

Appropriations and Finance Committee  
LTBB Governmental Administration Building  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Special Meeting  
2020 Annual Budget Public Hearing  
April 12, 2019

Call to Order: 9:12 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Secretary Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Dexter McNamara,  
Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Absent: none

Tribal Councilors present: none

Legislative Staff: Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda  
Gokee

Corporate Charters/Boards Present: none

Executive Staff/Official Present: Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Tribal Court Staff/Official Present: none

Public: Andrew Stitch, Joe VanAlstine

Invited Guests: none

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**Motion** made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt the  
Agenda of April 12, 2019 as presented.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent

Motion carried.

**Discussion:** 2020 Annual Budget Public Hearing

- Legislative Branch

Andrew Stitch: What part of THPO is less?

Treasurer Reyes: Section 106 fees are less.

Andrew Stitch: New Legislative position is not in the 2020 budget, why not?

Answer: Not funded

Andrew Stitch: Where is pay coming from?

Answer: General Fund-Fund Balance

Andrew Stitch: Tribal Council Travel Line item increased?  
Answer: Yes, a Tribal Councilor travels from Grand Rapids.

Andrew Stitch: If there are three new Council Members who need to travel from outside the Service Area, how much would this cost?

Answer: It would cost \$16,000 per Councilor totaling \$48,000 that would need to come out of the General Fund-Fund Balance in addition to the \$33,000 salary per council member.

- Tribal Court

Andrew Stitch: Why does the Executive pay for incarceration and not Tribal Court?

Answer: Judge Maldonado didn't want the budget to way in on her decision to incarcerate someone.

Andrew Stitch: Why can't Tribal Citizens sit in on Drug Court hearings if it's funded by General Funds? If it was all grant related, he'd be okay with it.

Answer: The court does not want the individual's personal information out in the community.

Andrew Stitch: What is the Appellate salary?

Answer: Per the Compensation Statute, it's \$15,000 per year for each of the three judges.

Andrew Stitch: Will Tribal Court have a summer Law Clerk?

Andrew Stitch: Drug and alcohol testing is negative for 2020, why?

Andrew Stitch: The female Cultural Spiritual Advisor is no longer here. Where was this position in the budget? If it was grant funded, it is not in this book.

Andrew Stitch: All salaries for the Tribal Court come from the General Fund?

Answer: 2019 Salaries: \$1,245,615  
988,625

\$1,195,829.88 was spent on all three Branches. Tribal Courts salaries came out of General Fund dollars.

- Prosecutor

Andrew Stitch: Space Costs went down but it went down for everyone.

Andrew Stitch: If they had a jury trial, does Tribal Court absorb the cost?

Answer: Yes

- Election Board

Andrew Stitch: How much does a recall cost?

Answer: \$13,000 for each recall

Treasurer Reyes: The Election Board has saved \$5000 by not mailing Election Books and eliminating "Meet the Candidates" forum.

- Executive

Andrew Stitch: Program Support and grants that require a match. Does the remaining money go back into General Funds?

Andrew Stitch: The insurance deductible for the cyber-attack is \$50,000, do we know how much this has costed the Tribe?

Answer: We do not know, monetary wise, how much the damages were.

Andrew Stitch: How much money has been appropriated to Ziibimijwang? Thought \$350,000 and then \$278,000.

Andrew Stitch: Tribal Council appropriates \$23,000-\$33,000 per year to the Traditional Tribal Burial Board. If they are not self-sustaining, why not put it under the Archives & Records?

Andrew Stitch: Would you disenfranchise? Or move it under the Executive?

Andrew Stitch: How much is paid towards property taxes for Minogin (formerly known as Bells)?  
Answer: \$30,000 are due annually.

Andrew Stitch: Is this property going to go into Trust?

Andrew Stitch: Why didn't we set up a Per Capita Trust Fund for minors?

Treasurer Reyes: I wanted to but had no support.

Andrew Stitch: How would you do this?

Treasurer Reyes: There are several ways to set aside funds for minors.

Worksheet #2504-CFO 5% of Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson time and Debra Janney

Worksheet #2548-Copier pool. All of paper and ink, Tribal wide.

Worksheet #2539-Main accounting budget

Worksheet #2604 Tribal Chair General Fund 50/50 split (lobbyist can't be split)

Andrew Stitch: Why does state lobbyist get paid more than our Federal lobbyist?

Answer: That is who the Executive chose to go with and it's their (lobbyist) rate.

Andrew Stitch: Budget narratives for NCAI-MAST-UTM-ICW Membership Fees. Why are we paying a higher membership rate for NCAI if fees are to be determined by casino revenues and should not be based on including grants.

Answer: Will talk to Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher about the NCAI rate.

Worksheet #2602-Gas cards, Christmas luncheon, picnic luncheon

Worksheet #2603-\$200,000 No detail on planned improvements (CAP EX)

Worksheet #2609-Sponsorships i.e. Boy Scout bike-a-thon and donations

Worksheet #2552-Tribal Chair Indirect Budget. Budgeting less for lawyer. There is a budget modification in her department to pay for lawyer consultant.

Worksheet #2567-Children's Christmas Party \$1250

Worksheet #2499-MIS. Possibility of MIS requesting supplemental funding.

Worksheet #2563-Sovereignty Day \$9700

Worksheet #2560- Department of Commerce \$73,100

Worksheet #2565-Detention \$4200. Impossible to budget for as you never know how many people will be incarcerated.

Worksheet #2564- Indirect Services Administrator \$75,000  
Direct Services Administrator \$79,600

Worksheet #2558-Homecoming Pow Wow \$63,500

Worksheet #2595 Good Hart Church Cemetery Maintenance \$960

Worksheet #2535 Communications Indirect

Split 50/50 except coloring contest

Worksheet #2536 Communications General Fund

Worksheet #2541 Human Resources \$365,000

- Lowered training for Tribal wide staff
- lowered postage
- no new computers
- lowered travel

Worksheet #2509-Planning, zoning fee. Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson explained how this works.

Worksheet #2513-Planning Indirect. Reduction in salary for Planning Director as the number was higher due to previous planner Bryan Gillett.

Worksheet #2540-Education

- Salaries increased
- travel decreased
- Cultural Activities increased

**Discussion:** Elders Food & Utility Supplemental funding for 2019

- Would like to see better planning for 2020 budget which will more than likely need supplemental funding.

**11:59 a.m. Motion** made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED