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COMANCHE BUSINESS COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

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APPEARANCES

Board Members: Wallace Coffey, Chairman
Darrell Bread, Vice-Chairman
Joe Wahnee, Secretary-Treasurer
LaNora J. Parker, Committeeman #2
Oscar T. Codopony, Committeeman #3
Clyde R. Narcomey, Committeeman #4

Counsel: John Plata
James M. Burson
Kirke Kickingbird

I'd like to ask LaNora if she would give us our invocation, but before that, a call to order.
Mr. Secretary, would you call the role?
MR. WAHNEE: Chairman Wallace Coffey?
MR. CHAIRMAN: Here.
MR. WAHNEE: Vice-Chairman Darrell Bread?
MR. BREAD: Here.
MR. WAHNEE: Secretary-Treasurer Joe Wahnee? Here.
Committeeman No. 1, Edmond Mahseet?
Committeeman No. 2, LaNora Parker?
MS. PARKER: Here.
MR. WAHNEE: Committeeman No. 3, Oscar Codopony?
MR. CODOPONY: Here.
MR. WAHNEE: Committeeman No. 4, Clyde Narcomey?
MR. NARCOMEY: Here.
MR. CHAIRMAN: I just visited with Mr. Mahseet. He said excuse him today. He's still going through rehabilitation due to a slight stroke that he's had several weeks ago.
I now ask Ms. Parker if she would give us our invocation.

(10:12 a.m.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'd like to welcome each and every one of you.

Testing, one, two, three.

And I also wanted to say, "Hello," to Carl Tahkifer. And Carl has been advising our CBC and me, in particular, with regard to water during the -- at the Red River location.

And, Carl, whatever information you provided us, we've shared amongst ourselves; and we think it's a good idea that we start exploring opportunities. So, we want to visit with you some more with regard to locating, perhaps, a wastewater treatment facility at Red River.

In fact, you might visit with Mr. Tippeconnie because our Economic Development Committee brought in some experts with regard to water and something down there. So, at some point in time, I think that it's a doable project.

I'm very pleased of the work that you put in; and I know you weren't compensated for it because -- And we were going through a transition at the time. But maybe sometime this coming week or shortly, we'll sit down and -- and see if we can get some particulars.

(Whereupon, the invocation was had)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'd like to say, Committee, thank you today. We have a lot of business to undertake. Mr. Wahnee said he has to leave at noon under doctor's orders and instructions because he's not to sit too long; and, also, Ms. Parker has to leave for work, shortly.

So, Committee, under the minutes, I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of November 5th, 2005.

MR. CODOPONY: Make that motion.

MR. BREAD: Second.

MR. NARCOMEY: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir?

(Inaudible)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. We have a motion and a second. Motion made by Committeeman Oscar Codopony to approve minutes of November 5th, 2005, and a second by Vice-Chairman Darrell Bread.

Do we have any discussion concerning these minutes of November 5th?

Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by saying, "Aye."

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same

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1 sign?
2 All those abstained?
3 Motion is carried.
4 Item No. 1 on the agenda, Enrollment/List
5 No. 647 --
6 MR. NARCOMNEY: Mr. Chairman?
7 Mr. Chairman?
8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.
9 MR. NARCOMNEY: I'd make a motion that I
10 move to -- that you move into executive session
11 where I have No. 3 on the Comanche Nation Casino
12 Ordinance issue.
13 MR. CHAIRMAN: That we go into
14 executive session?
15 MR. NARCOMNEY: Yes.
16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do we have a second to
17 go into executive session?
18 MR. CODOPONY: Second.
19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion?
20 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
21 Mr. Plata) John, they're going to need to speak up.
22 MR. CHAIRMAN: We've got a motion and a
23 second to go into executive session. Do we have any
24 discussion, Committee?
25 Yes, sir, Oscar?

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1 MR. CODOPONY: (Inaudible)
2 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
3 Mr. Plata) I can't hear him. I can't hear him.
4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Excuse us, folks; but we
5 are going into executive session, if you don't mind.
6 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
7 reporter) We're going to have you -- You'll have to
8 come back after it reconvenes.
9 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.
10 MR. PLATA: I'll tell them when we're
11 out.
12 (Reporter's note: Executive session was
13 held from 10:17 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.)
14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee, I will call
15 us back to order.
16 MR. CODOPONY: Mr. Chairman, I have a
17 motion.
18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
19 MR. CODOPONY: I would move that we
20 restore the bingo operations at the Comanche Nation
21 Casino back to the status it was, before the --
22 before the renovation a few days ago, by
23 December 23rd and a plan for expansion of the
24 Comanche Nation Casino floor space to be developed
25 and brought to the CBC for approval by that date or

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1 a written reprimand will be placed in the Comanche
2 Nation Casino manager's employee file. And this
3 motion serves as a verbal reprimand.
4 MS. PARKER: I'll second it.
5 MR. NARCOMNEY: Second.
6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Who -- Who seconded
7 first?
8 MR. NARCOMNEY: Either one.
9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Narcomey.
10 A motion has been made and seconded. Do we
11 have any discussion?
12 Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
13 saying, "Aye."
14 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
15 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
16 sign?
17 All those abstained, same sign?
18 Motion carried.
19 Resolution No. 101.5, Enrollment: Whereas,
20 the list includes the name of applicants who have
21 been verified as eligible pursuant to Article III,
22 Section 1(c) Membership, of the Constitution of the
23 Comanche Nation which states, "All descendants of
24 allottees eligible for membership under the
25 provision of Section 1(a) of this Article, having

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1 one eighth or more degree of Comanche Indian Blood."
2 Therefore be it resolved, that the Comanche
3 Business Committee accept the verification of
4 eligibility for the applicants as shown on List
5 No. 647 by the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office.
6 Do we have a motion for approval?
7 MS. PARKER: (Inaudible)
8 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
9 Mr. Plata) I -- I can't hear her.
10 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
11 reporter) Motion to approve.
12 MR. CODOPONY: Second.
13 MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made
14 and seconded. Do we have any discussion?
15 Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
16 saying, "Aye."
17 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
18 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
19 sign?
20 All those abstained?
21 According to this resolution, Sara Airheart,
22 Terri Badillo, Marshall Blane, Kristina Callahan,
23 Jessika Chaat, Brayden Chamberlain, MacKayla
24 Chibitty-Smith, Destiny Coffey, Amberly -- Amberly
25 Cox, Jacey Cox, Jennifer Faltemier, Elizabeth

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1 Grossman, Rivers Johnson, Toci Johnson, Amon
2 Laurenzana, Joshia Lebarre, Marci Lefler, James
3 Lindow, Alexander Lindsey, Karey Lindsey, Nicholas
4 Lindsey, Noah Llamas, Brianna Long, Destiny
5 Madderra, Jacob McClung, Jacob Miller, Macy Miller,
6 Aaron Morris, Bracy Lynn Morris, Angelyse Mull, Evan
7 Muse, Summer Muse, Toni Nauni, Donovan Orman,
8 Deeanna Palmer, Sara Parker, James Payne, Benjamin
9 Perry, Kevin Poemoceah, Colin Poodry, Tabe Poolaw,
10 Mauriciana Portillo, Virginia Prince, Elias Proctor,
11 Janice Robison, David Salamon, Jalecia Santiago,
12 Destiny Saumty, Adrianna Serna, Christopher Shelton,
13 Devon Sigers, Matthew Simmons, Foye Southard, Stella
14 Stanley, Nicholas Stevens, Kiley Taft, Kalia
15 Tanequodle, Daniel Tenequer, Dante Tenequer, Gabriel
16 Tenequer, Jacqueline Tenequer, Chesney Tieyah, Jamie
17 Timbo, Joshua Timbo, Mercedes Terry, Michael Toahty,
18 Jeremy Trotter, Melissa Tsatoke, Michael Vasquez,
19 Heather Vickers-Meese, Greyson Wauqua, Madison
20 Wauqua, Matthew Wauqua, Casey Wilk, Boston Williams,
21 Jarrod Williams, Seneca Williams, Ruby Wilson, Jesse
22 Winters, Jaden Woommavoyah, Jacob Zamorano, Savannah
23 Zamorano are our new members of the Comanche Nation.
24 Let's have a round of applause for all of
25 our new members.

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1 Resolution No. 102-05: Whereas, the
2 Comanche Business Committee is the duly elected
3 official body designated to conduct business for and
4 on behalf of the Comanche Nation; and whereas, the
5 Comanche Nation desires to submit an update priority
6 construction list as attached.
7 Now therefore be it resolved that the
8 Comanche Business Committee hereby authorize subject
9 update.
10 These are the roads, construction roads.
11 Is Mr. Wallace here?
12 MR. BREAD: I don't see him.
13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And this is the
14 update with regard to the construction road
15 construction. I'll entertain a motion to approve.
16 MR. CODOPONY: So moved.
17 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion. Do we
18 have a second?
19 MR. NARCOMY: I second.
20 MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion and a second.
21 Do we have some discussion? Yes?
22 MR. SAPPCUT: What's the progress on
23 that parking lot at the center in Apache -- parking
24 lot?
25 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's why I was looking

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1 for Mr. -- Mr. --
2 MR. PLATA: His name?
3 MR. CHAIRMAN: The question was the
4 status of the parking lot at the Apache -- Community
5 Facility?
6 MR. SAPPCUT: Right.
7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
8 MR. PLATA: Name? His name --
9 MR. BREAD: Wilbur Sappcut.
10 MR. PLATA: -- first name?
11 MR. BREAD: Oh.
12 MR. PLATA: Mr. Sappcut.
13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Wilbur Sappcut.
14 We have here the Comanche Nation Complex,
15 Additional. That's the Resolution No. 21-03. I
16 would assume that that's the road construction in --
17 at Apache listed as Item No. 5. So, it's up on the
18 priority list.
19 Blue Beaver Road, Petarsy, Deyo Cemetery,
20 Airport Road, Comanche Nation Complex, Service Road,
21 Cobatine-Howard Clusters, Apache Center Parking --
22 maybe that's it -- Timber Lane Road, Big Beaver Road
23 and Bridge, Additional Bus, Riddles Road, Additional
24 Bus, Washita Mission Road, Cuddy Road.
25 Are any of you-all familiar with all those?

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1 We're not either. But I think we want to
2 get the construction as soon as possible.
3 MR. BREAD: Mr. Chairman?
4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir?
5 MR. BREAD: No. 7, Cobatine-Howard
6 Clusters --
7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah?
8 MR. BREAD: -- according to how they've
9 got it written -- drawn up here, that serves six
10 Comanche homes.
11 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
12 Mr. Plata) Can you ask him to speak up?
13 MR. BREAD: Then it turns west 1 mile
14 with no Comanche homes in that area, and then it
15 goes north again.
16 But if they extend it 1 mile west, it would
17 serve 11 more Comanche homes. I'd like to see that
18 revised.
19 I live on that road. I'm not doing this
20 just for myself. I want --
21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
22 MR. BREAD: I want it to serve those
23 11 other people there.
24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Which one are you
25 looking at?

