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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER
VIA ZOOM**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on November 10, 2021. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wolfe said to Speaker Champagne that the recording is on.

Speaker Champagne said good morning, they are here at their regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting, Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. eastern standard time via ZOOM and some Tribal Councilors in the Chambers.

Champagne said they are here to ___ modifications have been posted um. first order is to identify everyone here. Champagne said it appears himself, Nitumigaabow Champagne, Citizen/Elder/Legislative Assistant Miss Grace Hendler, Miss Dottie Batchelder from Behavioral Health Services, Angela Schwandt, Citizen Miss Sandy Mezeske, Natural Resource Representative Mr. Bob Sanders, Citizen Miss Martha Howell, Citizen Miss Laura Echelbarger, Councilor Champagne, Citizen Miss Chelsea Densmore, Citizen Miss Sara Agosa, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Guenthardt, Director Beaver, Legal Counsel Miss Mc Gowen and Liebing, Comptroller General Mr. Brad Pringle, 231 690-6828 can they please identify themselves.

Daryl Wever identified himself. Wever said good morning everyone.

Speaker Champagne said good morning sir. Champagne said telephone number 231 398-6837, can they please identify themselves.

Brad Pringle identified himself.

Recorder Wolfe asked is that Brad Pringle.

Speaker Champagne said Mr. Pringle. Champagne said okay, 231 398-6823, can they please identify themselves. Champagne asked is that Ogema Romanelli. Champagne repeated 231 398-6823, can they please identify themselves. Champagne said they will come back to them. Champagne said 231 215-2739, can they please identify themselves.

Karen Love identified herself. Love said ah, good morning.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Love. Champagne said they will see who else did they miss.

Recorder Wolfe asked is that the Ogema.

Speaker Champagne said he thinks it must.....he thinks it is. Champagne said um, Madame Recorder is 6823 is that Ogema Romanelli.

Recorder Wolfe said she believes that is his number and it looks like it is connected all the way he is just not responding.

Speaker Champagne said 231 938-6823 he will read into the record and believed that is Ogema Romanelli. Champagne said they can move forward. Champagne said they also have it looks like just Councilors in the room along with Doctor Gabriel Alves. Champagne said um, so with that being said everyone who is entitled to be here is here. Champagne said they can move onto the first aspect of Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Speaker Champagne said as many know Michigan has recently been listed ah, as a high level of COVID Transmission Rates um, one of the highest in the countries. Champagne said the first time Munson Health Care Center which handles Manistee and Traverse City area and much of their area um, where their Tribe is located has went to a Level Red status which means that they have implemented safeguards because the Pandemic is hitting this area especially hard in transmission rates are incredibly high. Champagne said so with that being said and he mentions this over and over that, they know, praying for their relatives to stay safe. Champagne said they will take a moment of silence today. Champagne thanked them after a brief pause.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Present	P. Johnson - Present
R. Champagne -Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Wolfe said nine are present quorum is established.

C. Approve Recorder Pro Temp for 11/10/21 Tribal Council Meeting

Speaker Champagne said the agenda has been submitted. Champagne said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to make a motion to approve resolution for C.....

Speaker Champagne said okay.

Councilor Johnson said wait, wait.

Councilor Wittenberg asked oh, for add?

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-271;
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER PAM JOHNSON AS
TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER PRO TEMPORE; by Wittenberg;
supported by Di Piazza.**

Recorder Wolfe said just clarification for membership that they need to add a Pro Temp Recorder because the Speaker is not going to be able to attend and fulfill all his duties today so in light of when he has to depart the meeting they just have a Pro Temp Speaker added so that when that part of the meeting comes to they can just continue for that. Wolfe said so that was added to the agenda.

Speaker Champagne said okay, they have a.....they are going to go through all the other adds Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg asked does he want to go through approval of the agenda.

Councilor Wever said um-hum.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay, ah, in all the adds on.....give him a second here.....A.5, A.6, A.7 and down to New Business ah, V A. and New Business V B. Wittenberg said he believes he has it there.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Champagne asked is there support for the motion.

Councilor Lewis said support.

Speaker Champagne said they have support by Councilor Lewis, motion made by Councilor Wittenberg. Champagne asked discussion on the motion. Champagne said Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe said so she is not sure they are correct. Wolfe said he wants to approve just the resolution before or approval of the agenda. Wolfe said that is what they were advised by Unified Legal so that's in place and not technically approving the whole agenda.

Speaker Champagne said oh, he thought they wanted to add that onto the agenda, then add the rest and then go to vote on that item.

Recorder Wolfe said no, because they added it under C. Wolfe said she doesn't know if it reached the updates because it took a few minutes to get it together.

Speaker Champagne said okay, so.

Recorder Wolfe said so she thinks.....

Speaker Champagne said they still would need to approve the agenda.

Recorder Wolfe said no, because this is before approval of the agenda.

Speaker Champagne said oh, it's approved before the agenda.

Recorder Wolfe said yeah.

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment but it was too low to be picked up on the ZOOM recording clearly.

Speaker Champagne said with that he guessed.....he didn't understand what his motion was he thought it was from the agenda with all those additions on. Champagne asked Councilor Wittenberg if he wished to modify his motion.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, he wished to modify his motion and go back to C. ah, C. only:

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TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER PRO TEMPORE;** by Wittenberg;
supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Champagne asked is there a date on that.

Councilor Di Piazza said (support in Anishinaabemowin) he is sorry.

Speaker Champagne said he is sorry so they got support by Councilor Di Piazza he is sorry Champagne asked um, discussion on the motion. Champagne asked Councilor Wittenberg is there a date on his motion for how long it lasts.

Councilor Wittenberg said for today only. Wittenberg said for this Council for meeting, Wednesday, November 10, ah, 2021. Wittenberg said when their Speaker leaves then they can fill right in and keep on going and not be ah....a gap.

Speaker Champagne asked Councilor Di Piazza if he still supports the motion as amended or clarified.

Councilor Di Piazza answered support in Anishinaabemowin.

Speaker Champagne said all right further discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

D. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Champagne said okay, go to.....he is not sure on their agenda so he has C. as approval of the agenda or he is not sure that has been bumped to.....

Recorder Wolfe said no, C was that one so now D. Wolfe said they went a letter down.

Speaker Champagne said so D is approval of the agenda. Champagne said Miss Mc Gowen.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said sorry she just wanted to make sure them guys know that the Ogema just came into her office and let her know he is in the Waiting Room and he was wondering if he can be let in. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said that is all. Mc Gowen-Cuellar thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said he believed he is let in is the number read on.....okay. Champagne said they also have joining them telephone number 231 215-2739, wait it just jumped, 215-2739. Champagne asked is that her, Miss Love.

Karen Love said yes it is.

Speaker Champagne said okay, so it wasn't him, would it be 231 398-6837 or is that Mr. Pringle.

Recorder Wolfe said that is Brad Pringle. Wolfe said the Ogema is at 231 690-6828.

Councilor Wever said that is Daryl Wever.

Councilor Johnson started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wolfe said that is the doctor.

Speaker Champagne said is it still the 231 215-.....no, 231 398-6823 which is what they called before.

Ogema Romanelli identified himself.

Speaker Champagne said oh, he must have had issues.....

Ogema Romanelli asked can they hear him now?

Speaker Champagne said he can hear him now, sir.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Ogema Romanelli. Champagne said they also have joining them, Domestic Violence Representative, Shanaviah Canales and.....he seen someone else joining. Champagne said that.....that must.....

Recorder Wolfe made a small comment that wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said that must be it. Champagne said all right with that being said their moving on.....they can move onto D. ah, approval of the agenda. Champagne said he will entertain a motion to approve a modified agenda at this time. Champagne said Mr. Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yes, if there are no other questions he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. WITH III 5, III 6, ADD III 7, ADD NEW BUSINESS; V A. REVISED, AND V B. ADD; by Wittenberg; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion on the motion on the floor. Champagne said discussion for the motion on the floor by Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne said seeing no discussion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor the agenda has been approved.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder.

E. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Champagne noted none were submitted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of Master Agreement for Services with Grand Valley State University to identify American marten prey species using DNA barcoding of marten scat

Master Agreement for Services between LRBOI and Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for Genetic Analysis of American Marten Prey.

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designated representee Mr. Sanders. Champagne said gentlemen the floor is theirs.

Robert Sanders, Natural Resource Department, thanked them. Sanders said good morning. Sanders said so back in February they submitted a grant to look at prey species of American Martens within northern lower Peninsula and also northeastern part of Minnesota. Sanders said um, the grant was fully funded um, and accepted into the Budget um, by Tribal Council he believed on October 20th it might have been the 11th. Sanders said um, as part of this grant um, a large portion of the funding will be used to um, ah, to amass their agreement with Grand Valley State University to conduct the genetic analysis part of this. Sanders said they have a genetics lab and essentially they will collect scat from marten within Michigan and Minnesota. Sanders said then that scat will be um, delivered down to the lab and they will go through it and identify any other prey of species um, and also associated with all the scats will be a location where it was found. Sanders said then a habitat analysis will be done um, as well. Sanders said um, this is part of their Native Species Stewardship Plan and it is um, used

basically to collect scientific data to inform management decisions. Sanders said um, and the data will be owned by the Tribe and all publications that come out of this if any will be um.....will be, they know, authors on that as well. Sanders said the Tribe will be acknowledged in everything that does get published. Sanders said and that is his presentation.

