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SEPTEMBER 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

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LESAUNDRI HUNT

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LARRY TOWNSEND

ROBERT CHAVIS

JAN LOWERY

BILL BREWINGTON

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APPEARANCES



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- EVAN DAVENPORT
- TERRY HUNT
- JANIE OXENDINE MCFARLAND
- LESAUNDRI HUNT
- JONATHAN LOCKLEAR
- JARROD LOWERY
- LARRY TOWNSEND
- ROBERT CHAVIS
- JAN LOWERY
- BILL BREWINGTON
- ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS
- TERRY COLLINS
- AREATHA PATTERSON
- SHELLEY STRICKLAND
- HOMER FIELDS
- BOBBY OXENDINE

ALSO PRESENT



- Chairman Paul Brooks
- Sheila Beck
- Bosco Locklear
- Tony Hunt
- Rose Marie Townsend

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PROCEEDINGS

The following proceedings took place on Thursday,
September 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We want to call our meeting to order, our September tribal council meeting. I want to ask Mr. Evan if he would do the invocation for us.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Evan Davenport.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Larry, would you do the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Preamble, Mr. Bill. Would you lead us in the preamble, please?

(The preamble to the constitution was read.)

MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you. Before we do the roll call, if you have a cell phone, make sure it's on silence or vibrate, please. And if anyone has any head gear, if the men have the head gear, would you -- we'd like to ask that you remove that at this time, please. Ms. Jan, the roll call, please.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

2 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Here.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

4 MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

6 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Here.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear?

10 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Jan, Mr.

11 Locklear's out of town on business. He told me
12 he would be out of town, and I'd like to excuse
13 him. Also, William Maiden -- as of four to
14 five, he was in the emergency room -- some kind
15 of sickness that I'm not aware of, but I spoke
16 to his wife.

17 MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I would like
18 to add Shelley Strickland to that. He's got
19 some family issues, and that's why he's not
20 with us tonight.

21 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like
22 to add Mr. Frank Cooper tonight. He had work
23 obligations at this time.

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

25 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I move that these

1 members be excused.

2 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Larry.

4 All in favor of excusing all the members, say
5 aye.

6 (The council voted.)

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

8 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.

9 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod
10 Lowery?

11 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Here.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Robert
15 Chavis?

16 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Here.

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

19 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Present.

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

22 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

24 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Here.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

1 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Here.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: And Homer Fields?

3 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Here.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

5 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, add Mr.

6 Doug Locklear, Mr. Bobby Oxendine, and Mr.

7 Daniel Jones to those members being excused.

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. All those in
9 agreement, say aye, please.

10 (The council voted.)

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Any opposed?

12 Thank you. Next on our agenda is the review

13 and approval of the agenda. May I have a

14 motion?

15 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Motion.

16 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion and

18 a second. All in favor, say aye.

19 (The council voted.)

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Thank you.

21 Next on the agenda is the review and approval

22 of the August tribal council minutes and

23 actions.

24 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker, I move

25 to have the minutes be approved as presented.

1 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr.

3 Townsend. We have a second. All in favor, say
4 aye.

5 (The council voted.)

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next on our agenda is
7 the AT&T presentation by Mr. John Lyon. Is he
8 here?

9 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, we had him on
10 the agenda, but they haven't notified us that
11 they weren't coming, so we don't know what the
12 problem is. That's my theory on it.

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We'll move to
14 the next item here, recognition of the boys and
15 girls club My Heritage A-Z study. Mr. Bobby
16 Oxendine, Terry Hunt, and Chairman Brooks. Is
17 the Chairman present? Mr. Bobby's not. Mr.
18 Jarrod, would you stand in for Mr. Bobby? Mr.
19 Jarrod worked on this program. Ms. Townsend,
20 would you like to speak to the program before
21 we do the presentation?

22 MS. ROSE MARIE TOWNSEND: Thank you, Mr.
23 Speaker. Good evening. We're glad to be here
24 tonight for many reasons. First of all, I want
25 to say that we completed a very successful

1 summer program this summer, and on behalf of
2 the staff, I want you to know that because of
3 the success of our summer program, we have
4 enrolled over 20 additional students when
5 school kicked off this year, and that was
6 students that have not ever been a part of the
7 boys and girls club. But because they came to
8 this summer and had a meaningful and worthwhile
9 experience, they chose to come back and become
10 a part of our academic year program. But this
11 evening, we want to recognize some students who
12 did an exceptional job with the project that we
13 launched this summer that had never been done.
14 It was a project that allowed our members to
15 explore and talk about being uniquely Lumbee.
16 Who are the Lumbee people? What is it that
17 makes them so unique? Part of that was to
18 comprise a notebook -- we call it our A-Z
19 notebook, and we talked with the students about
20 the government, we talked with them about
21 important individuals in our history, important
22 places in our history, and important events in
23 our history. They took that conversation that
24 came from research that our staff had done and
25 letters of the alphabet, and they took each of

1 those letters, and they defined a word. For
2 example, we talked about the fact that we are
3 the Lumbee nation, and as a nation, we have
4 citizens. We do not have members, we have
5 citizens. The citizen could be the c-word. We
6 also talked about the fact that as a
7 government, which was a g-word. We have a
8 constitution, so that was another c-word, and
9 from that we talked about our three branches of
10 government, and we talked about the tribal
11 council -- the legislative branch making laws,
12 the executive side doing the day-to-day
13 operations, the fact that we have a chairman
14 and not a chief. And our youngest member
15 tonight -- as we talked about it, he was the
16 one that could tell us -- he was the first one
17 to say who our chairman was, so we then talked
18 about our judicial branch of government and the
19 two pieces.

20 So the notebooks are on display over to my
21 left, so if you have an opportunity, we will
22 leave those there. At the conclusion of the
23 council meeting, go through and see some of
24 those that the kids came up with as it related
25 to our alphabet, A-Z, and how some of those

1 things tied into us as Lumbee people.