1 MR. BREAD: No. 7. That's the
2 Caddo-Comanche County line.
3 It serves -- I'm going to guess -- six or
4 seven homes going north. Then it goes west 1 mile.
5 There's no Comanche homes on there.
6 MR. BURGESS: What map is that,
7 Mr. Bread?
8 MR. BREAD: I don't know.
9 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
10 reporter) Burgess.
11 MR. CHAIRMAN: I've been on your road,
12 Mr. Bread.
13 MR. BREAD: Yeah, pretty rough.
14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Washboard. I agree with
15 that.
16 MR. BREAD: If they extended it 1 mile
17 west -- 1 more -- and then -- then go north, it
18 would serve 11 Comanche homes.
19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Extend 1 mile west?
20 MR. BREAD: West.
21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I will ask
22 Mr. Wallace if he can assure us that can happen.
23 MR. BURGESS: One of the things that we
24 have to double-check -- he'll have to check is to
25 see if no other tribe --

1 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
2 reporter) Burgess.
3 MR. BURGESS: -- claims it. Hopefully
4 not because the Apache's the -- the nearest tribal
5 community. But he'll do the check on it.
6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing no further
7 discussion, all those in --
8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Wallace -- I --
9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.
10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- should have
11 mentioned, too, on that particular area is a dug-up
12 pipeline. I don't know if it's on the tribal
13 property or in the city of Apache where they're
14 building that addition. It's my understanding that
15 they're taking it to the west there.
16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Uh-huh.
17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And that pipeline
18 they dug is north of the center. Is it right --
19 right on the line --
20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, it probably is.
21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- Apache line --
22 city line?
23 (Inaudible)
24 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
25 Mr. Plata) He's got to speak up.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: It's a underground line?
2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. They're
3 expanding that main line, I understand.
4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing no further
5 discussion, all those in favor, signify by saying,
6 "Aye."
7 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
8 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
9 sign?
10 All those abstained?
11 Okay. Mr. Bread, we'll look into that
12 change; and also we'll look -- explore the Apache
13 underground --
14 (Inaudible)
15 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
16 Mr. Plata) He'll need to speak up.
17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Whereas, the tradition
18 of sovereignty of the Comanche Nation, since time
19 immemorial long predates the existence of the
20 Nation, establishes the inherent sovereign powers
21 and rights of the Comanche self-government; whereas,
22 the Constitution, Article VI, section 7(j),
23 authorizes the Business Committee to promulgate and
24 enforce laws to promote the general welfare of the
25 Nation; and whereas, the Business Committee pursuant

1 to such authority and in consultation with the
2 National Indian Gaming Commission deems it advisable
3 to enact a new and improved Gaming Ordinance, seek
4 the approval of the NIGC, and repeal the current
5 Gaming Ordinance enacted on March 26, 1996.
6 Therefore be it resolved the Comanche
7 Business Committee hereby ordains and enacts the
8 attached Gaming Ordinance; provided, that new --
9 such new Gaming Ordinance shall not become effective
10 until approval by the NIGC.
11 Be it further resolved that the Business
12 Committee directs the Chairman to obtain approval of
13 said ordinance by the NIGC and to make preparations
14 for its implementation.
15 Be it further resolved that immediately upon
16 receipt by the Chairman of the written notification
17 from the NIGC approving the aforesaid and attached
18 Gaming Ordinance, the Gaming Ordinance enacted
19 pursuant to Resolution No. 32-96 on March 26, 1996,
20 shall be deemed repealed and of no further effect,
21 and concurrently, that the new Gaming Ordinance
22 shall be deemed in full force and effect.
23 Do we have a motion to approve?
24 MR. CODOPONY: So moved, Mr. Chairman.
25 MS. PARKER: Seconded.

1 MR. YACKEYONNY: Mr. Chairman?
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you explain that?
 3 MR. YACKEYONNY: Mr. Chairman?
 4 Mr. Coffey?
 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 6 MR. YACKEYONNY: We understand --
 7 MR. PLATA: State your name for the
 8 record.
 9 MR. YACKEYONNY: My name is Keith
 10 Yackeyonny.
 11 Mr. Chairman, we respect the Business
 12 Committee, that you-all -- you know, you-all have
 13 competent staff to advise you-all. We know that our
 14 Gaming Ordinance is out of whack. We know it's not
 15 a good Gaming Ordinance.
 16 But, you know, when governments pass laws or
 17 they're going to promulgate laws, promulgate codes,
 18 they put a time out there for the public to
 19 comment --
 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
 21 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- so that they can
 22 have input --
 23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
 24 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- because, you know,
 25 you guys are just like us. You-all are Comanche

1 people just off the street, more or less. And
 2 there's a lot of things -- And we all know all these
 3 people are here -- The programs that we have, the
 4 elderly payment that our people are getting next
 5 Friday, the per cap that we will soon get someday is
 6 because of gaming.
 7 And there's never been as much interest in
 8 gaming. I mean, that's one of the reasons -- A lot
 9 of these people were here today because of some
 10 actions that the gaming management took.
 11 And before you-all adopt this, I mean, we've
 12 been out of compliance with -- with the -- the
 13 Federal law with gaming already. What's wrong with
 14 having you-all, I mean -- And you-all have a vehicle
 15 to communicate with Comanche people called the
 16 Comanche Newsletter. But that thing doesn't publish
 17 anything. But it's -- it's slanted.
 18 You know, use that vehicle to publish
 19 proposed changes, proposed laws that are going to
 20 affect our golden egg.
 21 You know, last -- We read something in the
 22 newsletter about the gaming ord- -- the -- the
 23 Election Ordinance which kind of concerns me that --
 24 you know, because it may change the way we do things
 25 and it changes the way a lot of us are going to

1 vote. But you have no comment from the people who
 2 you-all represent --
 3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Uh-huh. That's
 4 right. Yes.
 5 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- you know.
 6 And for us to, as a tribe -- Yeah, you-all
 7 have that right, according to the Constitution, to
 8 promulgate, to enforce, to do all these things.
 9 That's in the authority of the Constitution for
 10 you-all to do.
 11 But have consideration of the General
 12 Council. Publish things.
 13 You know, this young lady wants to get more
 14 people involved. They don't even know why they need
 15 to be involved, but they know that there's going to
 16 be a change that's going to affect how we do things.
 17 Maybe they could get more involvement, you know.
 18 But -- But right now, I mean, it scares me
 19 that -- when you say, "Here is our priority list"
 20 and we don't even know what this priority list is
 21 really consisting of. You know, that kind of
 22 concerns me, you know.
 23 So, I would think that you-all would say,
 24 "Yes, we'll -- we'll -- we may approve this." But
 25 publish it. Put it on these doors. Like, one

1 thing --
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.
 3 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- you-all passed a
 4 law two months ago saying that you-all was going to
 5 post the agendas on the complex doors three days
 6 prior to a meeting. Nobody pays attention to that.
 7 You know, your administrative staff, instead
 8 of going around and playing politics, needs to be
 9 making sure that you-all have planned and post these
 10 agendas all over so that people can see what you-all
 11 are planning.
 12 And when we seen that on Wednesday and say,
 13 "Hey, here's a thing on Gaming Ordinance," we could
 14 have called you-all and said, "What does that mean,
 15 Oscar? What does that mean, Mr. Bread? What does
 16 that mean, Ms. Burgess?"
 17 Or we could have called Mr. Plata and
 18 you-all could have explained it to us and we
 19 wouldn't have to be sitting here.
 20 That's one of the reasons that you-all
 21 passed that -- you know, so that we could get
 22 information -- get information from our elected
 23 officials so that we can -- you-all can transact
 24 business more efficiently.
 25 But now you're going to do this, and it's

1 going to pass. And it's going to have something to
2 do that affects our casinos, it affects how we
3 regulate.

4 It affects all this for the good, for the
5 good. That's probably true. But let us have input,
6 Mr. Chairman. You have a lot of intelligent
7 Comanches out here --

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

9 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- you know,
10 because -- obviously, we're intelligent because we
11 elected you-all.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: That's right. Yeah.

13 MR. YACKEYONNY: So, let us have some
14 input, please, before you-all do things that are --
15 I'm not saying what you-all are doing is wrong. We
16 know it has to be done because we're out of
17 compliance.

18 But that goes back to management, and that
19 goes back to former governments. But we all know
20 that as a people. So, let's -- Let's kind of change
21 the way we're doing -- You-all are making progress,
22 but let's be more open about these laws that you-all
23 are fixing to enact --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Thank you --

25 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- please.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: -- very much. Yeah.
2 Yeah. Yeah.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yackeyonny, I
4 appreciate that.

5 And as our Gaming Commission passed this
6 ordinance several weeks ago, I indicated to the
7 Gaming Commission that this is one of the most major
8 pieces of legislation that we've enacted in the
9 history of the Comanche Nation.

10 But you're right. One of the things that
11 we've been cited by the National Gaming Commission
12 is not necessarily being in compliance but how can
13 we improve our structure and our regulations with
14 regard to gaming operations.

15 And this Committee had a tremendous amount
16 of time to discuss it and look it over. And they
17 recommend that this -- this -- this ordinance be
18 presented to the Business Committee for enactment.
19 And I think they were quite pleased with it.

20 And one of the things that I noted in here
21 and I believe that is very -- really a wise decision
22 with regard to involvement: Whereas no member of
23 the CBC or Tribal Gaming Board of Directors may
24 serve on the Gaming Commission. No member directly
25 related to or living with any CBC member or Tribal

1 Gaming Board of Directors' member may serve on the
2 Gaming Commission. Members of the Gaming Commission
3 as well as all Gaming Commission employees are
4 prohibited from gaming -- gambling at the gaming
5 facilities. Members of the Gaming Commission or
6 Gaming Commission employees are prohibited from
7 accepting complimentary items from the gaming
8 operation except any food or beverages valuing less
9 than \$10. No person having a direct or indirect
10 financial interest in a management contract or any
11 gaming operation may serve on a Gaming Commission.

12 I think that speaks highly of the work that
13 we're -- we're trying to accomplish.

14 MR. YACKEYONNY: Okay. And it does.

15 But one thing, Mr. Chairman: You're saying
16 the Gaming Commission -- which is you-all -- saying,
17 "I recommend it to you-all to approve it."

18 But when people come here to get into the
19 Gaming Commission, you won't even let them in.
20 So -- So, if you would have let the people know,
21 they could have had comments there.

22 See, one of the things -- That's the problem
23 here. Yes, you-all have every right and everything
24 to do that. But when tribal members want answers or
25 just want clarification -- And that would have been

1 the perfect forum at your Gaming Commission, when
2 you-all were discussing that, to say, "Yes, here's
3 our -- Here's what we're going to recommend to the
4 Business Committee. It's good. It's right. It's
5 what needs to be done."