Speaker Champagne thanked Robert Sanders for covering all those aspects. Champagne said um, at this time does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Champagne asked Mr. Di Piazza if he wished to abstain.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Speaker Champagne asked at this time does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Champagne repeated does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. *Speaker Champagne started laughing at this point.* Champagne said this is the third time asking um, seeing no Tribal Councilors wishing to abstain um, they can open up for discussion. Champagne said Councilor Di Piazza he is first in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes, he has a question. Di Piazza asked um, roughly with all his surveys and all the data that he has how many martens are there. Di Piazza said roughly he doesn't have to pinpoint it but he knows he has got some numbers. Di Piazza asked are they increasing ah, just a rough number of what his analysis.....how many martens may be out there.

Robert Sanders said well initially in the lower peninsula but they were extricated individual animals were released in the Manistee National Forest and up in the pigeon an additional 47 or 46 animals and that was back in '85. Sanders said um, the original reintroduction should have been um, they know, in excess of 200 animals however a bunch of things happened back then, they know, the amount of animals they were reintroduced to this um.....to the northern lower peninsula that just didn't happen. Sanders said so they are still persisting and they are wrapping a large camera trap survey where they deployed cameras in the northern lower peninsula roughly 200 or 300 sets and obtained close to 500,000 images and they are going through and doing the analysis to see how their distributed throughout the state um, a number is hard to get at um, but there is not a trappable population within the northern lower peninsula and it isn't open to trapping. Sanders said the UP has a pretty robust population enough numbers where, they know, it is a harvestable population. Sanders said um, so Gary Di Piazza he doesn't have a specific number um, but he can tell them that there is still they are still surviving and they are still seem to be, they know, in the areas that they know they are.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, no that is fine he didn't think they would truly have one um, he is excited about, they know, half a million pictures. Di Piazza said that should be something to keep everybody busy but.....

Robert Sanders said he takes.....

Councilor Di Piazza thanked him, sir.

Robert Sanders said yeah, it takes a long time to go through them but, they know, the focus was looking at this distribution of marten as part of that grant but the, the amount of data that they got out of there for a host of other species is going to be super important too and there is just a ton of stuff that they can do with that....that data set.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he is good. Di Piazza thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Champagne said next in the queue is Councilor Johnson. Champagne said the floor was hers, ma'am.

Councilor Johnson said so um, um, she has had in her yard underneath her porch before probably about ten years back now so do them guys like get calls to like have those removed. Johnson asked do they test them after they catch them in the midst of recapturing to relocate them to a safer spot. Johnson asked do them guys test them then or anything with them if that happens.

Robert Sanders said no, they have never.....they never been approached to come and remove an animal and trap it and put it in a different area. Sanders said he would be curious where she seen one and, and if she had that, they know, under her porch. Sanders said um, usually when they do trap for them ah, they radio collar them, they collect scat off of them, collect any parasites and in the past they drew blood out of them to look at the large health assessment and the population down there as well. Sanders said um, so that is kind of what they do when they have then in here and then their collaborators in Minnesota are doing, as part of this project, they are doing a large Bobcat/Fisher Project. Sanders said they always get some by-catches which means non-targeted basically species and marten is one of those so that is kind of where this....this project falls into play. Sanders said they will be covering those animals out there, collecting scat um, getting locational data out there as well. Sanders said so did that answer her question. Sanders said sorry like he went down a wrong trail.

Councilor Johnson said yes, she was curious because that happens. Johnson said they actually had four little ones that were like passing through and as soon as they went outside they went underneath her front porch and hid underneath there. Johnson said they kind of startled them they weren't expecting to see them because it was the evening.

Robert Sanders said okay.

Councilor Johnson said they went up through the yard and then to the lake. Johnson said so she was curious if them guys were called on them and what they

do. Johnson asked do they just catch them and release them in a safer area so they wouldn't get hit or whatnot so.

Robert Sanders said yeah, they don't typically get any.....well sometimes they get reports of marten and they turn out to be something else. Sanders said um, but they never got any reports where they actually went out and had to trap one that was in an area that um, they know, kind of was unsafe. Sanders said their usually out in a pretty large contiguous forest stands.

Councilor Johnson said okay. Johnson thanked Robert Sanders.

Speaker Champagne asked any other discussion by Tribal Councilors.
Champagne asked any.....Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said so the agreement they are entering into goes until June of 2023. Wolfe said at that time they release the data but the study of the marten doesn't conclude with that just the testing portion of it.

Robert Sanders said um, yeah, so this project is hopefully will be wrapped up by that date assuming, they know, they got some projects out there right now that have extended longer just because of the Pandemic and such. Sanders said this one is supposed....supposed to wrap up at that date um, at that time.....they will be in contact the whole time with Grand Valley and the lab and they will be abl.....part of the contract is submit um, Progress Reports along the way. Sanders said um, then they will get the data back, get the final report, any manuscripts in.....in most likely they will be involved in some aspect of helping to develop those as well. Sanders said so that....this particular project will end in....as of right now they don't have any um.....any additional projects um, regarding marten um, but that is not to say that they may not bring something forward for approval at a later date but this project would end at that time, yes.

Recorder Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked Robert Sanders.

Speaker Champagne asked any discussion.....any further discussion by Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated any discussion by Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said seeing none he would entertain a motion to approve the ratification of Master Services Agreement. Champagne said go ahead, Mr. Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-1110-272;
RATIFICATION OF MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR
SERVICES WITH GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY TO
IDENTIFY AMERICAN MARTEN PREY SPECIES USING DNA**

BARCODING OF MARTEN SCAT; by Guenthardt; supported by Johnson.

Tribal Council corrected Councilor Guenthardt on resolution number to 272 in the background on the ZOOM recording,

In the background on the ZOOM recording there sounded like something fell loudly.

Speaker Champagne said Councilor Guenthardt he is breaking up and he thought he quit talking. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by citizens or Tribal Councilors.

There was a loud crash in the background on the ZOOM recording..

Speaker Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution has passed.

Robert Sanders thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Robert Sanders.

2. Ratification of Quest Diagnostics (Toxicology) Agreement Contract

By Federal and Tribal regulations, in case of positive test from a toxicology screening, the sample must be sent to a third-party laboratory.

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with Doctor Wever as designated representee. Champagne said the floor is theirs gentlemen.

Gabriel Alves, Laboratory Supervisor, thanked the Speaker, Recorder along with other members of Council. Alves said first of all he would like to congratulate um, Bob Sanders in his exciting research. Alves said he hopes in the near future they could collaborate in a research project together. Alves said he joined their team six months ago with the mission to improve and expand blood work services

offered by the Health Services of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Alves said today he happily brings to them these agreements that will allow them to keep moving forward in their path of growth. Alves said before anything he would like to thank all the members of Council for help.....for the help in the construction evac in their work sessions and agenda reviews and also e-mails. Alves said um, um, he would also like to thank his colleagues in the Clinic who create a welcoming and working environment. Alves said um, in order to hire somebody to work in a Federal ah, either U.S, Tribal, and even State ah, future prospect employees they need to go through ah, ah, toxicology investigation or drug screening and currently the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians sends pre-employees to Munson Health Services which has a lot of communication issues and delays in getting those results back to them. Alves said currently, right now, they could be performing drug tests in-house at lower costs for the Tribe however due to Federal Regulations if a....if they receive a sample with a positive result for a certain drug they have to send it to a third-party lab in order to do the confirmation. Alves said so this resolution presents to them with this agreement with Quest Diagnostics which already is their partner sending all their samples out for example biopsy, and now this is just to expand this part of the agreement and ah, ah, in case they receive a positive sample and send it out to them for confirmation. Alves said and he is done.

Councilor Wever started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne thanked Gabriel Alves for his presentation. Champagne asked any Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne repeated any Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said seeing no Councilors wish to abstain at this time he will open the floor for discussion for Tribal Councilors. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so if they get a positive test will they be just that sample sent out to test that one.....that one test or is the Buriage Test.

Gabriel Alves said the only one drug that has been found positive.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza asked who is paying for that.

Gabriel Alves said ah, it is the Human Resources.

Councilor Di Piazza said so they will be paying for that.

Gabriel Alves said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza said he sees that needs to be done. Di Piazza said there is a \$200 set-up fee but that is fine. Di Piazza said the other question he has is in the.....in the.....in there it has ah, litigation it looks like it is quite hefty. Di Piazza asked Human Resources be paying for that also.

Gabriel Alves asked tha, oh, litigation ah, in relation to what situation.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, on the contract about litigation.....

Gabriel Alves said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....about a \$1,000 a day he guessed if somebody wanted to litigate that test.

Gabriel Alves said well, he is not sure about that uh, he can follow-up with that.... on that but this litigation he thinks if the person wants to sue or do anything against Quest Diagnostics they will go against Quest Diagnostics because it is their own confirmation test. Alves said it is just a screening test so the screening points out to a public drug then it goes out for confirmation so in case of a litigation Quest Diagnostics and the person, the third.....fre.....the employee, will be incorporated on the past of litigation.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't mean to bother him but he needs to look that way....turn that way.

Gabriel Alves started laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording,

Gabriel Alves said no problem. Alves thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he gets it...he is looking this way talking and does not want him to think he is being picked on. Di Piazza said he is sorry. Di Piazza said no, no that is just a question he had because he sees Litigation Assistance in there. Di Piazza said so any cost would actually be coming through HR Department.

Gabriel Alves said yes, it ah, because they are.....in order to hire someone there are costs involved and the highest one is the drug screening and then they will be able to provide that at a lower cost, faster, and reliable.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, he is all set.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe asked so this agreement is um, open ended, there is no termination date of the agreement so as long as they are happy with the services of Quest Diagnostics and the laboratory they will continue to use them. Wolfe asked is there a section in there that tells them when.....how to get out of the agreement if they no longer wish to use them.

Gabriel Alves said if they no longer wish to use them they can.....as it is an open-ended agreement they would just stop using their services and they manifest through a letter that they would not like to continue to pursue their services. Alves said it is up to them they can find a cheaper um, competitor in the market and go with them. Alves said it is an open-ended agreement.