2 So what we did to keep kids motivated --
3 there's a lot. You can do two things -- and
4 it's not only kids, but it's adults too. You
5 can feed folks and you can give them money.
6 And so, at the beginning of this process, we
7 told the kids that we would judge the notebooks
8 on a criteria, and that we would make a
9 presentation of savings bonds to them -- to
10 acquaint them with that term. Well, guess
11 what? You can't buy them no longer as of
12 January 2012. We went from trying to get them
13 online from the National Treasury. We could
14 not do that as a tribe or just them as a
15 business. You cannot even purchase them, so we
16 went to talking about a savings account, which
17 we could not do without parents, so we are
18 giving them a check tonight. The check is
19 being presented to them by the council because
20 the council agreed that they would make their
21 monetary donation to them, and then we are
22 going to give them a plaque.

23 There were two processes in this. They
24 were first judged at their own club, and we had
25 winners from the club -- from the clubs here

1 with us tonight, all four clubs -- and then we
2 took those winners, and we got totally
3 different judges, and we ended up with an
4 elementary and middle school and high school
5 winner. They came from the club winners, and
6 they will get additional money tonight. But we
7 are recognizing those -- if you would, we have
8 all of those individuals, please stand. We
9 have one young lady that's not with us tonight,
10 but her father is here, and he will be
11 accepting that on behalf of her because she is
12 sick. So at this time, we're going to begin
13 with our elementary winners.

14 Our first elementary person is Daulen
15 Elliott. Our next elementary person is Daelen
16 Jarry. Our next elementary person is Ariana
17 Bunce, and her father will accept on her
18 behalf.

19 In the middle school category, our first
20 winner is Alicia, Alicia Hunt. Our next middle
21 school person is Destiny Wydra. Our next
22 middle school person is Dylan Hammonds.

23 In our high school category, our first
24 person is Elijah Hunt. Our next person in the
25 high school level is Ventina Jacobs. Our next

1 high school person is Taylor Mullin.

2 So, as we said, we have three individuals
3 that got to double their money, and they get an
4 additional plaque with recognition. At the
5 elementary level, we have Daelen Elliott. Now,
6 they did not know about this. We held the top
7 surprises till the end. I think there are two
8 folks, the one writing the check, and -- it's
9 important that they know that they had to come
10 to get the first prize, but they didn't know
11 about the second one. That's his sister, she
12 wanted to sit beside him (indicating). There
13 you go. The winner in the middle school level
14 was Dylan Hammonds. And the winner at the high
15 school level is Ventina Jacobs.

16 Okay. I want to thank all of the staff
17 for their hard work with helping put that
18 together because, as I said, it was a new
19 experience for everyone. Without the staff and
20 some of the kids,-- if you look at their books,
21 they acknowledged the staff for their hard work
22 and helping them put that together. But Mr.
23 Mark said he would like to have a group shot
24 now.

25 (Pause.)

1 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Now, we want you to
2 get a picture. This is something that needs to
3 go in the Robesonian. This is something good
4 because it's positive.

5 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: They need to read
6 about this tomorrow. The ones that worked with
7 them, they need to get in this group.

8 (Pause.)

9 MS. ROSE MARIE TOWNSEND: One more thing,
10 Mr. Speaker, if we could. There are some
11 parents here tonight. If we could have the
12 parents please stand. We want to thank you for
13 all your support and all your time and your
14 support that you give to the boys and girls
15 club.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Amen. Thank you.
17 Also, Ms. Townsend, for your work, along with
18 the staff in recognizing these children. A lot
19 of times in the church, we make a mistake of
20 saying our children are the church of tomorrow,
21 and I correct that now, folks. Our children
22 are part of the church today, not tomorrow.
23 Amen. So our children are part of the tribe
24 today and not the future. Amen. They're more
25 a part of it today and in the future than I am.

1 Amen. Because I'm not as young as they are.
2 They're going to be around a lot longer than
3 I'm going to be around. Mr. Bobby?

4 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Thank you, Mr.
5 Speaker. I'd like to apologize for my
6 tardiness, but I'm just getting back from
7 Chapel Hill from a doctor's appointment. And I
8 would like to personally put my name beside
9 this. Mr. John -- Jarrod over there was a lead
10 person on this from the council, and I'd like
11 to thank the other members because some of you
12 personally gave donations for the scholarships
13 or the awards to the students. So thank you,
14 council members, for your dedication and hard
15 work. Thank you, young boys and girls, for
16 your hard work and the boys and girls club, and
17 we'd like to see you continue your work and be
18 rewarded many more times. Thank you.

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Bobby.
20 Next on our agenda is community comments. Mr.
21 Byron Brooks?

22 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Good evening, council
23 members. First, I'd just like to say thank you
24 for letting me come here and speak with you
25 today. First, I'd like to pass out some

1 information to you just for a moment. All
2 right. Why am I here today? It's very simple.
3 We have a very crucial and time-sensitive issue
4 right now. Right now, the current tribal
5 constitution states that anyone can be enrolled
6 into the Lumbee Tribe no matter how much Lumbee
7 descent they have. All that it requires is
8 that you show descent. You can be literally
9 one sixteenth or one one-hundredth, it doesn't
10 matter how much. I used to work in the
11 enrollment office. I saw it, it has happened.
12 I don't think that's how we identify on a
13 day-to-day basis, so I came up with the idea
14 this past summer that why don't we do a
15 constitutional amendment to change our current
16 tribal enrollment requirements. Okay. I had
17 tried to go around and get some signatures.

18 There's two options that -- basically to
19 get the tribal constitution amendment done.
20 You can get enough signatures, five percent of
21 the eligible voters, and it would go straight
22 to the ballot box. The election board would be
23 forced to put it on the ballot box, or you
24 could go to the council. Y'all can get a
25 two-thirds vote, and you can propose an

1 amendment. That's all you will be doing is
2 proposing an amendment, and it would still go
3 again, to the ballot box. The election board
4 would be forced to put it in for the people's
5 vote, and the people could vote yes or no. A
6 simple majority by the people would decide
7 whether it's adopted or not -- so y'all would
8 just be doing a proposed amendment. So why
9 we're here tonight -- we're here tonight to try
10 to get this put on the agenda.