6 But when tribal members can't even get into
7 a Gaming Commission meeting, they don't even -- So,
8 they all automatically assume you-all are hiding
9 something. That's what we're talking about. Be
10 open.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah. Yes. Right.

12 MR. YACKEYONNY: So, you know, yes,
13 you-all say it's good. But let the people know that
14 it's good. So, that's why you-all said, "We're
15 going to have these open meetings." But, yet, when
16 tribal members try to come here to a Gaming
17 Commission, you said, "No. No. No. No. It's
18 closed."

19 But, yet, you passed a tribal law saying all
20 these meetings are open to the tribal membership.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

22 MR. YACKEYONNY: You know, you-all
23 passed the law two months ago that said these
24 meetings are open --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

1 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- Economic
 2 Development Commission, Gaming Commission.
 3 And when Ms. Hall told me -- She said, "I
 4 tried to go listen in at the Gaming Commission.
 5 They said, 'No one's allowed.' It was closed."
 6 You know, no -- But I said, "How can that
 7 be? They just passed a tribal law, only -- unless
 8 it's closed, unless it has to do with personnel
 9 issues and licensing."
 10 But, yet, here's a gaming law that's going
 11 to affect our tribe; and it's for the good.
 12 Nobody's saying that it's not. But we'd like to
 13 know more about it.
 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: All -- What I -- What I
 15 know that this will do is: This body will no longer
 16 be Gaming Commissioners. It will be a separate body
 17 entirely.
 18 But let's -- Let's put it this way:
 19 Mr. Wahnee is going to be with us only for 30 more
 20 minutes. So, we need his assistance.
 21 Because of his doctor's orders, he's not
 22 supposed to sit very long or stay very long. So, he
 23 says he has to leave here by 1:00 o'clock.
 24 And Ms. Parker has to leave for work at
 25 2:00 o'clock.

1 So, we want to make -- make sure that we
 2 take advantage of our opportunity to come together
 3 as elected officials.
 4 Committee, what's you-all's decision?
 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why can't there be a
 6 motion made by the Business Committee that from this
 7 point forward, that prior to any changes of any of
 8 our ordinances, which are our tribal laws, that a
 9 public comment period or a public --
 10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes. Thank you.
 11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- comment meeting
 12 will be had? Can that motion be made prior to --
 13 you know, like I said, from this point forward?
 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee, what's
 15 you-all's -- What's you-all's request? Because, as
 16 I said, the time element here is very important.
 17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?
 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: LaNora is obligated
 20 to this tribe as a -- as a Committee person, and she
 21 needs to be here. She needs to let that other thing
 22 go. She should have prepared for this. This is
 23 a --
 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She knew -- She knew
 25 today was our meeting.

1 (Inaudible)
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes. Yes. Yes.
 3 MS. PARKER: I've used about all my
 4 personnel leave for meetings. And I have a limited
 5 amount. So, I have to kind of use it wisely. And
 6 usually our meetings --
 7 (Inaudible)
 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're supposed to be
 9 working for the tribe.
 10 MS. PARKER: You-all let --
 11 MR. CODOPONY: Call the --
 12 MS. PARKER: -- me speak --
 13 MR. CODOPONY: -- question --
 14 MS. PARKER: -- please.
 15 MR. CODOPONY: -- Mr. Chairman.
 16 MS. PARKER: Instead of accusing me,
 17 would you let me answer?
 18 We're having a audit at work, and I'm on a
 19 time line. I have never missed one meeting in three
 20 years. So, I do use my leave wisely; and I make
 21 these meetings a priority. But today I have to
 22 leave at 2:00 o'clock, and I appreciate your
 23 consideration.
 24 MR. CHAIRMAN: A call for the question
 25 has been made. All those in favor, signify by

1 saying, "Aye."
 2 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
 4 sign?
 5 All those abstained?
 6 Motion carried.
 7 MR. CODOPONY: Mr. Chairman, may I make
 8 a comment?
 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure.
 10 MR. CODOPONY: There's -- The Open
 11 Meetings Act was passed as a general act. There are
 12 some specific ordinances that speak to posting
 13 legislation for a review period. And I talked to
 14 Mr. Plata, and that will be on the agenda at the
 15 next meeting.
 16 And there is a whole list of specific
 17 ordinances on how that's going to be laid out, and
 18 they'll be on the next agenda for approval. And it
 19 will include the review period that you talked
 20 about.
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.
 22 Resolution No. 104-05: Whereas, the
 23 Comanche Business Committee at the express direction
 24 of the Tribal Council Resolution No. TC 29-90 has
 25 established an Economic Development Commission to

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1 initiate, develop, monitor, and manage economic
 2 development activities for the Comanche Nation;
 3 whereas, the Comanche Nation has vital economic
 4 interests in the South Cotton County, specifically
 5 the Red River property, and economic opportunities
 6 exists in central Caddo County in the Anadarko area
 7 and the Lawton area.

8 Now therefore be it resolved the Comanche
 9 Business Committee acting in the best interest of
 10 the Nation authorizes the Comanche Economic
 11 Development Commission to develop a comprehensive
 12 economic and business development strategy with a
 13 timeline detailing short-term and long-term
 14 objectives, and including development near the Red
 15 River, in Anadarko, in Lawton, and elsewhere as
 16 deemed appropriate, and present such comprehensive
 17 plan to the Comanche Business Committee as soon as
 18 possible, but no later than March 15, 2006 for the
 19 short-term component, no later than September 30,
 20 2006 for the long-term component of the
 21 comprehensive plan.

22 Be it further resolved that the Commission
 23 shall specifically: Develop plans for approval by
 24 the Comanche Business Committee for establishment of
 25 a gaming facility and/or a resort-style or

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1 tourist-related facilities on aforesaid Red River
 2 property, as part of the short-term objective of the
 3 comprehensive plan; and request proposals from, and
 4 interview, at least five reputable development
 5 and/or management companies to accomplish the
 6 aforesaid plan using primarily the capital and
 7 management expertise of those outside entities while
 8 conserving, as much as possible, economic resources
 9 of the Nation; and, three, utilize any feasibility
 10 studies and/or designs that may have already been
 11 initiated or completed and paid for by various
 12 tribal entities, as the Commission considers
 13 appropriate, in order to offset the cost of this
 14 crucial tribal economic initiative and develop and
 15 implement plans, with Comanche Business Committee
 16 concurrence, for water production and treatment
 17 facilities, or other facilities that pertain to
 18 water supply and sewage disposal, and/or alternative
 19 energy resources on property owned by, controlled
 20 by, or available to the Comanche Nation near the Red
 21 River that will generate additional sources of
 22 revenue for the Nation as well as complement and
 23 coordinate with the aforesaid development, as part
 24 of the short-term objective of the comprehensive
 25 plan.

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1 Be it further resolved that the Commission
 2 shall specifically: Research the feasibility of
 3 developing economic and cultural opportunities in
 4 the Anadarko area by capitalizing on its reputation
 5 as "Indian Capital, U.S.A." with express direction
 6 that all studies and plans shall be presented in
 7 detail to the Comanche Business Committee along with
 8 recommendations, as part of the long-term objective
 9 of the comprehensive plan.

10 Do we have a motion to approve?
 11 MR. CODOPONY: So moved, Mr. Chairman.
 12 MR. BREAD: Second.
 13 MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a
 14 second. Do we have any discussion?
 15 Anybody here from Anadarko?
 16 Now, we know that we want to try to do an
 17 initiative with regard to Anadarko; and Anadarko has
 18 been faced with a short-fall with regard to
 19 economics. The City has even approached us and
 20 talked to us about how we can revitalize the economy
 21 of Anadarko.

22 Hopefully, our Economic Development
 23 Commission and our people that live in Anadarko --
 24 They're starting a fundraising plan to build a
 25 community center.

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1 There's a lot of things that we can do. I
 2 think that this is very timely because we want to
 3 create some initiatives for Anadarko for Comanches
 4 that live in that area.

5 Any discussion, Committee?
 6 Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
 7 saying, "Aye."
 8 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
 10 sign?
 11 All those abstained?
 12 Motion's carried.

13 Resolution No. 105-05: The Comanche
 14 Business Committee is the duly elected official body
 15 designated to conduct business for and on behalf of
 16 the Comanche Nation; and whereas, in September 2005
 17 the Business Committee submitted a Revenue
 18 Allocation Plan, approved by the Tribal Council in
 19 July 2005, for approval by the Bureau of Indian
 20 Affairs, and has recently received verbal indication
 21 that the Nation may receive approval to implement
 22 such plan in the near future; and whereas, to ensure
 23 the efficient and accurate distribution of funds to
 24 tribal members and the full and fair implementation
 25 of the Revenue Allocation Plan the Business

1 Committee deems it advisable to hire a competent,
2 impartial entity to act as trustee for said Plan.

3 Now therefore be it resolved, that the
4 Chairman is directed and authorized to negotiate and
5 enter into an agreement with -- And we've got
6 recommendations here.

7 We've had visit with several banks and --
8 Mr. Wahnee, Mr. Narcomey, myself. I was not able to
9 attend with FDR Trust Services.

10 But I asked Mr. Plata if he will give us
11 kind of like an -- an assessment of each one of
12 these individuals as they made their presentations
13 for us so we can make a selection because this is --
14 is -- needs to be done right away.

15 And, so, what's your thoughts?

16 There was one entity that came to us --
17 Bank of Oklahoma. And they were really nice
18 individuals. The problem we have -- I have with
19 them is that if we give our per cap payment check
20 out to our people, they cannot go to this Lawton
21 Bank of Oklahoma to cash it because it's only for
22 real estate or if you've got a mortgage there.

23 And -- And the most important thing is for
24 us to consider where our tribal members can bank,
25 where they can go and have consideration because,

1 you know, just around the corner, we'll have
2 multiple millions of dollars that we will allocate
3 to our tribal membership.

4 And, Mr. Plata, who's -- who's -- what's
5 your thoughts on these?

6 MR. PLATA: John Plata.

7 My -- My assessment of the -- the four banks
8 that came in -- There was three banks and one trust
9 services company that came in and presented to
10 Mr. Wahnee, Mr. Narcomey, and the Chairman; and I
11 was also present at all four of those pres- --
12 those -- those meetings.

13 The four -- The three banks were BancFirst,
14 Bank of Oklahoma, and City National Bank & Trust
15 here in Lawton. The trust service company was FDR
16 Trust in Lawton.

17 After scoring these -- these four
18 candidates, the top three were BancFirst, Bank of
19 Oklahoma, and City National Bank.

20 Bank of Oklahoma scored higher than all the
21 rest in the amount of services they offered
22 referring to the phone bank services; alternatives
23 to check distribution, whether you want to do direct
24 deposit or whatnot; online services for tribal
25 members; a dedicated phone line for tribal members;

1 whether they have a live voice or not when you call
2 in or if it's a phone tree.

