from audience and Tribal Council.)

20 (Closing benediction was given by Councilman Ray
21 Littleturtle.)

22 (Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.)

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