11 First and foremost, and if you could,
12 please, just vote to add this to the agenda,
13 and then we can discuss exactly what that
14 tribal amendment is, first and foremost, and
15 then you can ask any questions you have. Y'all
16 can end up debating and changing some language
17 all you want to, but y'all again would just be
18 doing a proposal. You are not doing a
19 legislative law or bill where you have to go to
20 a committee and go in that committee and then
21 go to the Chairman. No, you're just doing a
22 proposal. If we're trying to do a
23 constitutional amendment, you need two-thirds
24 vote to pass that, but, first and foremost,
25 please, vote to add this to the agenda tonight.

1 Again, I'm ready to answer any questions you
2 have. I'm sure you will do your due diligence
3 and ask me any question you have. I used to
4 work in enrollment, like I said, and I'm more
5 than equipped to answer any questions you have
6 -- but I would ask that somebody nominate this
7 to put it before the committee tonight to be
8 able to talk about it.

9 MR. TERRY COLLINS: I make a motion to add
10 it to the agenda.

11 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Second.

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We've already
13 approved the agenda.

14 MR. TERRY COLLINS: How long would it
15 take, Mr. Byron?

16 MR. BYRON BROOKS: As many question as you
17 have. It could be five minutes or ten minutes,
18 but the proposal's point blank and simple. It
19 would literally be a key addition to what we
20 currently have, and in that, you would see they
21 must demonstrate the descent from sourced
22 documents. That's what we call our base roles
23 -- in 1900-1910. I would add in there you must
24 be at least one-quarter American Indian. I
25 want one-quarter American Indian and not

1 one-quarter Lumbee because I don't want to hurt
2 or disencourage emergence with other tribes.
3 You can end up having somebody that is an
4 eighth of a whole bunch of different tribes,
5 and they wouldn't be eligible one day. I would
6 keep what we have. Again, I'm not disrupting
7 what we have. I'm just adding the one-quarter
8 American Indian blood requirement. It's a very
9 typical standard amount. There's over
10 twenty-some tribes that do that, and then
11 there's some tribes that do half the
12 requirement. There's even a tribe that does a
13 five-eighth blood requirement. The Federal
14 Government requires to get any assistance to
15 the people, whether it's for health care, or
16 whether it's for education or something like
17 that. For scholarships, it's required that you
18 be one-quarter anyway. We already have a
19 system in place to determine -- we print out
20 CIBs everyday in the enrollment office already.

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Wait a minute. Mr.
22 Robert, I'm sort of at a loss on how to do
23 this.

24 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Question, Mr.
25 Speaker. What, if you don't mind, what's the

1 recommendation for the motion? Was it to add
2 to the agenda to discuss, or was it to --

3 MR. BYRON BROOKS: I first need to get it
4 on the agenda.

5 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: -- to discuss? Was
6 that the whole intent, why you're here tonight?

7 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Yes. Then y'all can
8 decide if the pass is yea or nay, that's up to
9 y'all. But I'd love to be able to answer more
10 questions, but he's going to put me on the
11 clock if I don't get it on the agenda.

12 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: So make sure I'm
13 clear, your purpose is to put it on the agenda
14 for discussion?

15 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Yes.

16 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Is it to vote
17 tonight?

18 MR. BYRON BROOKS: I would love for you to
19 do a vote tonight because, again, I would love
20 to see this sometime done in November. If we
21 could do it with the regular election for the
22 chairman and the council. If they determine
23 that they can't have a separate election, and
24 then that's for them to decide, but first and
25 foremost, for y'all to propose this as an

1 amendment.

2 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Thank you, sir.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I spoke with Mr.
4 Byron, he called me, and I tried to understand
5 the situation. I told him, normally, anything
6 that's on our agenda, we try to have a -- well,
7 not try, but according to our rules, there's a
8 five-day notice so the council can read over it
9 and understand it before we vote on it.

10 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Mr. Byron, what's the
11 latest this thing needs --

12 MR. BYRON BROOKS: She said she would like
13 to have it passed in the September meeting, and
14 she was going to try to do it in November, part
15 of that election. That's why again I was
16 trying to do the signature route, then once I
17 realized it was becoming more and more
18 time-sensitive, I decided to just go to y'all.
19 So if nothing else, again, please just allow us
20 to put this on the agenda, and we can discuss
21 it. If you end up not passing it, you want to
22 table it, and then we end up having an election
23 in January or February for this, fine. But try
24 at least to do this tonight, just try. I mean
25 I would like to see what the discussion is

1 amongst y'all and whether or not you're for or
2 against it, striking some language, adding some
3 language -- but at least adding it to the
4 agenda if nothing else, making an effort.
5 There's a lot of people from the community that
6 I've talked to that think it's already a
7 requirement in itself.

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And Mr. -- I spoke
9 with Mr. Byron also, and normally, this would
10 need to come out in committee first before it's
11 presented to the council. I don't want -- I
12 want to try to be as fair as I can. Any
13 council -- we can't have an open dialogue back
14 and forth, we're not supposed to with community
15 comments, Mr. Brooks, but we'll allow a few
16 comments from the council.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: I have some. So there's
18 a sense of urgency because of the upcoming
19 election is what you're saying?