3 So, all these things were considered and
4 scored.

5 Bank of Oklahoma is the highest; but as the
6 Chairman mentioned, they don't have a local presence
7 here. There's not a branch here that we can go in
8 and walk in and do banking.

9 The two locations that did have a branch
10 here are BancFirst and City National Bank. The --
11 The services are similar at BancFirst and City
12 National Bank. I think that -- And I have a summary
13 I've given all the Committeemen and a scorecard.

14 But the services that BancFirst offered
15 were -- were very current, very advanced, especially
16 their online services. The services of City
17 National Bank were similar, not quite as up-to-date.

18 The differentiating factor, for my mind -- I
19 don't know about the Committeemen -- was this,
20 though: The -- The suggested rate of return on
21 the -- of the IGRA trust, which will be created by
22 this per capita payment plan, was much lower -- the
23 amount that BancFirst presented -- than the amount
24 that City National presented.

25 So, City National really did their homework

1 on the type of investments that they would recommend
2 for this -- the trust money to go into. And they're
3 suggesting a much higher rate of return even though
4 their fees are a little bit higher.

5 However, the rate of return would offset
6 the -- the fee amount because the BancFirst rate of
7 return suggested was less than 2 percent.

8 And really -- Although their services look
9 great and I think they could handle the work no
10 problem -- either of these entities, BancFirst or
11 BancFirst (sic) -- the rate of return was -- they
12 presented, anyway -- was not favorable.

13 And, you know, if they're going to show up,
14 you think they would bring the best alternatives
15 they had to present to us.

16 So, my advice to the Committeemen was to go
17 with the City National Bank because they -- they do
18 have -- And in addition to that, even before we
19 brought this up, the -- the bank representative
20 there mentioned that if they were selected, City
21 National would publicly announce their relationship
22 with the Nation and -- and -- So, it'd be a positive
23 PR move.

24 And the City National board of trustees,
25 they're all very well-connected in the Lawton

1 community.
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, they are.
 3 MR. PLATA: So, that -- That was a
 4 differentiating factor for the Chairman, I know.
 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What was their rate?
 6 MR. PLATA: 44. They -- The top
 7 ranking from my scorecard was a 50. And this is --
 8 We -- We -- Just cumulative points.
 9 We -- We graded on experience, local
 10 presence, manpower, whether or not they're full
 11 service -- if they have to go to a outside third
 12 party to get other services done to handle this
 13 work, then that was heavily considered -- their
 14 trust investment services, trust administration
 15 services, the accounting and reporting of trust
 16 balances, tribal members' service center and phone
 17 services, and then the per capita payment
 18 distribution services.
 19 Now, under each one of these -- these
 20 categories are about six or seven different
 21 subcategories they were scored on.
 22 BancFirst scored a 45; Bank of Oklahoma
 23 scored a 50; City National scored a 44; and FDR
 24 Trust Services scored a 26.
 25 The different -- The reason why they scored

1 so low is because they don't have the horsepower or
 2 the manpower to handle the work.
 3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think she was --
 4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was asking about
 5 the --
 6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The interest rate.
 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- the rate of
 8 return.
 9 MR. PLATA: Oh, I'm sorry.
 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's all right that
 11 you did that, though. That's good to hear.
 12 MR. PLATA: The rate of return that
 13 City National suggested was right at 5 -- a little
 14 bit higher than 5 percent.
 15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: As opposed to
 16 2 percent.
 17 MR. PLATA: And -- And that's using
 18 very conservative mutual funds.
 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. Yes.
 20 MR. PLATA: So -- Yes?
 21 MR. JACKSON: I have a question.
 22 MR. PLATA: Your name?
 23 MR. JACKSON: Jarrett Jackson.
 24 Do they have a -- a separate plan for the
 25 short-term which being -- Short-term, what I mean

1 when I say that is the 18-year-old and up is going
 2 to get their money now.
 3 MR. PLATA: Right.
 4 MR. JACKSON: So, that money's going to
 5 sit -- It may only sit for, you know, three to nine
 6 months versus the long-term -- our kids; you know,
 7 my sisters; your grandchildren.
 8 Do they have a -- a more aggressive, but --
 9 you know, safe, aggressive plan where it's going to
 10 build them an -- issue half a percent or a higher
 11 percent than what -- than what we're going to get in
 12 the short-term?
 13 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
 14 reporter) That's Jarrett Jackson.
 15 Yes, they do. Actually, all of -- Well, all
 16 three banks, anyway, requested further demographic
 17 information of -- of the people who are going to be
 18 benefitted by the trust.
 19 So, if you have someone who's 6 months old,
 20 obviously, you're going to want possibly a little
 21 more aggressive investment strategy than someone who
 22 is about to get the pay-out and they're 18 years
 23 old.
 24 So, that was considered, Jarrett, and --
 25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me address that,

1 too.
 2 MR. PLATA: Yes.
 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: One of the -- Two of the
 4 elements that were very striking is -- And it's --
 5 It's not a secret. We've had problems with banks in
 6 Lawton. And some of our tribal members have
 7 problems with certain banks in Lawton.
 8 But BancFirst and City National Bank & Trust
 9 Company said, "We want Comanche business." And
 10 as -- They assured us that they'd be willing to put
 11 out promotion saying, "We are pleased to work with
 12 the Comanche Nation, and we look forward to this
 13 opportunity." City National Bank said that and so
 14 did BancFirst.
 15 But City National Bank said to us, "When you
 16 make the decision this coming week, this Monday, we
 17 need all your data with regard to your names and
 18 addresses so we can put them into a file and so we
 19 can start getting them computerized. And if you
 20 get -- By the 15th of this month, if you're
 21 informed that you got the approval, we can hand
 22 checks out before the end of this month."
 23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Whoo.
 24 MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's -- That made
 25 me smile because they're -- they're willing to work

1 with us.
 2 And they said they would assure us that
 3 "Any -- Any parent that wants to find out
 4 information on their -- their children's account, we
 5 have online services. They can -- We have a
 6 customers' call line that they can call and ask for
 7 the -- for the -- what the status of the account is,
 8 how much interest it has accrued over a period of
 9 time"; they'd be more than willing to help.
 10 So, that's kind of the assurances that we
 11 wanted to hear.
 12 City National Bank was, by far -- The
 13 vice-president said that he would, you know,
 14 personally monitor this -- this effort.
 15 I don't know what Mr. Narcomey thought or
 16 Mr. Wahnee thought.
 17 But who was you-all's recommendation?
 18 MR. NARCOMEY: I vote for City
 19 National.
 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you want to express?
 21 MR. WAHNEE: City.
 22 No, I -- I felt that they expressed the
 23 willingness to work with the tribal group. They
 24 were -- They were right upfront, saying that, "We
 25 can help you," or, "We will go out of our way to

1 help you." And, you know, they're -- They're
 2 willing to work.
 3 And some of the things in their
 4 presentation, to me, you know, they were trying to
 5 protect our people as they went along. And that
 6 went a long ways for me.
 7 So -- And their rates were -- You know, with
 8 the banks, they're basically using about the same
 9 thing. So, they were pretty close to one another.
 10 But I feel like the establishment of the
 11 City National Bank, you know, and the prestige that
 12 that bank now holds in this area were -- not only
 13 that but, you know, them -- you know, them being
 14 able to announce our little partnership going with
 15 the -- I think that will help us in the long run.
 16 And, so, in my -- in my opinion, you know, I
 17 would go with City National.
 18 MS. McCLUNG: Plus, Mr. Chairman, I
 19 think, if I can make a -- I think that they are one
 20 of our only long -- longest-term hometown banks.
 21 So, they have a good reputation.
 22 I have another comment: You might put in a
 23 plug for them hiring some Comanche people.
 24 MR. PLATA: State your name for the
 25 record.

1 MS. McCLUNG: Jacquetta McClung.
 2 MR. CODOPONY: If -- If that's a
 3 motion --
 4 MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman?
 5 MR. CODOPONY: -- Mr. Chairman, I'll
 6 second it.
 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wahnee --
 8 (Inaudible)
 9 MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman?
 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 11 (Reporter's note: Mr. Plata attempts to
 12 hand microphone to Ms. Jones)
 13 MS. JONES: I don't need that. I've
 14 got a loud enough voice.
 15 I want to know: Will it affect people
 16 that's on SSI -- anything -- anything with this per
 17 cap?
 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't have that
 19 answer, but maybe --
 20 MS. JONES: Who --
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: John, do --
 22 MS. JONES: -- has the answer --
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- you?
 24 MS. JONES: -- to that?
 25 Will it affect people that's on disability

1 and things like that, not Medicare?
 2 MR. PLATA: This -- This is kind of off
 3 the subject of the resolution that's being
 4 considered --
 5 MS. JONES: It needs --
 6 MR. PLATA: -- but --
 7 MS. JONES: -- to be known.
 8 MR. PLATA: But I did get a article to
 9 the IO office, which will be in the newsletter
 10 forthcoming, that is a frequently asked question --
 11 question and answer for per capita payment effects.
 12 So, to answer that question specifically,
 13 though, it may -- it may affect -- If you have -- If
 14 you're receiving benefit from a -- any kind of a
 15 social service program, it may affect your benefits
 16 for the month you receive your check.
 17 So -- But I also recommend in that article
 18 that I placed in there that if you have questions
 19 about that, you need to call the public agency that
 20 you have a question about because people at the
 21 tribal complex can't really answer that question
 22 adequately for you.
 23 You need to call whoever you're worried
 24 about losing that benefit -- call that agency
 25 directly.

1 MS. JONES: I did.
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And what did they
 3 tell -- What did they --
 4 MS. JONES: They said --
 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- say?
 6 MS. JONES: -- if you go 80 -- over \$85
 7 a month -- \$85 from that, you will be cut off.
 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Well, I mean,
 9 if they told you that already --
 10 MS. JONES: Yeah, but I just want to
 11 know for -- you know, like this.
 12 Couldn't there -- Couldn't there be a way
 13 they could take my check, keep it here? Because I'm
 14 going to be in the hospital for at least five months
 15 at Oklahoma City. I will not be here to draw any of
 16 that stuff. It could pay my bills.
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll look into that --
 18 MS. JONES: Okay.
 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- for you.
 20 MS. JONES: Thank you very much.
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Be glad to do that.
 22 Yeah, we'll keep your checks.
 23 MS. JONES: Okay.
 24 MS. McCLUNG: I just -- I just need a
 25 item of clarification. That doesn't mean that we

1 won't -- We'll still have the Revenue Allocation
 2 Department here who will work with City National
 3 Bank, right, that was passed in --
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think --
 5 MS. McCLUNG: -- the budget?
 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- we're going to expand
 7 the Enrollment Department to make sure that we can
 8 inform the bank when somebody's getting at that age
 9 when they turn 18. Then they -- And they -- They
 10 said they're willing to work with our Enrollment
 11 Department. So --
 12 MS. McCLUNG: Okay. So, we're not
 13 going to have a separate Enrollment Department.
 14 We're just going to increase -- separate Allocation
 15 Department, just --
 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
 17 MS. McCLUNG: -- increase this one.
 18 Thank you.
 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Anyway, I'll call
 20 with the question here in a minute.
 21 But this coming Friday will be Elder Day.
 22 And I'm not too sure, and my attorneys -- Our
 23 attorneys are going to have to advise us on this.
 24 But we're going to cash your checks on Friday.
 25 If you go and deposit your check into a

1 bank, it may -- it may have an effect on you. If
 2 you allow us to cash it here on trust land, the bank
 3 will never know about it.
 4 So, I'm not going to tell you the
 5 particulars. But Friday we will -- We will be able
 6 to cash your elders' checks this coming Friday
 7 morning. And I think the best thing to do is get
 8 them cashed here instead of going to a bank or a
 9 grocery store.
 10 MS. McCLUNG: Well, we receive a 1099.
 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's something I'm not
 12 sure about.
 13 MS. McCLUNG: If we receive a 1099,
 14 where you cash it makes no difference. But if you
 15 don't receive one, then what you're saying is
 16 exactly true.
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm not familiar with
 18 that. I think our Finance Department will have to
 19 do that.
 20 But just watch out for armored cars on -- on
 21 Friday -- okay? -- because this is a lot of money.
 22 Committee, call for the question. All those
 23 in favor of -- The motion by Mr. Wahnee is to
 24 contract with City National Bank. A second by
 25 Mr. Codopony.