Recorder Wolfe so there is a provision for termination that they have to provide a written notice and then if they increase their \$30 Lab Fee they will send a notice to them.

Gabriel Alves said um-hum.

Recorder Wolfe asked at that time will he bring the agreement back forward for Council.

Gabriel Alves said for sure.

Recorder Wolfe said that was her only comment.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne asked further discussion by Tribal Councilors. Champagne said he would like to open up discussion for Tribal Councilors and citizens. Champagne said patiently waiting is citizen Miss Sara Agosa. Champagne thanked Sara Agosa for waiting. Champagne said go ahead ma'am.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she would like to request that Councilor Shirley Wever abstain from this vote as well as any other agenda items regarding allocations to the Health Clinic because her son is Doctor Wever. Agosa said Conflicts of Interest are referenced in Article XII in their Constitution which states there is um, a Conflict of Interest if it pertains to um, financial interest however there is further clarification on page five of the Constitution Rules of Tribal Council which also states and applies to Personal Conflicts. Agosa said she would like to state that she disagrees that with the assertion that Conflict of Interest only apply to salaries and to money and not equipment or hard goods especially if it's in the millions of dollars. Agosa said also too with Conflicts of Interest she does believe it does pertain to first degree relatives. Agosa said so she is making this request. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Agosa. Champagne asked any discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated further discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said seeing no further discussion he would entertain a motion for Approval for Ratification of Quest Diagnostics Toxicology Agreement Contract.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #21-1110-273;
RATIFICATION OF QUEST DIAGNOSTICS (TOXICOLOGY)
AGREEMENT CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor Resolution has passed.

3. **Ratification of McKesson (EXL-200) Agreement Contract**
Agreement with McKesson is needed in order to perform
Immunochemical tests in our laboratory in Muskegon. Machine is
CDC and FDA approved.

Speaker Champagne said this item is sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with the designee being Doctor Wevel....Doctor Wever. Champagne said they also have Doctor Gabriel present. Champagne said with that being said, gentlemen, the floor is theirs.

Gabriel Alves, Laboratory Supervisor, thanked Mr. Speaker. Alves said this EXL 200 is an Immunochemical Analyzer they will be able to perform 40 tests simultaneously on that machine including Cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Vitamin D, B-12, ah, Thyroid ___ such as TSH and T4, liver, kidney and ah, panels and also hormones. Alves said it is a very powerful machine. Alves said ah, the contract is for 60 months. Alves said they agreed to purchase three agents and cleaning solutions for the machines with them for that period of time. Alves said um, this is Sizmax which is the manufacturer of this machine and Siemens. Alves said they ah, own the majority of the market on Immunochemical Analyzers, um, ah, it is a very reliable machine and very reliable company. Alves said there will be a promotional prices for re-agents and they also agreed to pay the promotional prices within the base to make them available. Alves said other than that this agreement is very simple and he is looking forward to moving this on as well.

Speaker Champagne thanked Gabriel Alves. Champagne asked any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne repeated any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne seeing no Tribal Councilors

wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said at this time they can move onto discussion on the item. Champagne said Councilor Di Piazza has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he sees the cost per year is \$117,000 and some change. Di Piazza said a five-year contract is going to run \$586,000.

Gabriel Alves said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza asked how is that going to be funded for four years.

Gabriel Alves said so ah, first year ah, um, the purchase of the machine for the first year is sponsored by ah, Tribal Council and has already been approved. Alves said the remaining four years out of the contract will come from the Clinic Funds ah, they will ah, this um, reagents he thinks.....he will pick one here because so many of them. Alves said let's supposed they want to investigate folic acid.....a folic acid bottle of reagent costs \$113.31 and they are able to do 80 tests with that which brings about.....the amount to \$1.44 per test however ah, PrimerPriority Health reimburses them \$15.45, ah, Blue Care Blue Shield \$13.67, and Medicare \$16.17. Alves said that is across the board for all test they choose there is a fair gain per test performed and with that they will be able to maintain ah, um, the....that laboratory operational without depending on third party funds.

Speaker Champagne said to Councilor Di Piazza that he still has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said so every year they are going to send....send them all these agents.

Councilor Johnson was seen in the background conversing with Recorder Wolfe on the ZOOM recording but it was not heard clearly.

Gabriel Alves said yes, not all at once because it will take a lot of physical space for this reagents. Alves said as they use them and they are low on a certain reagent and they order with the company sends it to them.

Recorder Wolfe is still conversing with Councilor Johnson in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not heard clearly.

Councilor Di Piazza asked so they are not just going to send them \$117,000 worth of agents every year.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, not all at once as they go.....they spend them ah, as they need ah, they keep ordering.....

Recorder Wolfe said that is the microphone.

Gabriel Alves said they said before....yeah.

Everyone in the Conference Room started laughing.

Gabriel Alves said ah, they have this \$117,000 but that is a projected for the entire year they are not going to send \$117,000 worth of reagents and the first week of January, again as they.....they are going to send the first supply then they start running low and order.....it is ordered as needed. Alves said that \$117,000 is an estimation of how much they are going to do in a year.

Councilor Di Piazza said one further question he guess now are they going to run a whole battery of tests on people or is it going to be specific. Di Piazza said if he wanted just ah, Vitamin D tested but are they going to run back all these battery of tests on a Tribal member.

Gabriel Alves said um, yeah, all these tests will be available for Tribal members ah, ah, who makes the decision of what test they want are the doctors who are deciding on the healthcare for their patient. Alves said so if the doctor wants to see Uric Acid, TSH and a Lipid Panel they can get that done for then in-house. Alves said so it is up to the doctor to choose what tests are going to be performed.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is just concerned that um, Tribal members too is ah, test subjects with a battery of tests.

Gabriel Alves said no, that wouldn't happen it is unethical running tests without the patients consent.

Someone in the background made a comment but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Gabriel Alves continued.....it has to do with ah, HIPPA Laws that protects the people but it also protects the patients privacy. Alves said um, so all these tests the ah, the ah, will only be performed with the patient's consent and doctor knowledge and order for those tests.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he is all set.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said okay. Champagne said just one comment or question, sir. Champagne said the test is just a simple blood draw and then they use that one blood sample to run a multitude of tests, correct. Champagne said it's not.....they are not drawing a multitude of blood draws for each individual tests it's just one draw and running it through the screens.

Gabriel Alves said there is no volume of blood to perform the test so one tube would be plenty a sample for the machine to conduct all tests ordered by the doctor.

Speaker Champagne thanked Gabriel Alves. Champagne said that was just for educational purposes for their citizens and Councilors. Champagne thanked Gabriel Alves again. Champagne asked any other discussion on this item by Tribal Councilors. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza and Mr. Wittenberg is second in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said blood work they took like eight tubes of blood out of him for about ten tests so.

Gabriel Alves said yep.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Champagne said Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, this ah.....he wanted to say Miigwech for ah, getting covered and bringing these things forward but as he was sitting here and listening to everybody with blood tests and things of that nature, they know, can they do a DNA on there.

Everyone in the Council Chambers started laughing on the ZOOM recording.

Gabriel Alves said DNA yeah, they know, plus he wants to do DNA on his samples on ah, animals so he was thinking back that would be nice to do in-house. Alves said DNA Analysis demands a little bit higher complex machinery __ those are pricier but that is certainly an aim in the future to do that in-house as well.

Councilor Wittenberg said he was just curious.

Both Councilor Wittenberg and Gabriel Alves were laughing on the ZOOM recording.

Gabriel Alves said DNA Analysis will be really soon, yes.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolf said so there was addition to the resolution that the associated cost with the purchase of the above mentioned device for the year 2021 will be covered with CARES Act Funding. Wolfe said the consumable for the first year's agreement will be covered following the ARP Funds will be used for the purchase of the first cyclable of the communicables in 2022 and the additional four cycles of the purchase will be done by the Health Department.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said further discussion by Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said he would entertain a motion for ratification of this agreement.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead ma'am.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #21-1110-274;
RATIFICATION OF MCKESSON (EXL-200) AGREEMENT
CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Champagne said discussion for the motion on the floor by Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Councilor Wever was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly.

Councilor Di Piazza said excuse him.

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two against motion has passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Council.

Councilor Di Piazza said people making snide remarks.

Speaker Champagne repeated his thanks to Council. Champagne said at this time ah, Madame Recorder Wolfe he doesn't know how much more discussion will happen he would like to turn over the Speaker duties to her as Acting Speaker at this time. Champagne said he does find that it is needed ah, with ah, Miss Johnson acting as Interim Recorder. Champagne said he wanted to thank both ladies for stepping in and he appreciates Councilor's time. Champagne said he will be back in a matter of.....hopefully by the end of the Council Meeting in Closed Session. Champagne thanked them and to have a great day.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay, then that moves them onto Section III, Continuing Business, Item 4.

4. Ratification of BIOFIRE Agreement Contract

Agreement with BioFire is needed in order to perform 19-pathogen respiratory testing in our laboratory in Manistee.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this one is sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with Doctor Wever representing. Wolfe said she is going to take one minute to admit this person into the Waiting Room to make sure they are eligible to be here. Wolfe said phone number 231 655-1678, can they please identify themselves.

Kimberly Crampton, Family Services Director, identified herself.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so that moves them onto opening remarks from Doctor Wever for the ratification of the BioFire Agreement.