20 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Yes. Because I would
21 prefer if we had as large a turnout as possible
22 when they vote for this, and everyone knows
23 there's a bigger turnout when there's a
24 chairman versus if we end up doing this next
25 year when there's nothing else going on but

1 maybe just a council election or something. So
2 I want the will of the people to truly be
3 represented. It would be best to do it at a
4 larger election like we're having in November.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Well, my opinion is --
6 I'm very hesitant. Not because I don't believe
7 what you're saying is a good change, but
8 whenever we start changing or do anything to
9 the constitution, we all have to be comfortable
10 with it, and words mean a lot,--

11 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: -- so we have to look at
13 it word-for-word, line-for-line and digest it
14 and be comfortable with it. I would have to be
15 before I'd move forward with that. I would
16 feel more comfortable if the committee that
17 we've designed to look at this request would be
18 a part that decision as well. So that's just
19 my opinion.

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Jarrod?

21 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, I have
22 one other question. And this is for Ms. Beck,
23 if I can ask her. How many days is it until
24 election day?

25 MS. SHEILA BECK: Election is November

1 17th, so what's that? Sixty-nine? Something
2 like that.

3 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Because my thought is
4 we have to, you know -- just when we propose
5 amendments -- you know the tribal council has
6 to vote on the ten days. The tribal election
7 board would have to post it, and within 60 days
8 after posting it, it would have to be -- there
9 would have to be an election and vote on the
10 amendment. So as long as we are not within ten
11 days of the election, we can still have this on
12 election day, so we can go through our whole
13 process of having it through committee, voting
14 on it next month, and it still being on the
15 calendar.

16 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Well, the only issue
17 that is on paper that would hurt -- in working
18 principle, but in real theory and in real life,
19 she has to have time to basically print this
20 off --

21 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker?

22 THE REPORTER: Excuse me. Excuse me. I
23 need everyone to speak one at a time, please.

24 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker? I'd
25 like to call a point of order. We need to

1 comment for three minutes. Those three minutes
2 are up. Unless we get a two-thirds vote to
3 extend this time in addition to that, I agree
4 that this must go before the constitutional
5 committee because this is a constitution issue,
6 and I don't think we have the right to override
7 our committee. So my point of order -- you're
8 just going to have to -- you're just going to
9 have to stay there unless the Speaker gives you
10 authorization to speak on it.

11 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker,
12 the bottom line is, he's asking to have it put
13 on the agenda. It takes 14 votes to get it on
14 the agenda. Let's just vote and see if we want
15 to put it on there or not.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Is the council
17 comfortable with that?

18 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Larry?

20 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Folks, you must
21 understand the constitution is not something
22 you just -- it's not a swinging door. Ideas
23 come and go. An issue of this importance, an
24 issue of this significance needs to be
25 thoroughly vetted before the committee or

1 before the council. This is not the proper
2 place for this, and the urgency of this is come
3 on. There's been time and time and time for
4 this to have been done, and the urgency of this
5 does not require, does not necessitate that we
6 meet on this at this point in time and put this
7 on the ballot because our people are going to
8 be totally confused, and there will be people
9 who don't understand. And if the council
10 doesn't understand, the public is not going to
11 understand either. There's a process that this
12 can go to. Words mean something, and rules
13 mean something, and we have rules. And to come
14 -- this is the first time, to my knowledge,
15 anything has ever come to this council in
16 community minutes -- in community comments that
17 someone has tried to push this issue or any
18 other issues -- and the urgency of this does
19 not necessitate in my mind sight that the
20 council take this up at this time. Send it to
21 a committee at best, but there's no need for a
22 vote on this.

23 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: I second that.

24 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Mr. Speaker?

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Homer?

1 MR. HOMER FIELDS: I offer a motion that
2 we take this up at the next constitution
3 meeting.

4 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

5 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a
6 motion and a second to take this up at the next
7 meeting.

8 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Constitution meeting.

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

11 (The council voted.)

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no? Okay. Thank
13 you, Mr. Brooks.

14 MR. BYRON BROOKS: Appreciate your time.

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Next on our agenda is
16 the community -- committee reports. Council,
17 we've got a couple of problems that has arose
18 dealing with the budget and certain personnel.
19 In my opinion,-- I have spoken to the
20 parliamentarian, and he advised we could go
21 into closed session at this time to discuss
22 these issues and come back out and in our
23 public meeting and let it be known. Okay. If
24 I could get a second.

25 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Second.

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: All in favor of going
2 closed, say aye.

3 (The council voted.)

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any no?

5 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: No. Mr. Speaker?

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Thank you, council.

7 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker? Point
8 of information. The constitution said we go
9 into closed session for personnel matters.
10 This does not reach that level.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: In my opinion, Mr.
12 Larry, it will. The budget does involve
13 personnel.

14 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Everything we do
15 involves personnel, Mr. Speaker.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a vote.
17 We're going into closed session.

18 (The council went into closed
19 session at 7:10 p.m.)

20 (The proceedings resumed at 7:23
21 p.m.)

22 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Can we get a motion
23 and a second to come out of closed session?
24 Okay. Next on our agenda is committee is
25 committee reports. Ms. Janie McFarland, the

1 chair of finance.

2 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Everyone should have
3 a copy of the ordinance for the fiscal year
4 budget, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, CLLO
5 2015-0917-01, dated September 17, 2015, Fiscal
6 Year October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016 Lumbee
7 Tribal Budget Ordinance.

8 Whereas, The Lumbee Tribe of North
9 Carolina, a recognized American Indian Tribe of
10 the State of North Carolina, subject to the
11 Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North
12 Carolina and its inherent powers of
13 self-government; and.

14 Whereas, Article VII, Section 1 of the
15 Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North
16 Carolina delegates all legislative authority to
17 the Tribal Council; and

18 Whereas, The Tribal Council of the Lumbee
19 Tribe of North Carolina has the authority to
20 approve, adopt, and amend the annual fiscal
21 year budget and budget process; and

22 Whereas, The Tribal Council is responsible
23 for overseeing, reviewing, and approving actual
24 expenditures and budget variances throughout
25 the fiscal year; and

1 Whereas, The Tribal Council of the Lumbee
2 Tribe of North Carolina reserves the right to
3 amend the budget as deemed appropriate to
4 maintain a balanced budget (see
5 below/attachment), and the budget is attached.