1 All those in favor, signify by saying,
 2 "Aye."
 3 THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
 5 sign?
 6 All those abstained?
 7 Motion's carried.
 8 MS. ATTOCKNIE: The only thing that I
 9 have to comment is -- on your comment, Mr. Chairman,
 10 is: You know, if the RAB is approved by the 15th
 11 which, as I'm sure -- I know even Mr. Narcomey's
 12 efforts at contacting people at central office --
 13 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
 14 reporter) Phyllis Attocknie.
 15 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- to --
 16 MR. PLATA: Phyllis Attocknie.
 17 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- try to help expedite
 18 our approval of the RAB. But for a blanket comment
 19 that maybe by the 15th or if it's approved or --
 20 that we'll get our per cap by the end of the month
 21 may need to be a little more cautious because we
 22 thought it would already be in central office a long
 23 time ago.
 24 But knowing that the original office held it
 25 up until Friday two months, that, you know --

1 There's -- Even though they bypass the solicitor's
2 office that step, I mean, you know, it's -- it's
3 already out there that people are standing by their
4 mailboxes every day to get their checks.

5 MS. McCLUNG: "A" through "G" has
6 already been mailed out.

7 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Yeah. I mean --

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Someone said, "I got
9 mine. Did you get yours?"

10 Well, no. No. What we're saying is: The
11 bank assured us that they will do as much as -- as
12 they can. Starting this week, once we begin the
13 contract, they will get all the names and addresses
14 from the Enrollment Office and start putting it in a
15 data system.

16 Once we get the notification, they can begin
17 the process. And it will be from the Comanche
18 Nation that the -- The bank said they will put
19 Comanche Nation on it and --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- submit it out.

22 And they even have a locator, they said. If
23 we have some concern about somebody's address, we
24 can go to that city, that community and determine if
25 they live in that address or not.

1 So, they've already done a lot of research.
2 Banking -- Banking can find people.

3 And all I'm saying is: I'm not too sure the
4 hold -- holdup is -- is central office. When we
5 submitted it to the bureau, we submitted one to the
6 central office; and they already have it. And
7 they're just waiting for the regional office.

8 And they've got it now, right, Jim?

9 MR. BURSON: (Shrugs shoulders)

10 MR. CHAIRMAN: So, all we need is the
11 approval. But in the mean time, we can start --
12 begin to work on these names and addresses. And,
13 hopefully, by the -- by the 15th, we can do that.

14 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Yeah.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: But I've also been
16 advised by our attorneys for me to have -- be
17 flexible because we may have to travel to
18 Washington, D.C., in order to get this
19 accomplished -- this and a couple other things.

20 And they said, "If you're in person, you
21 probably have better strength"; and we'll take
22 Congressman Cole along with us.

23 So, that's -- That's what we need -- need to
24 do.

25 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Okay.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's where we
2 stand.

3 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Because I noticed you
4 asked Jim if he knew what was -- And Jim shrugged
5 his shoulders, but -- And I hope --

6 MS. McCLUNG: What does he know?

7 MR. BURSON: I just wanted to -- All I
8 know is what I've been told.

9 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
10 reporter) Jim Burson.

11 MR. BURSON: The regional office said
12 they FedExed the RAB to Washington day before
13 yesterday. That's all I know.

14 MS. ATTOCKNIE: No.

15 MR. BURSON: But --

16 MS. ATTOCKNIE: It was signed --
17 Because they called me at 9:00 o'clock Friday and
18 told me --

19 MR. BURSON: Well --

20 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- that --

21 MR. BURSON: -- what are you --

22 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- it was signed --

23 MR. BURSON: -- going to do?

24 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- Thursday, that it
25 would be Federal-Expressed yesterday, and that

1 central office and whoever's hands it goes into will
2 have it in their hands Monday morning. Ta-da.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Hey, you know more than
4 we do.

5 Yes?

6 MS. WOOMAVOYAH: Actually, if you're
7 not sure about the enrollment addresses, maybe you
8 should contact the newsletter because, apparently,
9 they've gotten their addresses straightened out to
10 where they hardly ever get any returns compared to
11 the enrollment office.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: We've submitted
13 information into Dallas, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque;
14 and we've got information to "Get your address
15 current because of the per capita payment" --

16 MR. PLATA: (Addressing the court
17 reporter) Jan.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Jan?

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- "just around the
20 corner."

21 And we've spent a lot of money on those
22 newspaper advertisements, and they've run for a
23 period of days. So, it's just around the corner.

24 Did we already act on that?

25 MR. CODOPONY: Yeah, we acted on it.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 2 MR. BREAD: Mr. Chairman?
 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 4 MR. BREAD: I've been getting a lot of
 5 questions of "How much are we getting?" Do we
 6 know -- Do we have a number?
 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, what the -- the
 8 bank says: First of all, we'll identify who is 18
 9 years of age and over. The first priority is to
 10 identify who is 18 and over who will receive
 11 immediately.
 12 And all the tribal figures have already been
 13 cut off as of September 30th. So, we just kind of
 14 calculate what -- what it's going to be.
 15 MR. BREAD: And what --
 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: And I don't have no
 17 idea. I think it's going to be around 850-
 18 840-dollar range.
 19 MR. BREAD: Okay.
 20 MR. CHAIRMAN: But --
 21 MS. McCLUNG: Mr. Chairman?
 22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 23 MS. McCLUNG: Sorry.
 24 The last CBC meeting, I brought up the issue
 25 of taking the elder payment out of the total per

1 cap. And now I've seen something that Mr. Plata
 2 wrote up that is exactly what I said we shouldn't be
 3 doing because we have that separate elder payment
 4 budget approved --
 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
 6 MS. McCLUNG: -- not taking it out of
 7 the total per cap.
 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Right.
 9 MS. McCLUNG: So, I hope that you took
 10 that into consideration, Mr. Wahnee and
 11 Mr. Chairman, and you are not doing that, please.
 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Didn't we --
 13 MR. WAHNEE: No, we didn't take it out
 14 of that.
 15 MS. McCLUNG: We didn't?
 16 MR. WAHNEE: It's the elders -- with a
 17 line item vote, that amount was figured.
 18 (Inaudible)
 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's why I told you:
 20 We signed checks --
 21 (Inaudible)
 22 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- stacks this high --
 23 for our elders.
 24 MS. McCLUNG: But it's not lowering the
 25 per cap total. That's what I'm saying.

1 MR. WAHNEE: No. No, it's not --
 2 MS. McCLUNG: Okay.
 3 MR. WAHNEE: -- going to lower it.
 4 MS. McCLUNG: Thanks.
 5 And what about the withholding that I
 6 brought up last session, also -- that it wasn't
 7 \$8200; so, we don't need to be getting any Federal
 8 withholding on it? Right?
 9 MR. WAHNEE: That's probably an IRS
 10 question that we have to get with finance. We need
 11 to find that out, Mike, and make --
 12 MS. McCLUNG: Right.
 13 MR. WAHNEE: -- sure --
 14 MS. McCLUNG: Well, we had Jonette
 15 Osage (phonetic spelling) come to the Elder Council
 16 meeting; and they handed out to us that exact same
 17 thing I handed out to you which said that if it
 18 isn't over \$8200 in one year, no Federal withholding
 19 is required.
 20 And, Michael, you had that, too. So, you --
 21 Jonette is the director of the Lawton office; and
 22 she told us that, also.
 23 MR. WAHNEE: Okay. Could you give me a
 24 copy of that?
 25 MS. McCLUNG: Yes. I gave it to you

1 last time --
 2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe --
 3 MS. McCLUNG: -- I was here.
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe that'd be --
 5 MR. WAHNEE: I don't remember.
 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- on something we don't
 7 have to worry about.
 8 (Inaudible)
 9 MS. McCLUNG: Do you -- Do you -- I
 10 gave it to you.
 11 Oscar, do you have a copy we could give him?
 12 (Inaudible)
 13 MR. WAHNEE: Put it in an envelope when
 14 we're not here and --
 15 MS. McCLUNG: Okay. We'll try to
 16 get --
 17 (Inaudible)
 18 MS. McCLUNG: If someone here brought
 19 it with you, I'll give it to you.
 20 (Inaudible)
 21 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
 22 Mr. Plata) John?
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 106 --
 24 I'm trying to get through here as soon as possible
 25 because Mr. Wahnee is going to leave in 15 minutes.

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1 Whereas, the Comanche Business Committee is
 2 the duly elected official body designated to conduct
 3 business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation;
 4 and whereas, the Comanche Nation has negotiated a
 5 business lease (surface only) Comanche trust
 6 property No. 3117 COM within the exterior boundaries
 7 of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservation
 8 located in Cotton County, more particularly
 9 described as undivided interest in the Southwest
 10 Quarter of Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 13
 11 West, Cotton County, Oklahoma, containing 160 acres,
 12 more or less.
 13 This -- This property is owned in trust and
 14 includes the following improvements: fencing and
 15 water tanks. And the Comanche Nation is interested
 16 in using the property for agri-business and economic
 17 development.
 18 And whereby the Business Committee approves
 19 of the attached business lease and other owners and
 20 the Chairman of the Comanche Nation, including the
 21 following limited waiver of sovereign immunity
 22 contained therein, which the Comanche Business
 23 Committee hereby expressly approves.
 24 Do we have a motion to approve?
 25 MR. CODOPONY: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

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1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do we have a second?
 2 MR. WAHNEE: Second.
 3 MR. YACKEYONNY: How much is the lease?
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I have a motion
 5 and a second.
 6 We don't have the dollar figure in -- in
 7 here. But this is the Burgess property in -- in the
 8 southwest Cotton County, 160 acres.
 9 There's probably 15 individuals that are
 10 heirs to that property. And we felt like we should
 11 probably, as a Committee, lease it so they won't be
 12 sold from under us or to -- to anybody else. At
 13 some point in time, we would like to communicate
 14 with them to purchase.
 15 MR. CODOPONY: I -- I believe the
 16 figures that I saw on the lease, it was \$40,000
 17 annually.
 18 MR. YACKEYONNY: Is it just grazing
 19 property?
 20 MR. CODOPONY: It's right next to --
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Surface.
 22 MR. YACKEYONNY: Pasture property?
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Surface only.
 24 MR. YACKEYONNY: \$40,000 for 160
 25 pasture lease?