Gabriel Alves thanked Madame Recorder. Alves said this BioFire Equipment will allow them to perform 19-Pathogen Tests in their laboratory ah, this is a swab, a nasal swab will be obtained from the patient and run in the machine and that will identify what pathogens is causing Respiratory Disease. Alves said ah, it is a three-year contract, their obtaining the machine, and the warranty for this all three years for free. Alves said the only thing they need to buy are the testing agents also next year they are going to come with a new version of this machine which they are going to send it to them for free as well. Alves said ah, they again, only have to buy the test kits ah, the minimum required in this contract is 33,000 a year which leads them to about 300 tests a year which is achievable easily especially now they are opening up a second Health Center. Alves said so um, with that in mind um, it is a very good machine they can, again, identify 19 pathogens um, including the respiratory virus ah, COVID.....COVID II causing the COVID-19 Disease um, and also its new variant Delta. Alves said ah, with that he is finished with his presentation.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked do any Councilors wish to abstain from the item. Wolfe repeated do any Councilors wish to abstain from the item. Wolfe said seeing none she will open it up for discussion from Tribal Council. Wolfe said Gary Di Piazza is the first in the queue.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has got a question. Di Piazza asked for testing.....he can look that way that is fine.....testing for the COVID and Delta Virus and everything and he knows this is just for the record, but he has had a lot of Tribal members concerned about the ah, booster shot then to perform a Clinic and try to get their members that booster shot. Di Piazza said testing for these things and giving Tribal members benefit that it is supposed to be here for....for their healthcare and not performing a booster shot clinic they can get them every place now which that is fine and dandy but ah, they know, they have a Clinic who should be doing these things.

Gabriel Alves said he appreciates his concern ah, he is responsible for the testing part so um, in this case ah, this machine will help them with the testing area in terms of vaccinations ah, he will leave that up to the Director ah, ah, Doctor Wever if he wants to say a few words.

Daryl Wever said yes, yes, Madame Speaker may he....may he speak.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure.

Daryl Wever, Director of the Health Department, said yes, so currently right now what they discussed with the physicians and the members in the Health Department currently right now ah, what the....what they have presented at the Membership Meeting and what they have discussed with the Leads and the Ogema in regards to ah, the booster it comes down to the patients actually communicating with their physician, their Primary Care Physician, ah because right now the booster, they even mentioned a fourth shot, so right now the boosterthese boosters are meant for the Elderly and those who are extremely ill. Wever said ah, same thing with the children that are Immune Compromised or ill in nature that are the ones who are specifically targeted. Wever said so for them to have a Booster Clinic and have a mass ah, booster similar to what they did.... this occurred on December 15th of last year ah, his concerns are they would have like 500 or so like on file or in the Pharmacy and his concern is that they would be promoting to people that may be of an age where they are not of high risk and for them to kind of force or ah, falsely advertise or push it....his concern is overall safety for the patients. Wever said plus the ah, amount of booster ah, and people that are eligible and people that are actually interested in it his concern is two of these boosters expiring so towards the end of the season here what they had with Moderna currently they had some that did expire. Wever said so it was discussed in the best interest that the patients communicate with their Primary Care Physician see if they are eligibility ah, they are at risk and if it is something of interest Meijer's, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens all the major pharmaceuticals is basically a drive-up fashion where they can call and get it quickly. Wever said their concern was that it was falsely pushing people who may not necessarily need that booster. Wever said ah, so that is why they went this route and so they will assess this as it goes further ah, and that is what they mentioned is there is a fourth shot and is there a pill so ah, so now if they do have a positive test the Physicians and the Nurse Practitioners in the Clinic have been very ah, active in promoting and actually dispensing a five dose type of treatment and as of right now patients have been doing very well within 24 hours. Wever said most of the patients if that take that five regimen prescription prescribed by their Providers so they have been very effective. Wever said with this going forward and with this being presented by the CDC and by the Federal Level of these boosters and the oral and the other ah, ah, medication, ah, alternative it would be in the best interest that once this does settle and they move forward the Clinic and the Health Department both in Manistee and Muskegon what they will do will be similar to ah, the flu vaccine ah, vaccination so it will be once a year ah, and he presumed this will be something of ah, dispensing of every year like a flu shot. Wever said the H1 and N1 in 2008 they actually ah, incorporate that into their flu shot so if they got the flu shot this year and the flu vaccination it has it labeled. Wever said he believed going forward it will probably be uh, same similar ah, type of package and that is

why they kind of chose this route ah, currently because they want to see and assess overall ah, what the need is ah, the....obviously the safety of their members and their patients and their staff ah, within the organization.

Councilor Di Piazza said so he doesn't have confidence in the booster shot.

Daryl Wever said that....he did not say that he wants the patients to make the judgement and he would rather have the provider, patients and the family talking to discuss this ah, in further detail because himself he....he considers himself relatively healthy. Wever said he doesn't take any medications he would particular say for personal aspects that a booster probably would not be ah, beneficial for him. Wever said that comes down to each patient is different and each one needs to actually ah, speak with their provider and go through their past medical history, their family history, and assess who is eligible and that is up to the patient and the providers.

Councilor Di Piazza asked are they giving booster shots if they are requested.... in the Clinic.

Daryl Wever said no, they are not right now because of the ah, amount of units per vial and they kind of ran into the same situation towards the end of just people getting the regular vaccination. Wever said there is ten per ah...ah...ah, unit in Moderna and they would have two or three patients call then by the time they would reach ten....two, three, or four of them already went to Meijer's, Walgreens or CVS and therefore they were disposing of the remainder of that vial. Wever said so until they come down with a....he thinks they were discussing that they would have them broken down into smaller ah...ah, per unit ah, and once that is....if they can do it individually or ah, five per unit it would be a little bit more he guessed ah, efficient and less waste ah, if that was the case. Wever said they also just mentioned that there is a possible oral. Wever said Pfizer is looking at an oral treatment for COVID-19 that is a pill and people love pills. Wever said that is a lot easier and simpler ah, than a needle so that he thinks with them moving forward and so much research and so much attention on COVID-19 that he thinks the pharmaceuticals and drug companies will be presenting other ah, ah, alternatives verses these injections ah, that's ah, why they are choosing this path ah, currently.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is done that's fine.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees herself next in the queue. Wolfe said this was provided for with CARES Act Funding and actually none of this is going to be implemented until 2022 so none of this dollar amount that is being proposed is coming out of the CARES Act Funding, correct. Wolfe asked this is a \$99,000 contract.

Gabriel Alves said um, the.....

It sound like Daryl Wever was commenting in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't heard clearly.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Daryl Wever if he would like to respond or does he want Doctor Alves.

Daryl Wever said no, he can respond Doctor Alves he may have his documentation with him. Wever asked Gabriel Alves if he had any documentation.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, so the....the.....again as it will work for all those agreements. Alves said the CARES or ARP Funds will sponsor the equipment and the first cycle of the reagents. Alves said in this case the machine is for free so there is no CARES money involved on purchasing this equipment. Alves said the only thing involved is the first year for \$33,000 that will come from their funds in order to move on....on this ah....this um, machine after that the other \$66,000 um, they will take care of it.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so that was exactly her comment for the benefit of the membership this was packed.....passed for the purchase order for the obtaining of this necessary equipment under the pretense that they needed to spend down the \$1.5 CARES Act money. Wolfe said this BioFire Agreement is not spending any of the CARES Act \$1.5 million out of what was approved in that resolution. Wolfe said that was for the benefit of membership. Wolfe said this agreement does not start until 2022 so all of the \$99,000 of the agreement is potentially coming out of ARP Funds. Wolfe said her second comment is this is a new machine and a new equipment um, for the laboratory and is it going to perform the exact same testing that they just looked at here with the Mc Kesson EXL-200 because it looks like they are going to do similar testing. Wolfe said she doesn't know why they need two machines and purchase reagents for two different machines.

Gabriel Alves said no, the EXL-200 performs immuno and chemistry tests ah, in he thinks blood and this one will perform record respiratory tests in a swab. Alves said it, it.....the other one is to investigating.....the EXL-200 is investigating proteins, antibodies and things in their blood. Alves said as the BioFire is identifying ah, the.....what pathogen is causing their Respiratory Disease. Alves said so they are two different machines.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked Gabriel Alves for that clarification. Wolfe asked are there any other Councilors that have questions.

Daryl Wever identified himself. Wever said Madame Speaker may he respond as well.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure.

Daryl Wever said yes, so in passing that resolution he believed there was about seven items on that resolution. Wever said that is what the ah, the initial resolution stated that ah, the permission to ah, use these funds for both CARES and ARP because they are very close to end of the year ah, once again that is why they were very urgent in getting these items brought to Council and these agreements because that is their intentions to actually spend that \$1.5 down ah, ah, first. Wever said that is they are working with the Accounting Department and the Purchasing Department to get these items out. Wever said so this item rolls into 2022 part of that resolution that is why they were packaged together would go into the ARP's Funding. Wever said same thing with the one they just mentioned that would have a credit with it being passed have a credit so that credit the \$117,000 will come out of the ah, CARES Funds because that was for the first of the year. Wever said so there are some items that are first to be expensed ah, out that CARES Funding ah, and those few he thinks there is only a couple that actually kind of rolled into 2022 and those.....those particular ones when the Accounting looks at it and once they process these claims they will look at that and see which date that will be implemented and they will pull it between the two accounts. Wever said so Accounting is aware of it and they have been communicating with Steve Wheeler, Lyle Dorrington and Dale Magoon as which account ah, is being pulled from.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that is correct and she agrees with what he said and she was making a clarification for membership that this was passed through a bundle with the expectation of spending down the \$1.5. Wolfe said this particular agreement.....

Daryl Wever said correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe continued.....is not spending one penny out of the CARES \$1.5 million that was passed through in that agreement.

Daryl Wever said right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that was the clarification she was making. Wolfe asked is she correct on that.