6 Therefore, it is -- Be it enacted by the
7 Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North
8 Carolina the following ordinance shall be
9 adopted and cited as "Fiscal Year October 1,
10 2015-September 30, 2016 Lumbee Tribal Budget
11 Ordinance.

12 And the budget is attached to the
13 ordinance along with -- the term is the
14 proposed operating current year 2015-2016. The
15 first two sheets is NAHASDA, and the last two
16 sheets is the things that fall with the tribal
17 council, the Lumbee Tribe services. Is there
18 any questions on the budget?

19 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And coming from the
20 committee, it doesn't need a second. Mr.
21 Davenport?

22 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Are we open for a few
23 questions, comments? For clarity purposes, I
24 see 8202 to 8214 is your upkeep of districts?
25 Two, three, four, six, seven, eight, nine,

1 eleven, fourteen. That being said, I think I
2 was informed that this was going to be taken
3 out?

4 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: No. The money
5 should've been in the whole budget. So what
6 you're asking --

7 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Is it still there?

8 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

9 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Thank you.

10 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And I would like to
11 thank Ms. Janie and her committee for their --
12 and the other council members that were
13 involved in the budget. In several meetings,
14 the little discussions Ms. Janie had in getting
15 -- so I would like to thank her for working on
16 the budget, and, like I said, the council
17 members not on the committee for being there
18 also. Anything further?

19 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

21 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I would like
22 to offer that we take from item line number
23 8031, maintenance development, and that we give
24 the executive branch the authority to get
25 insurance for the employees and get them a

1 better package than the current one they have.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

3 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What's the number?

4 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: 8031.

5 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Restate your
6 motion, Ms. Anita.

7 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I would like
8 to offer an amendment to this budget that the
9 funds be taken from line item 8031, maintenance
10 development, and added to the insurance line
11 item, which would be -- was that under fringe?
12 Put that under fringe that they find a better
13 insurance package for the employees.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Do we have a
15 second?

16 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, we can go
17 ahead and --

18 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Excuse me.

19 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: I second that.

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a
21 motion and a second to amend line item 8031.

22 MR. TONY HUNT: Before you vote on that,
23 I'd just like to say we appreciate the
24 suggestion, Ms. Blanks, but we would rather --
25 if we needed to take any money from any other

1 line item in doing the insurance, we would
2 rather take that from 8030 because that's where
3 we put a lot of the money from that we carry
4 over and things like that. We would rather
5 take it from that than take it from line item
6 8031.

7 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker,
8 my logic there is the line item that they use
9 to do a new road, which on these roads, they
10 told us that they could put 15 houses. And
11 since we have proved that last year -- unless
12 they put 15 houses in there, this is overkill.

13 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to
14 let Mr. Bosco, our director of our housing,
15 speak to that issue if you wouldn't mind.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. For
17 clarification, Mr. Bosco Locklear.

18 MR. BOSCO LOCKLEAR: That money that's put
19 there is not in the road. The road is in the
20 current budget that you amended. The new road
21 is not in that proposed budget. That \$400,000
22 there is used for keeping up all these
23 developments, cutting grass. It does most of
24 the home repairs when we repossess. Even
25 though we show repossession as asset

1 management, that is not nearly enough. I think
2 there might be \$75,000 in asset management for
3 repossession. Well, normally, those houses
4 running you run -- repossessed ones running you
5 15, \$18,000 refurbished. So most of the
6 repossession money that's spent when we take
7 homes back, it comes out of money that's in
8 development. But the new street, it's in the
9 current budget. There's not a street in the
10 proposed budget.

11 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

12 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

13 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Unless I'm
14 misunderstood, basically what you're saying is
15 this is a line item that's being used pretty
16 much anywhere.

17 MR. BOSCO LOCKLEAR: No. It's used for --
18 it's used for street cleaning, maintenance, and
19 development.

20 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

21 MR. BOSCO LOCKLEAR: It's used nothing but
22 for nothing but bricks and mortar and to -- I
23 mean, we have in all the developments -- I
24 mean, we're cutting probably 70 acres of grass.
25 I mean, we spend an enormous amount of money on

1 cutting grass in the developments. Our
2 maintenance guys don't have anything to do with
3 cutting grass in the developments except their
4 own. When I say home ownership developments,
5 those guys don't have anything to do with any
6 of that money that's in upkeep and cutting
7 grass and budgets -- like Arrowpoint, Cheraw
8 Acres, Autumn Chase, and I'll give you another
9 good example. Probably three months ago, we
10 had to spend -- right back here (indicating)
11 where we had a washout at Arrowpoint, we had to
12 spend \$15,000 to correct it. They said you're
13 going to do it this way, or we're gonna fine
14 you \$50,000, and you got 30 days to do it. So
15 -- and right now, they've come in at Cheraw
16 Acres. Right now, we're putting out for bids
17 because they came in, and they don't like the
18 way that the slant is on the ditch even though
19 they approved it when it was put in. Now
20 they're saying that too much is washed out, and
21 our slant's off, so we got to go back in there
22 and revamp the ditches up there. We -- if you
23 look at the -- I'm not sure what the financial
24 cost balance is, but the majority of that money
25 pretty well be spent, that \$400,000. Last

1 year, I think we probably spent out of the
2 \$400,000 line item, we probably spent maybe
3 \$370,000, so there was like \$30,000 left. So I
4 mean, if you want to talk about ten or \$15,000
5 -- if you're talking about putting insurance
6 back out -- putting RFP back out for NAHASDA
7 insurance -- I mean it's going to go up. It's
8 going to go up. I mean, you know where it was
9 at last year, and you know how it was put in
10 there -- and I totally agree with you, and I
11 sincerely thank you. We'd love to give you a
12 big hug because our insurance we have right now
13 stinks, so I'm with you.

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay. So
15 you're saying that is not for a road?