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: My gosh. No way.
 2 No.
 3 (Inaudible)
 4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee, do we have a
 5 question?
 6 (Inaudible)
 7 MR. CODOPONY: I just wanted to say the
 8 property is located adjacent to the existing gaming
 9 facility and we're basically holding it for an
 10 option to look at purchase in the future if we need
 11 it.
 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Call for the
 13 question. All those in favor, signify by saying,
 14 "Aye."
 15 MR. CODOPONY: Aye.
 16 MR. WAHNEE: Aye.
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed, same
 18 sign?
 19 MR. BREAD: Aye.
 20 MS. PARKER: Aye.
 21 MR. NARCOMEY: Aye.
 22 MR. CHAIRMAN: All those abstained?
 23 MS. McCLUNG: Who voted?
 24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Two opposed.
 25 Any abstentions?

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1 Can -- Who voted in favor of?
 2 MS. McCLUNG: Raise your hand.
 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Was it Mr. Narcomey?
 4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Codopony.
 5 MR. CODOPONY: (Nods head)
 6 MR. WAHNEE: (Nods head)
 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you vote in favor of
 8 it?
 9 MS. PARKER: No.
 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Who opposed?
 11 MR. BREAD: (Raises hand)
 12 MS. PARKER: (Raises hand)
 13 MR. NARCOMEY: (Raises hand)
 14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Three. Three.
 16 Three. Three. Three. Three. Three.
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Three opposed and two in
 18 favor. Motion fails.
 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good.
 20 MR. BREAD: Mr. Chairman?
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.
 22 MR. BREAD: I'd like to tell the people
 23 why I voted "no."
 24 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
 25 Mr. Plata) Can you give --

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1 MR. BREAD: We spent a bunch --
2 THE COURT REPORTER: -- him the
3 microphone?
4 MR. BREAD: -- of money on the Harris
5 (phonetic) property. Nobody liked it, I don't
6 think. I don't want to spend any more money without
7 everybody's approval.
8 MS. McCLUNG: That's right.
9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: That's right. Thank
10 you.
11 MR. BREAD: We don't have a plan for
12 it. So, why --
13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
14 MR. BREAD: Why get it?
15 MS. McCLUNG: Thank you.
16 MR. YACKEYONNY: And if somebody wants
17 to give a million dollars --
18 MR. BREAD: Let him.
19 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- let them give it to
20 them.
21 MR. BREAD: That's right.
22 MR. YACKEYONNY: We're not --
23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.
24 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- against any
25 tribal --

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.
2 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- member making
3 money, but -- but -- but not let -- Let's have a
4 plan before we --
5 MR. BREAD: Right.
6 MS. McCLUNG: That's good, Darrell.
7 (Inaudible)
8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 107-05:
9 Whereas, the Comanche Business Committee has
10 established an Economic Development Commission to
11 initiate, develop, monitor, and manage economic
12 development activities for the Comanche Nation; and
13 whereas Comanche Nation has various members who have
14 demonstrated their entrepreneurial spirit by
15 developing and operating their own business and have
16 expressed a desire to enter into business with the
17 Comanche Nation.
18 And in that situation we have Mr. Darrell
19 Chrismon, an entrepreneur, doing business as
20 Comanches Services. And this resolution is that he
21 be allowed to explore potential business
22 opportunities in the name of the Comanche Nation for
23 a period of six months. During this time he can
24 pursue economic development projects in the name of
25 the Comanche Nation, but he cannot enter into any

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1 agreement during this time, if his research warrants
2 further development he must present the project and
3 plan for development to the Comanche Economic
4 Development Commission for further action and to the
5 Comanche Business Committee for further action if
6 the Economic Development Commission so warrants.
7 Anybody want to talk to this resolution?
8 MR. CODOPONY: Mr. Chairman, I present
9 this resolution because I have visited with several
10 small business owners -- Mr. Chrismon being one of
11 them -- who, back in the early Eighties, actually
12 took out a -- a charter for Comanche Services as a
13 tribally-owned bus- -- not tribally-owned, a
14 tribal-member-owned business.
15 He has had several opportunities over the
16 years to look at some projects. But the projects
17 become more lucrative and generate more money if
18 they're actually tribally-owned.
19 There's certain contracts and agreements
20 that can be entered into if the -- if the business
21 is 51 percent owned by the Nation and 49 percent
22 owned by a partner.
23 And all this resolution does is allow him to
24 actually be able to present this to some of these
25 business opportunities and say, "I have the ability

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1 to enter into that partnership if it so proves
2 lucrative and if the CBC and/or the Economic
3 Development Commission so agrees to the plan, that
4 it will make money both for the entrepreneur and
5 both for the Nation."
6 MS. McCLUNG: Mr. Chairman?
7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that a form of a
8 motion?
9 MR. CODOPONY: Yes, it is.
10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do we have a second?
11 MR. BREAD: Second.
12 MR. CHAIRMAN: I have a motion and a
13 second. Do we have any discussion?
14 Yes, ma'am?
15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a question.
16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I do.
17 MS. McCLUNG: If you're going to make
18 that resolution, Mr. Codopony, for one person, then
19 you ought to make it more general and make it for a
20 lot of people --
21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
22 MS. McCLUNG: -- that have -- want to
23 do that 51-49 --
24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Exactly.
25 MS. McCLUNG: -- percent thing.

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
2 (Inaudible)
3 MS. McCLUNG: But you're doing it for
4 one Comanche.
5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's exactly --
6 MS. McCLUNG: And that's wrong.
7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.
8 MS. McCLUNG: So, if you --
9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.
10 MS. McCLUNG: If you will take his name
11 off of it or revise it in a manner that makes
12 everyone able to have -- take advantage of that --
13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
14 MS. McCLUNG: -- opportunity, then it's
15 good.
16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
17 MR. CODOPONY: Well, I make that motion
18 for a single person because he has an existing
19 business, he has a proven track record. And I do
20 not make it a general motion because people who have
21 no business experience or no business background
22 would take opportunity to that and possibly put us
23 in a position where they'd have no -- where the --
24 where the business opportunity might not turn out in
25 the best --

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1 MS. McCLUNG: But you have --
2 (Inaudible)
3 MR. CODOPONY: -- the best --
4 (Inaudible)
5 MS. McCLUNG: But you have not opened
6 that up for other people who may have legitimate
7 businesses and legitimate track records. You could
8 eliminate those people by putting out some
9 guidelines of how you can be partners with the
10 tribe. So, you can take care of that instead of
11 citing one.
12 It's a terrible thing for you-all to just
13 let one person and say, "Nobody else has charters.
14 Nobody else has licenses. Nobody else has a track
15 record."
16 You don't know that, Oscar. So, you need
17 to -- You need to straighten that out.
18 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Are you saying --
19 MR. CODOPONY: Well, that's --
20 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Are --
21 MR. CODOPONY: That's not --
22 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Are you --
23 MR. CODOPONY: -- what I'm saying at
24 all. What I'm saying is: This gentleman approached
25 me, and he approached me with a legitimate plan and

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1 with legitimate background.
2 MS. McCLUNG: You still should --
3 MR. CODOPONY: If somebody --
4 MS. McCLUNG: -- make it --
5 MR. CODOPONY: -- else wants --
6 MS. McCLUNG: -- the tribe --
7 MR. CODOPONY: -- to do --
8 MS. McCLUNG: -- and the whole --
9 MR. CODOPONY: -- the same to any
10 member on the board, they're -- they're perfectly --
11 MS. McCLUNG: You should make it --
12 MR. CODOPONY: -- welcome to do it.
13 MS. McCLUNG: You should hold up on
14 this and -- and develop a plan that says, "Yes,
15 we're going -- we'll do this; but we have to make it
16 in a manner that other people might be able to take
17 advantage of if they -- if they so qualify."
18 MS. ATTOCKNIE: All he's trying to do,
19 if I understand it correctly, is that Comanche
20 Services would be the point of contact, so to speak,
21 for everyone that is interested in creating or
22 being -- or participating in this, say,
23 entrepreneurial project.
24 MS. McCLUNG: No.
25 MR. CODOPONY: No.

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1 MS. McCLUNG: No.
2 MR. CODOPONY: No, that's not it.
3 Comanche --
4 MS. ATTOCKNIE: Okay. I've --
5 MR. CODOPONY: -- Services has --
6 MS. ATTOCKNIE: -- got to ask you --
7 MR. CODOPONY: Comanche Services has --
8 has brought to me two specific instances of entering
9 into distributorships with various partners. And
10 the only way that it will -- not the only way -- the
11 way that it becomes more lucrative is that they're
12 tribally-owned entities.
13 The -- The way that the -- the discussion
14 moves forward with these entities is that it can be
15 presented in resolution form that if the business
16 worked -- plan works out, that there's an
17 opportunity to enter into business with the Nation,
18 not just a tribally-owned entity.
19 If anybody knows anything about 8(a)
20 contracting, at Fort Sill, if -- if the Comanche
21 Nation right now had its own company to -- to
22 construct housing and we went up to Fort Sill and we
23 said, "As a tribally-owned entity" -- not a
24 tribally-membered-owned entity, but a tribally-owned
25 entity -- "we want to build all the new housing that

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1 you're going to bring on base for all of these 5,000
2 people that are going to get transferred here," they
3 have to give us that contract if we're within
4 20 percent, I believe is the number -- maybe --
5 maybe a little different -- 20 percent of that -- of
6 the bid.
7 We can be 20 percent higher; but as a
8 tribally-owned entity, we get preferential
9 treatment.
10 As a 51 percent/49 percent setup on some of
11 these deals, we have some entrepreneurs that are
12 able to enter into the same agreement; but it -- But
13 it's a smaller scale, a smaller scope.
14 MS. McCLUNG: Oscar, anybody who has
15 applied for 8(a), as long as -- Say they're a
16 tribally-owned business. If they apply for 8(a) and
17 get it, they can do that. They don't even need the
18 tribe to do that. They can do it themselves.
19 And I know people -- tribal members who are
20 doing that -- in the process of applying for 8(a)
21 certification so that they can do just what you're
22 saying.
23 So, that's one way; but there's the other
24 way, too. But you need to make sure that all tribes
25 are -- it's available to all the tribe, all --