Daryl Wever said yes, she is correct. Wever said he just wanted to make sure they were aware of that it was bundled in that resolution whatever account comes first by the date.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said correct.

Daryl Wever said correct. Wever thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is there any further comment by Council. Wolfe said she will open it up for discussion between Council and citizens. Wolfe said first in the queue is Miss Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked them. Thull said ah, that does concern her a little bit about the funding for this and if that is coming out of the American Rescue ah, which it sounds like that is....all of that was coming out....all of that will be coming out of the American Rescue Plan. Thull said ah, and she does not believe that there was any....please correct her if she is wrong but there wasn't any um, dollar amount limiting how much could be used of the American Rescue Act. Thull said um, she believed when they asked how much it would be um, after using up the CARES it seems like it was like \$13,000. Thull said she could be wrong on that but maybe an additional \$13,000 from the American Rescue. Thull said if anyone could correct her um, on that if she is wrong. Thull said like she said she is not sure that is the amount but um, this would surpass that amount certainly. Thull said she is just wondering um, she guessed she would like to know that they are keeping an eye on how much or when they have obtained total use of the CARES money before going into that um, American Rescue Fund because, they know, the membership does.....is not aware that.....she thinks that they are actually supplementing that. Thull said she is concerned. Thull said she would like to know when they have reached that limit they, they allocated the \$1.5 million there, they know, there she just thinks they need to know when they are going into the American Rescue and have a voice in that. Thull thanked them. Thull said she is done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked are there any other citizens that have comments. Wolfe said she would just like to um, reply to Miss Thull. Wolfe said that is exactly why she was bringing it out and presented it to membership because it was sent under a bundle package in the pretense and the way that she believed most people understood it was CARES Act Funding every agreement that they are bringing forward, a portion of it is CARES Act Funding, but then the majority and the long term of it they are spending a lot of ARP Funding. Wolfe said yeah, she agrees it was in a bundle package but there was no distinction for membership and she thinks it was quoted like it was an additional \$13,000 but if they approved this agreement today they are actually spending \$33,000 out of ARP Funding. Wolfe said so those are her comments.

Susan Thull asked may she add something to that, Madame Speaker.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure.

Susan Thull said ah, if this is the way that it is she would like to ah, ask her Council members to vote no on this until there is some further clarification of just exactly how much money their reaching into that American Rescue Fund to supplement these costs. Thull said just her opinion um, but she thinks they do deserve to know this. Thull thanked them very much. Thull said she is done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe thanked Susan Thull. Wolfe said she sees Miss Sara Agosa has raised her hand. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Agosa said she completely supports Susan Thull's um, suggestion and she agrees there should be complete transparency. Agosa said members should always be informed in advance and have the opportunity to provide feedback. Agosa thanked them.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked are there any additional comments by Councilors or citizens.

Daryl Wever was making a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be heard clearly.

Acting Speaker Wolfe re-asked if there any additional comments by Councilors or citizens.

Daryl Wever identified himself. Wever asked may he speak.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said sure. Wolfe said he has the floor.

Daryl Wever thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Wever said yes, once again they passed this resolution he believed it has been a week now ah....a week....ah, or two ah, in that resolution it was a bundle and it was stated that they would be utilizing CARES Funding or ARP Funding depending on the date. Wever said ah, once again the Accounting Department ah, Steve Wheeler, ah, Angela Rabb she is the new Controller, ah, and Lyle Dorrington is actually looking and analyzing dividing up between CARES and ah, ARP Accounts so he is the one who actually will be assessing which item goes into which ah, account judging ah, by the date and delivery. Wever said so he is overseeing that total. Wever said two weeks ago when this resolution was passed in a bundle in the bundle they had all this information, all this documentation for all seven items including Doctor Gabriel's Laboratory Quote. Wever said all these numbers and data were provided ah, in that packet and also all Council members were given ah....ah....ah, separate e-mail as to the full total ah, of those seven ah, resolutions.....seven items on that resolution. Wever said when the items were discussed these quotes that Doctor Gabriel is presenting right now currently was in the packet ah, and the Accounting Department oversees those accounts and follows the numbers over in Accounting. Wever said they are in communication with their department and with Purchasing Department ah, as to what is being spent, what is being requested, and the time of the delivery of these items. Wever repeated so it has been discussed in all the different departments, the numbers are being followed, the quotes have been presented, and the bundled resolution that was passed two weeks ago had all this stated in that as well and it was asked to use these two accounts ah, and that was approved ah, two weeks ago. Wever thanked Madame Speaker.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so she does think that citizens that raised their hand again she will go with first in the queue Miss Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she would just like to share that she did a little bit of research and she would like to make Council aware and remind them that with Federal Funding there are rules around Conflicts of Interest. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said the next that she sees with their hand raised is Miss Susan Thull. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull thanked Acting Speaker Wolfe. Thull said ah, she is happy that everyone is keeping track of it she would like it so their members also can keep track not only their um, non-citizens. Thull said um, so if they could ah, postpone this to make sure exactly how much er...of the whole bundle is coming out if they are exceeding that estimated \$13,000 of American Rescue Funds she thinks it needs to be looked one more time. Thull thanked them. Thull said that is all she has to say.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other additional comments by Tribal Council or citizens.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked um, has these items been ordered already.

Gabriel Alves said no, they are waiting for agreements. Alves said they have to wait until Council approves the agreement so they can move forward with the purchase of the items. *Gabriel Alves was turned toward the back of the room and some of his comments trailed off and couldn't be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.* Alves said and um.....

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had an additional comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said not at this time, no.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by Tribal Council or citizens. Wolfe asked Doctor Alves does he have something to add.

Gabriel Alves said yes, he would like to add that ah, this machine is coming down for free to them so is the warranty. Alves said the only thing that they have to pay is for the test kits they are going to be looking at 19 respiratory pathogens. Alves

said let's supposed that Doctor Graeser has a senior patient with respiratory symptoms and he tests the patient for COVID and it's not COVID ah, what would that pathogen be, what would be the best medication for that patient to recover from that infection. Alves said so this machine would allow the doctor when approved the feedback that the doctors get and the doctor could make a decision then as early as possible who starts the therapy as soon as possible for the ah, patient so ah, this machine would provide ah, immense help to the doctors downstairs. Alves said lowly that he is done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she sees Miss Thull in the queue again. Wolfe said she has the floor.

Susan Thull said she guessed what she is looking at is if they are spending the American Rescue Funds right now um, at the beginning of this meeting ah, Speaker said that um, they have a code red on their hospital there she knows that she has a family with six of her grandchildren that five of them have COVID right now along with the momma she thinks that right now using the American Rescue Fund for something like this um, she thinks that they need to be, they know..... *Susan Thull sighed heavily*....very careful about spending those funds. Thull said they don't know what is going to hit next month um, if, if the Health Department wants to take these out.....those funds out their Budget fine and dandy but to be using the um, the American CARES Funds when it could.....when they possibly need it for the whole Tribe, all members, that's her concern. Thull said so right now she is just asking them to vote against it. Thull thanked them. Thull said she is done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by citizens or Tribal Councilors.

Councilor Di Piazza said just one more.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said Gary Di Piazza has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is his main concern Munson is in red code and it is spreading and granted he is not saying BioFire is not going to help diagnose COVID or Emphysema or whatever it is going to do. Di Piazza said then they got the one-two pack that they are giving people that have COVID but they don't want to do a booster shot so he is having a real problem with everything here. Di Piazza said let along some of the original bundle package didn't have a total amount absolutely.....trust them....trust them....he isn't trusting anybody anymore. Di Piazza said he is done.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by citizens or Tribal Council. Wolfe said seeing none she will entertain a motion. Wolfe repeated that she will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #21-1110-275;
RATIFICATION OF BIOFIRE AGREEMENT CONTRACT;** by
Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any additional comments by Tribal Council or citizens. Wolfe said Acting Recorder Johnson please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No
R. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (3-5-0-1)

Acting Recorder Johnson said motion has failed.

5. **Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with StrongHearts Native Helpline**
Agreement with private parties must be authorized by Council and executed by Tribal Ogema. This item was scheduled for the 11/10/21 Agenda.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said this is an item put on by the Tribal Ogema and she sees his designee or representative is Miss Canales. Wolfe said she will open the floor for her for introduction of the item.

Shanaviah Canales, Domestic Violence Coordinator, said yes, good morning. Canales said this is an um, MOU with StrongHearts Native Helpline it is national Native Non-profit organization that strives to ensure that survivors who are American Indian and Alaska Natives who receive culturally appropriate support and advocacy through confidential and anonymous services offered via phone calls through StrongHeart. Canales said ah, StongHearts mission is to restore power to the Native Americans impacted by domestic....domestic dating and sexual violence by weaving together a greater safety of sovereignty and support. Canales said the StrongHearts Helpline answers the calls to support and shift power back to those affected by relationship abuse. Canales said for over four years StrongHearts Helpline has provided culturally appropriate services for criser.....crisis intervention, safety planning, support, and empowerment to survivors and others affected by intimidate partner violence, domestic violence and those who are experiencing dating violence. Canales said so this MOU had come to.....called them to see if the Little River Band Victim Service Program wanted to collaborate so that um, during after hour times um, holidays ah, ah, and weekends where.....because they are not a 24-7 line that they would pick up they would be able to answer the phones. Canales said so StrongHearts Helpline has

partnered with the State of Michigan to expand existing advocacy services to support Michigan Tribal Programs and their contacts. Canales said the goal of this project is for Native American Victim Survivors in Michigan have access to culturally appropriate advocacy 24-7. Canales said StrongHearts will provide Michigan based Tribal Programs an opportunity to allow their after hour calls to be transferred to StrongHeart Native Helpline to ensure that no call ah, for help goes unanswered. Canales said in this contract it has um, there is no fees involved this is absolutely a free service. Canales said so she is asking if they could approve this contract.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Shanaviah Canales if that concluded her presentation.