16 MR. BOSCO LOCKLEAR: No.

17 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay, okay.
18 But that was the line item where it was before,
19 wasn't it?

20 MR. BOSCO LOCKLEAR: There was two of them
21 before, and one of them was.

22 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay, okay.
23 In that case, I stand corrected, and I agree
24 then to go to line 8030 under home ownership
25 which is \$2.3 million and take funds from there

1 and see if we can't get them, not back where
2 they were originally, but a better plan than
3 what they've got.

4 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

5 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Anita has
6 changed -- the only thing she changed is the
7 line item. Can we have a second to that?

8 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Second.

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Any other discussion
10 on that? Okay. I ask Ms. Jan to do a roll
11 call vote on that, please.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: On the budget?

13 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No. Just on that one
14 item. Ms. Anita, will you state your motion
15 again?

16 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I'm sorry?

17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Will you state your
18 motion that we're going to vote on?

19 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I make a
20 motion to amend this budget to use line item
21 8030 construction/purchase of homes for -- to
22 allow the executive branch to take funds from
23 that line item to get a better insurance
24 package for the employees.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We'll do a

1 roll call vote.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

3 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

5 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

7 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Alton Locklear, absent.

11 Jonathan Locklear?

12 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

14 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

16 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Doug's not here. Robert

18 Chavis?

19 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill

21 Brewington?

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Is Daniel here? No?

24 Anita Hammonds Blanks?

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

2 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

4 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Pass.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: He's not here. Homer
6 Fields?

7 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha, we're back to
9 you. You said pass.

10 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: And the motion
12 carries. We're back to the main motion which
13 is the budget. Are we ready to vote? Okay.
14 Roll call vote, please.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: This is for the budget of
16 fiscal year 2015-2016. Evan Davenport?

17 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: No.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

19 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

21 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

24 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

25 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

2 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

4 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

6 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

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

9 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: No.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

11 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

12 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

13 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

14 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

15 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Homer Fields?

17 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

18 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Did the motion
19 carry?

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: (Nonverbal.)

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Ms. Janie?

22 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Attached also is
23 Continuing Resolution -- this did not come out
24 of the committee.

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: The continuing

1 resolution was a request by the administrator,
2 and we discussed it coming out of committee or
3 not coming out of committee, which I mentioned
4 at the committee -- and his observation is
5 trying to save time. If you notice the budget
6 would not take in effect until October 1, which
7 it will -- if the clerk tomorrow posts -- get
8 it signed and posts it, it will take 30 days
9 before the budget would come into action or
10 law. So we're going to have an elapse of 18 to
11 19 days in there, so the request was as to --
12 so we could continue to operate in that space
13 -- say to the max 19 days. I have spoken to
14 the administrator since then. If it's passed,
15 and he understands, that it would be on a time
16 frame. That time frame is not listed in this
17 resolution. It would have to be put in this
18 resolution. That is if that is the desires of
19 the council.

20 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker?

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Bill?

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So it didn't come
23 from the committee?

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: It would need someone
25 to speak to it and someone to second it. Okay.

1 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Ms. Anita?

3 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I make a
4 motion that we send the continuing resolution
5 back to the constitution committee and that we
6 schedule a meeting for Tuesday night.

7 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Second.

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We have a motion.
9 Who seconds?

10 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Davenport.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. We have a
12 motion to send it to committee Tuesday night
13 and work on it from there.

14 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Any discussion?

15 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. It's open for
16 discussion. Any discussion? We have a motion
17 and a second.

18 MR. HOMER FIELDS: If we do that, would
19 the administration have time? Could we get
20 this back some way or another that we won't be
21 operating without a budget or without a
22 continuing budget, I mean? Do we have time to
23 do all this and keep them operating in a proper
24 way is my question?

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: I would think so for

1 that time period. Mister Administrator? Mr.
2 Homer is questioning -- restate your question,
3 Mr. Homer.

4 MR. HOMER FIELDS: We're offering a motion
5 to take this to committee Tuesday night. Our
6 budget ends last day of September, first day of
7 October, one day or the other. Anyway, October
8 1, the new one begins. My question is if we
9 take this back,-- we got a budget here. If we
10 take this back to committee, can we get
11 something out of this and get it back to where
12 our tribe can continue to operate with
13 something until we get this budget approved for
14 the 30 days to post and all that stuff? What
15 we need to know is whether we can operate
16 normally while we're doing this. You know, the
17 ones that weren't on the budget -- we want this
18 time to run out -- to decide that we're going
19 to vote on it. I mean, my main concern is to
20 make sure that they continue to operate
21 normally. You see what I'm saying?

22 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes. Mister
23 Administration [sic],--

24 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

25 MR. TONY HUNT: I think Ms. Anita's going

1 to answer this.

2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: If we have our
3 meeting on the 22nd which is next Tuesday, you
4 can then call a special meeting -- say, on the
5 29th for the council to vote on the continuing
6 resolution, and that will be fine within rules.

7 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: So then to answer
8 your question, we have time. Does that answer
9 your question?

10 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: We could have a
12 meeting and have time to get something done to
13 where they can continue to operate. Okay. Any
14 other questions? Are we ready to vote? Roll
15 call vote, please.

16 MS. JAN LOWERY: Evan Davenport?

17 MR. EVAN DAVENPORT: Yes.

18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

19 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie McFarland Oxendine
21 -- Janie Oxendine McFarland?

22 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

23 MS. JAN LOWERY: Sorry. Did you say yes?

24 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

25 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt?

1 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

2 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

3 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine?

5 MR. BOBBY OXENDINE: Yes.

6 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jarrod Lowery?

7 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Robert Chavis?

9 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: Yes.

10 MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill

11 Brewington?

12 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes.

13 MS. JAN LOWERY: Anita Hammonds Blanks?

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Collins?

16 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yes.

17 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

18 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

19 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland, not

20 here. William, not. Homer Fields?

21 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Yes.

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker, can I

23 ask a question?

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Just a moment. Okay.

25 The motion carried. Mr.--

1 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: My question to --
2 Mr. Speaker, how long can the tribe operate on
3 a continuing resolution?

4 MR. TONY HUNT: Well, you know, if the
5 continuing resolution -- I mean as long as it's
6 in effect until the budget's passed. I mean,
7 we can work on that.

8 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So my question is,
9 if the Chairman doesn't sign the budget that's
10 proposed by the council, then you just continue
11 on and on the resolution?

12 MR. TONY HUNT: Yes, sir.

13 MR. HOMER FIELDS: I got a question now.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Unless there's a date
15 put on it -- we spoke about the time frame.
16 There's enough days just until the budget comes
17 in effect.

18 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Right. We can put a
19 specific date on the continuing resolution that
20 will end at this point?

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes. Yeah.

22 MR. TONY HUNT: Why don't we just put a
23 wording in there to say that it's going to be
24 in effect until the budget takes place?

25 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Well, we voted to

1 take it back to committee, and I think this is
2 -- if you would, it would be corrected in the
3 constitution -- at the ordinance meeting on
4 Tuesday night. Okay. Okay.

5 Next on our agenda is the tribal
6 administrator report.

7 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to
8 try to speak loud. Some of us are having some
9 trouble with some mics all of a sudden. Just a
10 couple of quick things just for your
11 information. Enrollment will close on October
12 the 16th for anyone seeking to get a new
13 enrollment card. They need to come in before
14 October the 16th. The polls will continue to
15 be open for those folks that are updating a
16 card. They can continue to come in and update
17 their cards. So enrollment will be open for
18 folks coming in after the 16th to update their
19 cards, and they'll still be able to do that.

20 The Prospect Community Building -- we're
21 hoping to be finished with it by the first of
22 October -- maybe the second week of October,
23 and we are planning an open house, and we'll be
24 getting you something just as soon as we see
25 how the progress is going to be out there with

1 the parking lot and everything, and we'll be
2 getting you an invitation for that event that
3 will take place.

4 Pembroke Senior Village -- they had their
5 walk-through with the last nine buildings
6 today. There was no major problems, just some
7 minor landscaping that has to be done, and I
8 think one door needed to be replaced, so we'll
9 be totally, completely finished with Pembroke
10 Senior Village, and we continue to move
11 residents in out at Pembroke Senior Village.

12 The last thing that I would like to talk
13 to you about is the LIHEAP application that's
14 on the table -- and I'm going to pass this
15 sheet around, and it gives you pacific [sic]
16 dates for the different groups to come for
17 that. We have applications for the winter
18 fuel, it's October 5-23. If an applicant's a
19 veteran or 65 years of age or older, October
20 26-30. Applicants receiving disability
21 assistance or falling five years of age or
22 younger, it's November 2-13. The site will be
23 closed on November 11th during that time
24 because it's Veterans Day. But any applicant
25 who may be eligible for assistance can come in

1 during November 2-13. I have a little sheet
2 for you so you can take it with you, and that
3 way if some of your constituents call, you can
4 give them the right dates for you -- their age
5 or disabilities or whatever they need. If you
6 have any other questions or comments about
7 that, you can call me or Mr. Patrick Strickland
8 and/or Tammy Maynor. We can probably answer
9 those questions for you. Other than that, Mr.
10 Speaker, that's all I have.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
12 Tony.

13 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Question. Mr. Hunt,
14 you say from October 16 for -- people can get
15 their cards renewed?

16 MR. TONY HUNT: From October the 16th
17 forward, they can continue to update their
18 cards. Here's what will happen, Mr. Larry.
19 Once the board of elections asks for the
20 printout from enrollment, we'll do that
21 printout. If anyone updates after that date --
22 normally what happens when they go to a polling
23 site, they're going to end up voting on a
24 provisional ballot is what will happen. We
25 will continue to update the whole time, yes,

1 sir. And we'll wait on Ms. Sheila to ask for
2 them, and when she asks for the roll after the
3 16th, I will produce that for her -- but we
4 will continue to do updates.

5 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Thank you.

6 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. I have up here
7 the three different open houses. Did everyone
8 get that information?

9 MR. HOMER FIELDS: No.

10 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. The first one
11 -- and these may not be in an order. Open
12 house, September 18th, which is tomorrow, 4-6,
13 173 Adams Trail, Red Springs, North Carolina.
14 This is a new home, three bedroom, two bath,
15 1,217 square feet. The next one's September
16 19th. It's an open house on 42 North Falling
17 Leaf Lane in Lumberton, North Carolina. This
18 is in Autumn Chase subdivision just east of
19 Lumberton off highway -- off 7th Street -- road
20 rather. The next one is September the 19th
21 also. Of course, that is Saturday from 10-12,
22 67 Pine Cone Court, Pembroke, North Carolina,
23 and this is located in Arrowpoint Acres.

24 MR. TONY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, I think that
25 first one you read is in Cheraw Acres, I think.

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MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay.

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MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, can I ask a question? Now are these houses that people have already purchased, or what's the status of these?

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MR. TONY HUNT: Yes. We already have people for these houses.

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MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I mean, are these purchased homes for these people? Somebody's buying them?

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MR. TONY HUNT: Yes. They're buying them.

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MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yeah. Okay.

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MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. If anyone needs these dates, they'll be right here for a few moments. They're in the boxes. Just go by and check your mail, they're in your mailboxes.

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Next on the agenda is our calendar review.

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Ms. Anita is already set next Tuesday, the 22nd.

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MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Speaker? Ms. Anita, would you consider moving that to the 24th? I'll be out of town on the -- Wednesday night rather. We can have the council meeting on the 29th. Do it on the 24th.

1 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: On the 24th?
2 Okay. Yeah. I don't mind if the rest of the
3 committee doesn't.