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1 MR. CODOPONY: Yeah.
2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Way back there.
3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Coffey?
4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: On this thing, why
6 are we allowing Mr. Chrismon to do this when we have
7 our own Economic Development board? I know they
8 have a better track record than they do. But --
9 (Inaudible)
10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But still --
11 MR. PLATA: What's her name?
12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't know about --
13 (Inaudible)
14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't know about
15 the track record.
16 MR. CODOPONY: I don't mean --
17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We may not have a
18 flower shop anymore, but we still have the Comanche
19 Nation Indian Tribe.
20 MR. CODOPONY: I -- I don't --
21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: His track record is
22 probably better than theirs. But if we're going to
23 do this, maybe I want to put a smoke shop in my yard
24 and go in 49 with you-all. But --
25 (Inaudible)

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1 MR. CODOPONY: I don't mean to slow the
2 conversation down any, but --
3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But we already have
4 a --
5 (Inaudible)
6 MS. McCLUNG: Let's table it then.
7 Table it.
8 MR. CODOPONY: I don't --
9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We need a report --
10 We need progress reports --
11 (Inaudible)
12 MR. CODOPONY: I don't mean to slow the
13 conversation down any, but we have a -- In order
14 to -- In order to keep better records, we have a
15 stenographer here; and she's trying to write
16 everybody's name down.
17 So, when you make your comment, if you
18 would, please state --
19 MS. NOYEBAD: Elaine --
20 MR. CODOPONY: -- your name --
21 MS. NOYEBAD: -- Noyebad.
22 MR. CODOPONY: -- so she can -- Elaine
23 Noyebad.
24 MS. ISAAC: Does -- My name is Beverly
25 Isaac.

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1 Does he already have his 8(a) contract -- or
2 paperwork done? Is he already involved in that?
3 MR. CODOPONY: This is -- Again, this
4 is strictly to pursue some prospects and to see how
5 we can get further. So, no, he doesn't.
6 MS. McCLUNG: He doesn't. So --
7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: See, he's got other
8 people ahead of him on 8(a) certification.
9 MR. BREAD: The way I --
10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well --
11 MR. BREAD: The way I understand this:
12 Anybody can go to the Economic Development Committee
13 with some kind of proposal. If they like it and
14 recommend it to us, we're the final decision-makers.
15 I just -- I would think anybody with any kind of a
16 business proposal can go to the Economic
17 Development --
18 MS. McCLUNG: They never --
19 MR. BREAD: -- not just --
20 MS. McCLUNG: -- said that.
21 MR. BREAD: -- Mr. Chrismon.
22 MS. McCLUNG: They never said that
23 ever, Darrell.
24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?
25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I would like to say

1 that I think --
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?
 3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- there needs to be
 4 a plan -- a plan in place --
 5 MS. McCLUNG: That's right.
 6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- before a
 7 resolution is passed. And I agree with Jacquetta.
 8 I think that other people should have that same
 9 opportunity.
 10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah. Yes.
 11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But I think -- I
 12 think they should have a plan before they approach
 13 us or -- or write a resolution.
 14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right.
 15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But what if --
 16 (Inaudible)
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, Bob --
 18 Mr. Tippeconnie?
 19 MS. ATTOCKNIE: That goes back to that
 20 public comment, trying to --
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Tippeconnie --
 22 MR. TIPPECONNIE: Yeah. Okay.
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- you have the floor.
 24 MR. TIPPECONNIE: Mr. Chairman, Bob
 25 Tippeconnie.

1 I'd like to say that, you know, you passed a
 2 resolution already this morning which speaks about
 3 planning, short-term and long-term. These kind of
 4 things that are proposed under this resolution would
 5 fit under that.
 6 MS. McCLUNG: Yes, it would.
 7 MR. TIPPECONNIE: So, you have to
 8 incorporate it under there. Then it's really fair
 9 play.
 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Uh-huh.
 11 MR. TIPPECONNIE: People are going to
 12 come with appropriate planning, not to say that this
 13 person doesn't have that. But we've got to do it
 14 under the process that's established in a -- in
 15 respect to planning and evaluation or review of
 16 proposals.
 17 So, I think, you know, this resolution
 18 doesn't fit within that. It -- It identifies a
 19 single party; and, yes, it may -- as Elaine says,
 20 may be a good person with a good business track
 21 record.
 22 But there is a process. There's -- There's
 23 something underway, which I feel in the Economic
 24 Development, given it's approved by the General
 25 Council in place -- that that's the appropriate

1 place to evaluate such proposals.
 2 And they can bring those proposals forward
 3 in the planning processes, and we make sure that
 4 they have the appropriate business feasibility
 5 planning. And it has to be -- I feel there is the
 6 best place to identify with the Comanche Nation --
 7 MS. McCLUNG: Right.
 8 MR. TIPPECONNIE: -- not have parties
 9 out here saying they're representing the Comanche
 10 Nation.
 11 MS. McCLUNG: That's right.
 12 MR. CODOPONY: Mr. Chairman?
 13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.
 14 MR. CODOPONY: I know that I had no
 15 intention and I know Mr. Chrismon has no intention
 16 of causing a controversy. So, at this point, I move
 17 to table this.
 18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.
 19 MR. CHAIRMAN: And I'd like to -- Is
 20 Ms. Gloria Pocawatchit here? Yeah, you had
 21 something you wanted to say, ma'am?
 22 MS. POCAWATCHIT: Yes. My issue was
 23 not brought up the last -- last month when I was
 24 here, and it's about the CHR. The CHR supervisor,
 25 she needs to be replaced because the -- I've been on

1 there the last -- the last five years and she is
 2 rude and I don't know what.
 3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Burgess --
 4 MS. POCAWATCHIT: And --
 5 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- can you -- can you
 6 visit --
 7 MS. YOUNGMAN: My name is Nina --
 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- with --
 9 MS. YOUNGMAN: -- Nina --
 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you visit with --
 11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Nina what?
 12 MS. YOUNGMAN: Youngman.
 13 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- Ms. Mamie? And --
 14 And we can go from there.
 15 MR. BURGESS: Okay.
 16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you talk with
 17 Mr. Burgess, Mamie?
 18 MS. POCAWATCHIT: I talked to
 19 Mr. Burgess about that before. I talked to Joe
 20 Wahnee about that. I talked to Mr. Codopony about
 21 that. I talked to Clyde Narcomey about that. I've
 22 talked to Darrell Bread about that. And not no --
 23 Nothing's been done about her unless she --
 24 someone's brown-nosing somewhere.
 25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Exactly. Right.

1 Thank you.
 2 MS. POCAWATCHIT: I -- I don't know
 3 what you call it.
 4 (Inaudible)
 5 MS. POCAWATCHIT: This is --
 6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 7 MS. POCAWATCHIT: -- plain English.
 8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, do you have --
 9 MS. POCAWATCHIT: She needs --
 10 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- something written --
 11 MS. POCAWATCHIT: -- to be replaced --
 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- Mr. Burgess?
 13 MS. POCAWATCHIT: -- her and that Cindy
 14 Klineco. She is very rude to some of the patients
 15 that she carries.
 16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me. I've got
 17 something to say about that, too.
 18 MR. YACKEYONNY: We're getting off --
 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mrs. --
 20 MR. YACKEYONNY: -- the subject.
 21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
 22 (Inaudible)
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: We've got an agenda.
 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just a second.
 25 You've got to listen to me.

1 (Inaudible)
 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She brought it up.
 3 Now, Ms. -- Mrs. Klineco -- Now, when you're in a
 4 doctor's office --
 5 (Inaudible)
 6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- a doctor -- you do
 7 not open that door and you tell them, "You hurry
 8 up." She's did me twice --
 9 (Inaudible)
 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- that way -- opened
 11 the doctor's door and had me to hurry: "I'm in a
 12 hurry. I've got to take you home now."
 13 Now, I'm seeing Dr. Ahmed. And in Oklahoma
 14 City, she's rushing me. Now, see, this doctor comes
 15 first, not that CHR lady comes first.
 16 She needs to be replaced. I'm talking
 17 about --
 18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And then she's --
 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- Ms. Klineco.
 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- talking about
 21 gas -- gas money and all. Why?
 22 MR. BURGESS: Mr. Chairman?
 23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?
 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is that gas money --
 25 MR. BURGESS: You should --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- coming out of --
 2 MR. BURGESS: -- go into --
 3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- her pocket?
 4 MR. BURGESS: -- executive session
 5 about this issue.
 6 (Inaudible)
 7 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?
 9 MR. CHAIRMAN: It's an issue that --
 10 (Inaudible)
 11 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- Mr. Burgess suggests
 12 that we take into an executive session because it's
 13 bigger than what Mamie -- By the way, Mamie, that's
 14 a beautiful sweater you've got on. And we want to
 15 let you know we will address this issue.
 16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She needs --
 17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- to be replaced.
 19 She's got the attitude, the what have you, "Hell, I
 20 can do this when I want to at the time I want to."
 21 (Inaudible)
 22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's the kind of
 23 attitude and expression that I get from the way she
 24 talks.
 25 MS. AITSON: Mr. Chairman, I need to

1 leave in a little bit just like everybody else is
 2 leaving. And I have something that needs to be
 3 brought up before Mr. Wahnee leaves. I have --
 4 THE COURT REPORTER: (Addressing
 5 Mr. Plata) Would you get her name?
 6 MS. AITSON: -- an issue with -- I -- I
 7 saw her earlier.
 8 I'm Dolores Aitson.
 9 I have an issue with -- about Amber
 10 Komahcheet. She told your Committeemen here at the
 11 last meeting -- and I wasn't here -- that she was
 12 going to kick my ass all over hell.
 13 Well, you know, I'm here today; and she
 14 better have a big foot.
 15 But I want you Committeemen to know that's
 16 the kind of people you've got working for you.
 17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Right. Right.
 18 Right.
 19 MS. AITSON: She is not a tribal
 20 member. I am a tribal member. And I brought this
 21 up to you before, brother. And you said, "I will
 22 talk to her. I will see to it."
 23 No one has seen to it. She runs the
 24 Comanche show, and she's not a member. I want her
 25 removed from her job. I want it done because

1 you-all have done nothing in the past.
2 I'm 70 years old; and if she's here in
3 the -- in the crowd, let's go outside, Amber. I'm
4 ready.

5 (Inaudible)

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 108-05 --
7 tabled. The presenter is not here.

8 Mr. Narcomey, Resolution No. 109-05, with
9 regard to the Comanche Nation manages a Youth
10 Shelter and it is housed in a double-wide trailer --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- and the Youth are the
13 future of the Comanche Nation, shall promote a
14 nurturing environment for the youth placed in the
15 Shelter and ensure the privacy of such youth and
16 that the Committee direct the Tribal Administrator
17 to transfer the Youth Shelter to the building where
18 the environmental programs are currently housed and
19 to have environmental programs moved to the
20 double-wide trailer.