Shanaviah Canales said yes.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she will open it to comments or questions by Tribal Council. Wolfe repeated comments or questions from Tribal Council. Wolfe said she sees Miss Councilor Champagne with her hand raised. Wolfe said the floor is hers.

Councilor Champagne said to Shanaviah Canales yes, she has a question for her. Champagne said the funding that she received for this in the past um, didn't she tell Council that it was for everyone not.....that she couldn't limit it to just Tribal members they had to take anyone in. Champagne asked did she understand that correctly.

Shanaviah Canales said there are Federal Guidelines, yes, where they the program services Natives and Non-Natives.

Councilor Champagne said okay, if that is the case when um, when somebody who is Non-Native calls her line who is going to respond to them.....who is going to help them.

Shanaviah Canales said StrongHeart does the same.....they get the same type of funding as they do.

Councilor Champagne said she thought she said it was just for Native Americans.

Shanaviah Canales said this is their contract, yes, its Native Americans but they also help and make sure they get to the right people so if they ain't able or they make sure they are sent to the right service providers if they are not able to do it. Canales said so it states here in the contract she believes on page two um, it offers culturally appropriate services for survivors and then they will forward the call um, so Little River Band will.....they will forward their calls to StrongHeart then they are on their off hours and then um, so the program's outgoing messages provide an option of contact or call 911 or leave a message for an advocate.

Canales said or press one to forward to StrongHeart Helpline. Canales said StrongHeart Helpline works collaboratively with National Domestic Violence Lines so their basically neighbors to each other so if they are Non-Native there is going to be someone who is going to be able to help.

Councilor Champagne said okay, she guessed she was just curious because when she tells them that she has to take everyone and now this StrongHeart ah, takes Native Americans it kind of sends up a red flag for her she means that is all. Champagne thanked them guys.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so, she sees herself next in the queue. Wolfe said so this isn't.....do they currently have um, a Memorandum of Understanding with StrongHearts Native Helpline before or is this a new one that they are negotiating.

Shanaviah Canales answered this is a new one.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said okay then the term of it is for one year.

Shanaviah Canales said yes, ah, to end September 30th of 2022.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked there is no out of cost pockets for the Tribe. Wolfe asked can she give a scenario or the benefit of what this brings to the services. Wolfe said the way that she understands it currently they have a helpline that is not 24-7 this one will allow a branch and intergrade that other line and be 24-7 and would be answered in response and then they would get forwarded the information or a call from the Tribal member that reaches out to them on that line if they so choose to forward their call onto Native Helpline Wolfe asked can she run a little scenario of how once they don't answer the call it is forwarded to StrongHeart how it benefits and filters down for Tribal member services.

Shanaviah Canales said so if a victim calls for help during like let's say during their Christmas Break ah, StrongHeart will um, will assist them because they have.....they have partnered up with the State of Michigan to...to expand these advocacy services so a person from Michigan will be answering the phone....the phone call and it is their job, their Victim Services Program's job, to make sure that all the resources and contact numbers and information is up to date with them so that whomever is reaching out for services can get accurate services and if it is and then they will notify if that survivor wants them to be notified um, notified that they need continued services. Canales said so if it is immediate services they will be able to help if it is continued services they will help with immediate but also send it to them to continue with it....with the services. Canales said so an example would be someone were to call um, during Christmas Break um, they need um, they are trying to.....they just fled from an abuser and they need shelter um, the StrongHeart would be able to provide them ah, contact info of the local shelters within their area and um, let them know what the type of services they have and then that um, that survivor will be able to reach out to the appropriate

ah, program that is 24-7 um, because as they know the Tribe does not have its own shelter so that is based.....that is what they do when they do receive those calls.....is call up the shelters or they also find um.....and a lot of those shelters have vouchers like they do for local hotels and putting them in if there is no room in the shelter they can be placed in....in ah, a hotel. Canales asked did that answer the question.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so then if there is an immediate emergent need and they want to reach someone from LRB Victim Services her staff would be notified and be able to respond. Wolfe said it wouldn't be a delay in them forwarding the information to her ta.....if the client asks for them directly.....

Shanaviah Canales said correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe continued..... would that be forwarded?

Shanaviah Canales repeated correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so basically like another overview of it is it is an additional safety net for their Tribal members because no phone call with potentially will go unanswered or they wouldn't get a response. Wolfe said it would be.....

Shanaviah Canales said correct.

Acting Speaker Wolfe continued.....once they enter into the agreement their calls are forwarded to them so that they get an immediate response that no call for help goes unanswered once they partner in this agreement. Wolfe said currently that is not what is happening she means calls are not getting unanswered either. Wolfe said she didn't want to come across that way but this just puts an additional layer of protection for people when for services that they get an immediate response and a voice on that telephone verses a message. Wolfe asked correct.

Shanaviah Canales said that is correct.

Councilor Di Piazza can be heard in the background saying "I have one" on the ZOOM recording,

Acting Speaker Wolfe said that is her comment. Wolfe said she sees Councilor Di Piazza has his hand raised. Wolfe said to Councilor Di Piazza that he has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said the number that the Tribal members will be calling will be her office number or her hotline to LRB. Di Piazza said that is going to get.....

once they dial her number it's going to be.....it's usually going to be a Tribal member not a Non-Tribal member dialing the government number. Di Piazza said it is going to be forwarded to that correct.

Shanaviah Canales said ya....yes, she understood him right. Canales said she is sorry she was trying to.....trying to hear him there. Canales said um, yes, if they would dial their program number and if its off hours they would have the phone set up to forward it to StrongHeart and then they would take the call. Canales said if they needed.....if they need them to step in they will have their numbers to get a hold of them.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, he understands it he was just trying to eliberate that it wouldn't be, they know, a mass amounts of Non-Tribal members and all that, no.

Shanaviah Canales said they....and to be.....they don't have a huge amount of number of calls after hours but there are times when um, they do have calls that are after hours and like she stated at the work session she received calls at one in the morning um, at ten at night. Canales said she received tra....calls from Tribal members out of different states at different time zones so um, and she helped link them up with services where they are located at because obviously she can't be there in person so um, helping them find.....and that's....and that is exactly what StrongHeart will be able to do as well.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Councilor Di Piazza if he was all set.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, if there are no questions he will make a motion.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked is there any questions or comments by additional Tribal Council. Wolfe said she needs to open it up for questions or comments between Tribal Council and citizens. Wolfe said she sees no one in the queue. Wolfe said she will entertain a motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-276;
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STRONGHEART
NATIVE HELPLINE; by Di Piazza; supported by Guenthardt.**

Councilor Wever was making comments in the middle of Councilor Di Piazza's motion about not passing the other one in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said she was asking if it should be resolution 275 because that resolution failed or that number is already used.

Councilor Di Piazza said up or down yes.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said go ahead with his motion again or did he get it all out.

Councilor Di Piazza said he did get it all out.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked any other additional comments or questions. Wolfe repeated any additional comments or questions. Wolfe said Acting Recorder Johnson do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes	
R. Champagne-Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Wolfe said to Acting Recorder Johnson to call Nitumigaabow Champagne at the end because he is just joining.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said he is not going to know the motion anyway.

Acting Recorder Johnson said that is right.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so just call him three times.

Speaker Champagne said one second Madame Recorder. Champagne said he is having trouble logging back on.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said yeah, that is what they see over here too.

Speaker Champagne said he tried like five times and it is kicking him off so. Champagne said his apologies. Champagne asked what item is on the floor.

Recorder Wolfe said the motion on the floor is resolution approval for the Ogema's execution of Memorandum of Understanding with the StrongHeart Native Helpline and she was doing a vote on that.

Speaker Champagne said yes.

Acting Recorder Johnson said nine in favor motion passed.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said so if the Speaker is back then they.....what do they do now. Wolfe asked if Nitumigaabow Champagne had fully joined yet because it looks like he is still joining up there.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder.....

Councilor Lewis said they would switched back because the Speaker is back.

Acting Speaker Wolfe said correct.

Acting Recorder Johnson said okay.

Acting Speaker Wolfe asked Speaker Champagne that he is not leaving again is he.

Tribal Councilors started laughing.

6. Ratification of Mc Kesson (XM-100) Agreement Contract
Agreement with McKesson is needed in order to perform
Complete Blood Count (CBC) in our laboratory in Manistee.
Machine is CDC and FDA approved.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder for that discretion.

Recorder Wolfe said they are all set they are on New Business.....wait a minute.....where did that page go. Wolfe said they are Item 6, Ratification of Mc Kesson (XM-100) Agreement Contract.

Speaker Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said just give him one second while he pulls it back up for some reason he had like three ZOOMs opening up at once. Champagne said okay, they are back.....they are back. Champagne thanked them again for um, filling in there while he attended a meeting. Champagne said they are on number six, Ratification of Mc Kesson (XM-100) Agreement Contract. Champagne said this item is sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designate representative Doctor Wever and he also wanted to recognize Doctor Gabriel who is in attendance as well. Champagne said the floor.....gentlemen the floor is theirs.

Gabriel Alves, Laboratory Supervisor, represented this agenda item. Alves thanked Mr. Speaker, Madame Recorder and members of Council. Alves said this machine.....um, the manufacturer Sismax again, owns 87% of the mat.....the market and his hematology.....analyzer. Alves said this machine will perform CBC or complete blood counts, it will count red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Alves said ah, there's.....this contract there is no.....this agreement there is no um, ah, termination date. Alves said ah, this agreement will remain effective as long as they are using the machine and they agree to buy the

consumables ah, from them ah, and prices may vary up and down ah, but again this company is very serious um, owns the majority of the market in this area so it's not something ah, that they are going to ah, crank up the prices overnight. Alves said other than that it is a very good machine and this machine is actually going to ah, be used in their laboratory here in Manistee. Alves said um, with that he has completed his presentation on the item.