4 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: So Ms. Anita's
5 constitution on the 24th.

6 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you.

7 MS. JAN LOWERY: I need to schedule a
8 health committee meeting. Is there anyone else
9 who wants to schedule a meeting in conjunction
10 with mine? Either September or October, it
11 doesn't matter. Probably September.

12 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: We need you to speak a
13 little louder, Ms. Jan.

14 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: We might need
15 to get our September stuff. So what we're
16 saying is we're going to have the constitution
17 meeting on the 24th at 6:30, correct? Is
18 everybody with me? And then Mr. Speaker's
19 going to call a special meeting for the 29th;
20 is that correct? It's got to be.

21 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

22 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: And that's at
23 6:30?

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Six-thirty also.

25 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Okay.

1 MS. JAN LOWERY: So on October 6th --
2 Jarrod, what's your number?

3 MR. JARROD LOWERY: I can do 6:30.

4 MS. JAN LOWERY: You want to do federal
5 recognition? I've got a group that wants to do
6 a research study, so I've got to meet just to
7 give a small, short presentation. So you want
8 to do it after your constitution?

9 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: You mean next
10 Thursday?

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. What's the
12 date, Ms. Jan?

13 MS. JAN LOWERY: For what?

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: For your meeting.

15 MS. JAN LOWERY: What about the 5th? I'll
16 take the 5th.

17 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Jarrod, she has
18 chosen the 5th of October for her meeting.

19 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Six-thirty too?

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yeah.

21 MS. JAN LOWERY: Dr. Ronnie Bell wants to
22 do a research project. I need you guys to hear
23 what he wants to do.

24 MR. JARROD LOWERY: You said 6:30 on the
25 5th?

1 MR. TERRY HUNT: I'd also like to add an
2 economic development meeting for the 5th.

3 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Following the health
4 meeting? The health will be on that night at
5 6:30. Economic development following health.

6 MR. TERRY COLLINS: I'd like to add a
7 housing meeting on the same night.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: Which night?

9 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Y'all moved from the
10 6th to the 5th? That will be fine.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Housing on the 5th.
12 Okay. Is there anyone else?

13 MR. JARROD LOWERY: I'll take the 13th at
14 6:30. I know that's only two days before the
15 regular scheduled meeting.

16 MR. ROBERT CHAVIS: You said October 13th
17 at 6:30?

18 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes, sir. At 6:30.

19 MR. TERRY HUNT: I'd like to change mine
20 to the 13th also to give me a little more time
21 to open it up.

22 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: When?

23 MR. TERRY HUNT: The 13th.

24 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: We can't have one on
25 the 13th because that's seven days before our

1 council.

2 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Our rules say if at
3 all possible refrain from having meetings that
4 close to council.

5 MR. JARROD LOWERY: Federal recognition
6 I'd like to do on the 5th as well. It will be
7 a quick update.

8 MS. JAN LOWERY: So we have health,
9 economic development, housing, and federal
10 recognition.

11 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Everything is on the
12 5th except constitution and ordinance. Okay.
13 Mr. Tony, we're going to need some nabs, some
14 tobacco nabs.

15 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Mr. Speaker.

16 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Mr. Homer?

17 MR. HOMER FIELDS: I've got this -- I
18 don't know. We've passed the budget tonight,
19 did we not?

20 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Yes.

21 MR. HOMER FIELDS: We said that we can't
22 start it on October 1st?

23 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: No. It's going to
24 have to be posted for 30 days. Now if we do an
25 ordinance on the 29th, does it not have to be

1 posted for 30 days also?

2 MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No. That's a
3 resolution, it's not an ordinance.

4 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Okay. I just wanted to
5 make sure that we're covered, and these people
6 can get paid and have their insurance. I don't
7 want them missing out.

8 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. Mr. Larry had
9 a question.

10 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Have the panels been
11 put together for the hearing in here, for the
12 acoustics?

13 MR. TONY HUNT: I'm not sure, Mr. Larry,
14 but it shouldn't be much longer before we are
15 able to lower them. I know they've been
16 working on it, so it shouldn't be much longer.

17 MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: There's not panels
18 available already?

19 MR. TONY HUNT: I couldn't answer that. I
20 would have to let Mr. Bosco, but I think he
21 stepped out. They're handling that over in the
22 new construction -- but I can find out for you
23 and get a message to you.

24 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Anything further for
25 Mr. Hunt?

1 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yeah. Council's been
2 asking for a list of the 32 mobile home
3 replacements, the list of the actual people
4 that's been getting the replacements. Can
5 y'all get us that?

6 MR. TONY HUNT: I thought Mr. Bosco
7 addressed that in the housing meeting?

8 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Yeah. He said no. We
9 don't see where the problem's at, but the
10 council just wants to know -- make sure that
11 all districts are being treated the same.

12 MR. TONY HUNT: Well, it's not done
13 geographically anyways. It's done by date of
14 application, so it's not geographic. We divide
15 them up and put one in every district. It
16 didn't come that way on the list. The list
17 came out by date of application.

18 MR. TERRY COLLINS: So you'll come with a
19 list -- a updated list?

20 MR. TONY HUNT: And now, they're doing
21 compliance with the list you've got there.
22 Now, if somebody goes to compliance and they
23 don't -- maybe they've got some other type of
24 dwelling or something, and they may come off
25 that list, but that would go to the very next

1 person on that list. But it's coming from the
2 list that you got.

3 MR. TERRY HUNT: Okay. So when would you
4 know who the 32 are?

5 MR. TONY HUNT: I think the last I heard
6 was that they had about 20 or 21 of them done.

7 MR. TERRY COLLINS: Okay. Maybe by the
8 5th they'll have -- okay.

9 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Okay. If nothing
10 else, we'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

11 MR. HOMER FIELDS: Offer a motion to
12 adjourn.

13 MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

14 MR. LESAUNDRI HUNT: Meeting's adjourned.

15 (End of proceedings.)

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