21 And -- And I'd like to discuss this with you
22 because we have found a location in Lawton that
23 meets the criteria for a shelter. The BIA has told
24 us that this place does not meet the criteria for a
25 shelter. It doesn't have the privacy. It doesn't

1 have the -- the -- the -- the -- well, what was
2 it? -- foundation. It doesn't have the security
3 from storms.

4 But there is a facility in -- in Lawton that
5 we have located. And the shelter didn't have a
6 budget last year. This is the first year the
7 children's shelter has a budget.

8 But if you recall -- I don't know if
9 Mr. Bread would remember -- we put in \$150,000 in
10 that budget to purchase this facility in Lawton
11 because the BIA said it would be acceptable to them
12 and it does meet their criteria.

13 Otherwise, they have no alternative but to
14 shut us down. And that's the reason for that. And
15 we don't want to lose our children's shelter because
16 we have people come here daily.

17 But I would like for you to look into that
18 facility that's in Lawton that could meet the
19 criteria in accordance to that BIA structure and --

20 MR. YACKEYONNY: Mr. Chairman?

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes?

22 MR. YACKEYONNY: This is kind of a
23 compromise because it was kind of an insult to the
24 museum board that you-all put the EPA there anyway.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Right. Yeah.

1 Right.

2 MR. YACKEYONNY: And the museum board,
3 you know, it just kind of -- You know, you're the
4 main one that's always saying about our horses.
5 That museum board over there has the horses. The
6 house has the horses. It's privacy. It's a home
7 environment.

8 Our kids -- You know, out here they're in
9 the public. Everybody can see who's in the youth
10 shelter.

11 It's going to provide a more nurturing
12 environment. And it's kind of a compromise even to
13 the museum board that the museum board's house is
14 going to be used for something -- for the future, at
15 least for our children.

16 MS. WOOMAVOYAH: Do we even have a
17 museum board?

18 MR. YACKEYONNY: You know, so, I mean,
19 I think -- I think this is -- You know, let's use
20 it. Let's use it for our kids instead of for a
21 Federal program because, you know, all the things
22 that we've been hearing has been going on over
23 there.

24 Let's use this building that our -- that --
25 that we purchased this land for -- for use of

1 Comanche people, but for -- really for the future of
2 our kids.

3 You don't have to go spend 150,000.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's right.

5 MR. YACKEYONNY: We already have a --
6 And I'm sure this will meet this specification of
7 the BIA.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mike?

9 MR. BURGESS: Tribal Administrator,
10 Mike Burgess.

11 One thing we'll have to do is a feasibility
12 study on it because right now we have approximately
13 ten children. I believe the youth shelter is a
14 two-bedroom facility. So, we'll have to spend money
15 to modify it, in the first place.

16 And we want to make sure it's secure because
17 I would like to put up better fencing. And then we
18 have to make sure we're going to have security
19 rolling in and out.

20 (Inaudible)

21 MR. BURGESS: You know, it's -- it's
22 going to --

23 (Inaudible)

24 MR. BURGESS: We have to put some money
25 into that effort -- Excuse me. We have to put some

1 money into that effort, and it will take us --
2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Take some money
3 from --

4 MR. BURGESS: -- no less than 45 days
5 to come back with a complete plan and some cost
6 estimates to you-all to do this. But it's --
7 (Inaudible)

8 MR. BURGESS: It's efficient that -- We
9 would have to expand it, add a room or two.
10 I'm asking for more time to study it.

11 MS. TIGER: Can I ask a question?

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Yes? Yes?

13 MS. TIGER: Since we're talking about
14 the -- Okay.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: Will you speak --

16 MS. TIGER: Marilyn Tiger.

17 Since we're talking about the youth shelter,
18 what about the ghost employee? We've had an
19 employee that was fired over a year ago. She's
20 still on administrative leave, as far as I know.

21 And she has taken a job during the summer.
22 She got to work the job. She went back on
23 administrative leave.

24 She was accused of child abuse -- put a
25 bruise on a little 3-year-old baby. And she's still

1 receiving administrative leave, and she's still
2 receiving all the full benefits.

3 MR. BURGESS: Mr. Chairman, I think --

4 MS. TIGER: And I --

5 MR. BURGESS: -- you need to --

6 MS. TIGER: And I will -- Excuse me.

7 MR. BURGESS: -- cut the --

8 MS. TIGER: I'm talking.

9 MR. BURGESS: -- discourse. It is
10 involving --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

12 MR. BURGESS: -- an employee.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

14 MS. TIGER: But --

15 MR. BURGESS: The allegations --

16 MS. TIGER: But the thing --

17 MR. BURGESS: -- have never been
18 proven.

19 MS. TIGER: Excuse me. Excuse me. But
20 she's still on administrative leave. So, who's
21 responsible for that? Who -- Who's keeping her on
22 administrative leave? It's because -- It's been
23 over a year. She went to another job.

24 (Inaudible)

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: And all I've been

1 informed is that an investigation hasn't been
2 complete.

3 Who is doing that investigation -- BIA or --

4 MR. BURGESS: The last word I have was
5 the FBI; and then it's at the Bureau of Indian
6 Affairs, the CFR board. And I've not been informed
7 of any --

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: None of us have.

9 MR. BURGESS: -- reply.

10 MS. TIGER: For a year? Why can't she
11 be --

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Attorney, is it
13 possible you can look into where the status of this
14 investigation is?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Because we'd like to
17 have that resolved --

18 MS. TIGER: Why can't some of these
19 other --

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: -- or if it's already
21 clarified.

22 Mr. Wahnee has to leave. Did you say you
23 wanted to --

24 MR. CODOPONY: I have a letter I'd like
25 to read. Mr. Chairman, I have a letter I'd like to

1 read before Mr. Wahnee leaves; and it's addressed to
2 Wallace Coffey, Chairman of the Comanche Nation.

3 Dear Mr. Coffey, Comanche Nation members:
4 As you know, I was elected to serve the Comanche
5 people as a member of the Comanche Business
6 Committee in June of this year.

7 When I ran for the Committee, I had the
8 support of many Comanches and non-Comanches. The
9 non-Comanche support was as crucial as the Comanche
10 voter support.

11 The importance of the non-Comanche support
12 is apparent when my daily duties and my professional
13 life are examined. The support of my employer, the
14 board of directors of my company allowed me to serve
15 on the Comanche Business Committee.

16 The support of my staff was crucial by
17 performing their duties so well that I had to
18 provide only minimal guidance.

19 But recent changes in my situation have
20 caused me, not my supporters, to reevaluate my
21 professional duties and responsibilities.

22 In addition to my standard duties, I have
23 been tasked with several new crucial
24 responsibilities. I am coordinating four separate
25 legal actions with three separate law firms, and I'm

1 also coordinating two separate engineering studies
2 for quality-related functions. I'm also
3 coordinating a financing package worth over
4 \$30 million.

5 These major functions have all started in
6 the last three months and have slowly built in the
7 scope.

8 In addition, I have several new construction
9 projects and economic development projects
10 starting -- starting to demand my attention.
11 Additionally, I have been named, along with 11 other
12 members of the electric industry, to a legislative
13 exploration team and have been requested to sit in
14 on a statewide board.

15 All these projects have come into being
16 since my election, and they require my direct
17 attention.

18 The most significant impact of my support
19 base was when, a week before Thanksgiving, my
20 powerline maintenance supervisor came into my office
21 and gave me his two weeks' notice.

22 He told me that he had advanced cancer and
23 was starting intensive chemotherapy and radiation
24 treatment. He has since then been hospitalized
25 before he could even complete the two weeks' notice.

1 Due to these circumstances, I feel compelled
2 to resign my position as a Comanche Business
3 Committeeman effective Monday, December 5th, 2005.

4 I thank those who supported me, and I
5 apologize to the entire Comanche Nation for not
6 fulfilling my term. I am both proud and humbled to
7 be allowed to serve the Comanche people in the
8 capacity of Committeeman.

9 Thank you for the honor for allowing me to
10 be your representative.

11 Sincerely, Oscar Codopony, Committeeman
12 No. 3.

13 MS. McCLUNG: You've been a wonderful
14 committeeman, Oscar. We're proud to have had you.
15 You've taught us some things on how to be a good
16 committeeman. And we're sad that you have to leave.
17 And we just thank you. When the opportunity comes
18 again, I'll vote for you.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Dang, Oscar. You know,
20 we -- We try our best to get people elected who have
21 qualifications such as yours. And I'm sad to hear
22 this.

23 And as Mr. Wahnee has to leave and
24 eventually Ms. Parker has to leave -- I think let's
25 take a break and you-all come forward and let's --

1 let's shake his hand and encourage him.

2 MR. BREAD: Mr. Chairman --

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir?

4 MR. BREAD: -- I would like to add
5 something on this. In the future, whoever runs for
6 committeeman, you should try to remember this --
7 that it's turning into a full-time job. So --

8 MS. McCLUNG: That's right.

9 MR. BREAD: So, if you have an outside
10 job like Mr. -- He didn't know this was going to
11 come up. So -- But if you're going to have an
12 outside job, you'd better be clear and work for us
13 first.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes. Uh-huh. Yes.

15 MR. BREAD: You need to look at that
16 when you vote for somebody -- if they're going to be
17 able to be full-time.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: He is very, very right.
19 And even though there is no office for our
20 vice-chairman or our secretary or any committeemen,
21 I think that they could all have a place and people
22 will come and see them on a regular basis because,
23 believe me, it is tremendously big.

24 And a lot of times it's very, very
25 stressful. And I know that Clyde knows. I know

1 Darrell knows. And now recently Jeep -- his health
2 is affected.

3 And that's why he said the doctors are
4 reminding him, "Don't be in a stressful environment.
5 Don't stand up, and don't sit too long."

6 So, he's going to have to go and -- and --
7 But -- But let's go back to the -- In hand, let's
8 take a short break; and then I'd like for you to
9 come and give words of encouragement to Mr.
10 Codopony.

11 And I, too, am sad and shocked by this --
12 his resignation.

13 (Break taken 1:24 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.)

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: Because we don't have a
15 quorum, we will adjourn. Ms. Parker and Mr. Wahnee
16 had to leave; so, we will adjourn.

17 (Business Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.)

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5 I, Kerri L. Wood, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in and for the State of Oklahoma, do hereby
7 certify that the above and foregoing Comanche
8 Business Committee Monthly Meeting was taken by me
9 in shorthand and thereafter transcribed, to the best
10 of my ability, on this, the 3rd day of December,
11 2005, at the office of the Comanche Nation, in the
12 City of Lawton, County of Comanche, State of
13 Oklahoma, pursuant to the stipulations hereinbefore
14 set out, and that I am not attorney for or relative
15 of either of said parties, or otherwise interested
16 in the event of said action.

17 In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
18 my hand and seal this 8th day of December, 2005.

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