Speaker Champagne thanked Doctor Alves. Champagne asked do any Councilors wish to abstain from this item. Champagne repeated any Councilors wish to abstain from this item. Champagne said seeing no Councilors wish to abstain from this item he can open up the floor for discussion. Champagne said discussion from Tribal Councilors at this time. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said so Doctor Alves he stated that is um, an open-ended agreement there is no termination date.

Gabriel Alves said ah, yes that's the....well, they have it on the statement that the agreement is effective date and should remain in effective as long as the equipment is in use. Alves said so if they are not using the equipment anymore ah, they can terminate the agreement.

Recorder Wolfe said until then it is a two-part of the bundle package that was passed in the resolution two weeks ago. Wolfe asked do he have a break down of how much is coming out of CARES Act Funding verses how much will be funded through ARP.

Gabriel Alves asked was that a question.

Recorder Wolfe said yes.

Gabriel Alves said yes, so ah, ah, ah, sixty.....\$6,500 will come from CARES and the \$9,558.59 is kind of ____ which he believed is roughly \$320 bucks will come from ah, ARP.

Recorder Wolfe said the \$320 is a monthly fee that will come out of ARP for the additional terms that they continue to use that.

Gabriel Alves said only for one cycle after that the Clinic is responsible for that.

Recorder Wolfe asked but the \$320 is a monthly fee.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, it will be an estimation of how much that will be but again, the ARP will be charged only that.....*the rest of Alves' comments trailed off and were not heard clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Recorder Wolfe said for in total for the ARP is just under \$4,000.

Gabriel Alves replied oh, yeah.

Recorder Wolfe said it makes sense.

Gabriel Alves said ah-huh.

Recorder Wolfe said um, that was her comment right now.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne asked further discussion. Champagne said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, this one is on a 28 day refill. Di Piazza so they are obligated for that one year every 28 days they are going to send them all that ah, product.

Gabriel Alves said um-hum.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is about 3,700 bucks for a year. Di Piazza said plus they up the costs on the gear.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, the costs are....excuse him....the costs will be covered. Alves said ah, the first.....the first cycle of 320 bucks will be covered by ARP Funds after that the Clinic.....the Health Clinic will be purchasing those items ah, from the funds that they ah, make by performing those tests. Alves said those tests will come down to \$3.09 cost per test and ah, reimbursement \$7.77 from Blue Care Blue Shield and Medicare, and \$8.25 from Priority Health. Alves said those decent amounts that they get funded and they are able to buy those reagents and control cleaners as they move forward ah, with that machine.

Councilor Di Piazza said there is no expiration date as long as they are using the machine. Di Piazza said as long as they use the machine every 28 days they are getting a standing order filled.

Gabriel Alves said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said next in the queue is himself. Champagne said this question is for Doctor Wever. Champagne asked Doctor Wever is ah, in the State of Michigan um, is the testing covered underneath their FQHC Encounter Rate and do they get reimbursed at that higher ethnac rate for the encounters when they do labs or is that an exempt service.

Daryl Wever said yes, he thinks.....he believes this is an exempt service ah, under that ah, agreement so that is what he would have to look and see ah, if that could be ah, ah, adjusted. Wever said he does not believe it is under that.

Speaker Champagne said okay, each state is different he could not recall on Michigan if that was covered as a service or not. Champagne thanked Doctor Wever.

Daryl Wever said he is welcome.

Recorder Wolfe said Mr. Speaker she raised her hand to be in the queue

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe asked so what exactly is the equipment or machine going to improve services in the Health Care Clinic for.

Gabriel Alves said well, it will perform a complete blood counts which is one of the most basic tests in the laboratory. Alves said ah, it will telling the doctor the amount of red blood cells, ah, white blood cells and platelets in the blood. Alves said ah, white blood cells carry oxygen. Alves said white blood cells are the immune system or the soldiers in their body fighting foreign ah, micro-organisms and platelets they ____ so. Alves said this machine will provide the doctors in the seven minute time test with all this information so they can establish the best care for the patient.

Recorder Wolfe asked so it is a replacement of a machine for something they are already doing or an upgrade or is it a new service that they will be expanding.

Gabriel Alves said it will be a new service that they will be expanding, yup.

Recorder Wolfe said so they currently they don't have any equipment that does a blood count.

Gabriel Alves said nope.

Recorder Wolfe said those are her questions at this time.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said um, Doctor Wever or Doctor Gabriel ah, in the last year how much has that cost the Tribe outsourcing this testing currently. Champagne asked do they happen to have those rough estimate numbers.

Gabriel Alves asked ah, what was the question.....how many.....

Speaker Champagne said so they are obviously ordering a blood test and how much has that cost the Tribe to refer out for that service. Champagne said um, this questions may be better for Doctor Wever as the Administrator because their people are covered underneath Contract Health and things of that nature so. Champagne said that money is not recirculating back into the Tribe it is going out to an outside provider. Champagne asked do they have an estimate on how much of that money has went outside based off their analysis of how many times people have needed these tests.

Daryl Wever said yes, so that is what Doctor Gabriel in assessing all these equipment's and these agreements that is wha.....how they initially came to these ah, different items and these different products and testing for the new facility. Wever said ah, he.....Doctor Gabriel went to all the physicians ah, in the clinic and asked what.....are actually utilized ah, and particular numbers. Wever said he does think Doctor Gabriel has ah, he thinks it is for this one to as to how many tests they have dispensed out. Wever said ah, all of this has been referred out so that is why he thinks he mentioned ah, another item ah, that would be ah, very easy to hit those numbers because they send all these out currently ah, for all their patients. Wever said the total amount the cost-wise ah, is what it is costing the Tribe he does not have those exact figures but he thinks Gabriel has a ballpark on what they dispensed or what the ah, physicians ah, Nurse Practitioners are..... are accustomed to ordering for the patients but these are very, very common ah, tests that are ordered for patients ah, every three months, six months ah, pre-surgical so these are very common ah, tests that they refer out to the neighboring ah, health facilities. Wever said he is not sure.....Doctor Gabriel does he have the number as to what the physician gave him.

Gabriel Alves said yes, for CBC's particularly for this machine is about 120 a month roughly so that takes between 1,400 to 1,500 a year ah, that would cost them about \$14,000 or \$15,000 a year just for CBC's just to send those patients out to do their tests outdoors. Alves said in-house they will be able to get the money reimbursed to them and the machine just costs \$6,500 to perform the lowest level CBC's.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said the point of his comment was to really kind of just for education purposes is that the Tribe is already spending to have these tests conducted. Champagne said it goes outsourced and the money does not currently being resorted back into their economy and their systems. Champagne said by adding all these different labs they are able to not only to have continuity care as their people don't have to make another appointment, schedule, go out, come back, and wait for it. Champagne said they can have it in-house which not only generates self-sustaining revenue but it also allows that money to recirculate back into the Tribal economy verses outside providers. Champagne thanked the gentlemen for that.

Councilor Wever thanked them in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder is next in the queue and then they can open it up for citizens and Tribal Councilors with Miss Thull being second in the queue.

Recorder Wolfe said so if they purchase the machine and the machine breaks on day 45 what is their recourse or what happens.

Gabriel Alves said ah, warranties included ah, on this machine ah.....*Alves was looking down and his voice trailed and his comment couldn't be heard clearly on the ZOOM recording*.....here is the warranty. Alves said they will mail a new machine overnight for them so they will be able to perform.....to continue to perform those tests as soon as possible ah, but yeah, the....the Sismax um, XM-100 comes with a warranty ____.

Recorder Wolfe said does it have a life or term like what's expected that this machine would be operational before they have to purchase another one or they make a one-time purchase and they always replace them as long as their getting the \$300 a month consumables from them.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, so ah, the machines usually ah, for CBC's lasts from Sismax for eight to ten years um, and then they can buy a replacement for that one if the machine breaks and it is still covered under the warranty the machine will be replaced for free. Alves said um, other than that he thinks.....did he answer her question.

Recorder Wolfe said um-hum. Wolfe asked then what um, this was passed in the bundle package with the CARES and the ARP Funding which laboratory would this machine be housed.

Gabriel Alves said here in Manistee.

Recorder Wolfe asked then are they purchasing similar for down there or one of the other machines are going to cover it or why is there not a bid for two.

Gabriel Alves said ah, yes the second.....he thinks the next item will be also a hematology analyzer but that one will go down to Muskegon. Alves said so thethis is the hematology analyzer for Manistee the next one is the hematology analyzer for Muskegon. Alves said the one they approved early the EXL-200 is a Immuno Chemistry Machine for Muskegon and their Immuno Chemistry Machine for Manistee is already waiting to be installed by the company here in Manistee. Alves said so they have that one already in-house.

Recorder Wolfe said just to note for the benefit of membership this was in the bundle package that was passed with the remaining CARES Act Funding \$6,500 of that is what is potentially coming out of the CARES Act Funding and then that

monthly fee um, of purchasing of consumables will be one year out of ARP and the rest of the term the Health Clinic would provide for their own payment of those. Wolfe said those are her comments.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said oops, Madame Recorder for some reason he is froze.

Recorder Wolfe said not on their end.

Councilor Johnson also said not on their end.

Speaker Champagne said oh, no? Champagne said okay, well then he is going to go over to ah, Miss Thull because it shows it is not responding on his end but if they can hear him, wonderful.

Susan Thull thanked Speaker Champagne. Thull said ah, this.....so they got a year's worth of consumables being paid by um, the ARP Funds um, will it take a year.....it sounds like all these he is estimating a year's worth coming out of um, ARP.....does it take a year or could.....would.....could it be six months of ARP and then he will be um, having recovered enough to ah, start paying it out of what they....what they ah, received.

Gabriel Alves said ARP.....*there was some distortion when Gabriel Alves started speaking on the ZOOM recording.....*

Recorder Wolfe said he can respond doctor.

Gabriel Alves said ah, so ah, the ARP will be covering just the first cycle so just \$320 and after that they will take over ah, the future cycles ah, they will take over ah, with the funds from the Health Department.

Susan Thull said she.....

Gabriel Alves continued.....so just for the first cycle.

Susan Thull asked he is saying the first cycle is 12 months.

Gabriel Alves said no, just the first cycle is just the \$320 so if they go back to the ahto the last.....one of the last pages on....on the contract they will see that one 961458, 57, 59 and 9614 those will be.....that will count as one cycle. Alves said then 20 days later as observed by Di Piazza they will get a new ah, ah, ah, they will get a new order delivered to them but ah, they are going to be covering that ah, order.

Recorder Wolfe said to Gabriel Alves that is not the way he submitted the resolution.

Gabriel Alves said ah, yes, the first cycle.....there is a sentence there on the first cycle. Alves said in the resolution it says ah, the consumables for the first year of the agreement will be covered in the following the ARP Funds will be used to the first.....the first cycle of consumables in 2022. Alves said so the first year it will be ah, 2022 and the first cycle is the, they know, the sum of those four items there and then the remaining of the....the 2022 its theirs.....responsibility. Alves said so it is covered the first year but.....the first cycle and the first year he guessed that sentence covers that.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said Miss Thull she does have the floor.

Susan Thull said she is sorry she guessed she.....that was just too confusing for her she didn't understand it. Thull said um, so only the first cycle that is using the ARP Funds and that cycle is 28 days?

Gabriel Alves said yeah, for that.....this specific machine it is 28 days ah, ah, the first cycle. Alves said so um, the first cycle of consumables in 2022 will be covered by ARP Funds which again, and this machine is \$320.

Susan Thull said so it is only three hundred and some dollars coming out ARP and the rest will be coming out of the clini....Clinic's Budget. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Thull. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said so that was just as confusing for her as it was for Miss Thull. Wolfe said so is he saying the first cycle is one month in 2022 or are they paying for 12 months in 2022 for the \$320?

Gabriel Alves said for the \$320 for the first cycle of the year 2022 or in other words \$320 and the rest for this specific machine and the rest is on them.

Recorder Wolfe said so they are only going to buy the consumables with this resolution for January with ARP Funds.

Gabriel Alves said yup.

Recorder Wolfe said February through December is going to be Health Clinic continue to purchase the consumables for this machine.

Gabriel Alves said exactly.

Recorder Wolfe continued....and they are purchasing the \$6,500 machine out of CARES Act Funding.

Gabriel Alves said yes.

Recorder Wolfe said she thinks that straightens it out for her.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said ah, Councilor Di Piazza he is next in the queue, sir.

Councilor Di Piazza said it cycles every 28 days so technically there would be 13 months to be honest not 12.

Gabriel Alves said well, um.....

Councilor Di Piazza said contract covers 28 days so they are collecting three days on a month with 31 days.

Gabriel Alves said well, the contract is ah.....the contract is just for them to establish a relationship with them. Alves said ah, they have to sign it anyways but ah, for ah, as the resolution says the first cycle of consumables of 2022 wha..... will be covered by ARP Funds and that's it. Alves said that's what the ____ says and after that their.....the Health Department will take care of ah, ah, funding the ah, consumables.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne asked further discussion by Tribal Councilors and/or citizens. Champagne repeated any discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne said seeing no further discussion he would entertain a motion to approve ratification of this agreement.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-277;
RATIFICATION OF MC KESSON (SM-100) AGREEMENT
CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Recorder Wolfe said just for clarification the resolution number is 277. Wolfe asked if she wanted to read that again or no.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, she will amend that to 277. Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Lewis. Champagne asked do they have support for this.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

Speaker Champagne said okay support by Councilor Wittenberg. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by Council or citizens. Champagne asked further discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor and two against resolution is passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Council.

7. **Ratification of McKesson(XN-530) Agreement Contract**
Agreement with McKesson is needed in order to perform Complete Blood Count (CBC) in our laboratory in Muskegon. Machine is CDC and FDA approved.

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema. Mr. Romanelli, with um, designated representee Doctor Wever along with....he wants to recognize Doctor Gabriel is here. Champagne said with that being said the floor is theirs gentlemen.

Gabriel Alves thanked Speaker Champagne, Madame Recorder and members of Council. Alves said ah, this ah, ah, again it is a Hematology Analyzer. Alves said this one is going down to Muskegon Laboratory. Alves said ah, this machine performs a CBC complete blood count with six part differential. Alves said so ah, when they are being ah, attacked by a micro-organism either virus, bacteria, a parasite or fungus. Alves said ah, different cells of their immune system which is all the white blood cells will be elevated. Alves said if it is bacteria x-type of white blood cells will be elevated. Alves said this machine allows them to do a CBC ah, differentiating in which sub-type of white blood cell is elevated. Alves said again, it counts the red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets as well. Alves said so it is bigger, higher complexity machine compared to the previous one um, the previous one again, it will give them the results but the results is too ah, ah, either high or low the machine will not release the results and they ask to perform that test from the higher complexity machine which is this one over here so samples will be transported down to Muskegon ah, from ah, from up here and they will be able to conduct further investigation from that sample down in Muskegon. Alves said ah, it is a 60 month contract the analyzer comes from CARES ah, um, and which funds have already been approved for this machine ah, it's \$33,529, thirty three thousand five hundred twenty nine dollars, and he either expect that yearly they will spend \$7,470.41 in reagents ah, for this machine.

Alves said um, and again, reimbursement ah, it is pretty ah, attracted from this machine as well as self-sustainable um, and he is looking forward to move on this one as well. Alves said um, and ah, that concludes the presentation on this item.

Speaker Champagne thanked Gabriel Alves for that presentation. Champagne said at this time does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain.

Tribal Councilors started laughing the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne repeated does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Champagne asked again does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Champagne said seeing no abstentions. Champagne said onto discussion on this item. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe first in the queue.

Recorder Wolfe said she has an item listed as Business Hours Remote for \$9,282. Wolfe asked Gabriel Alves if he can explain that and what it entails because it is looking to her on the agreement that it shows that it was included in the contract price that the Purchase Order includes a \$10,000 expenditure.

Gabriel Alves said for.....

Recorder Wolfe said Business Hours Remote.

Gabriel Alves repeated Business Hour Remote. Alves said ah, he cannot see a Purchase Order.....

Councilor Johnson said here.....it is right there

Councilor Johnson showed Gabriel Alves her copy of the agenda item in her packet in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Gabriel Alves said ummm.

Councilor Johnson said it is the third or fourth one down.

Recorder Wolfe said um-hum. Wolfe said he can flip it over and B then that third item down there shows that it has 0 costs so she was just wondering why it is reflected in the Purchase Order but showing 0 total contract price.

Gabriel Alves said ah, ah.....

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder.....Madame Recorder would like to lean on any of their Legal Counsel who reviewed this contract for guidance.

Recorder Wolfe said they can give a response. Wolfe said she just wou.....she just thinks if they don't have the \$9,282 cost in their agreement she doesn't see why it is not reflected in the Purchase Order.

Gabriel Alves said well it is collecting on a service down here ah, it's that ____ right there.

Recorder Wolfe said well what she heard the doctor say is that they have 300....\$33,529 coming out of CARES and then they have an annual cost of \$7,470.41 coming out of ARP for the first year consumables for 2022 so she didn't hear anything about that \$9,000.

Gabriel Alves said those \$9,000 he believed it is related to um, a um, warranty and maintenance fee ah, if they need it to do. Alves said um.....

A Council member made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not picked up clearly.

Councilor Johnson said um-hum.

Gabriel Alves asked is it.....this....*the rest of his comment could not be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Councilor Johnson said yeah, and then the price.

Speaker Champagne said he would like to maybe lean ah, on Legal Counsel Miss Mc Gowen or Miss Liebing who had a chance to review he contract if they could provide any clarification to Council.

Gabriel Alves said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead doctor.

Gabriel Alves said yeah, he believed that this mistake must be have been done while putting together the Purchase Order. Alves said that item can be eliminated because on their contract that service is for free so they should not be charged those.....he is surprised too and he is glad Council caught that mistake on the Purchase Order. Alves said that item can be eliminated from the Purchase Order and move forward with the other items because that item is, is, is for free on their agreement so ah, it is just ah, a mistake on the order.

Speaker Champagne said Miss Mc Gowen.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said she just wanted to share that he is correct this was just um, eh, it appears to be an accident the Requisition Form that just needs to be ah, updated.

Speaker Champagne said Miss Mc Gowen they can adopt the resolution in good standing and agreement and it is just an internal thing on the Requisition Form that can be corrected.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said correct.

Speaker Champagne thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar for that guidance. Champagne said further discussion by Tribal Councilors and citizens at this time. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza, Madame Johnson.....Madame Johnson.....Miss Johnson. Champagne said go ahead Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said this is why when they like have a bundle it's not aggressive.....

Councilors Johnson and Wolfe were involved in a side bar conversation during Councilor Di Piazza's queue and can be heard in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....um, but the bars get pretty murky trying to run everything and get it run through Council had so many questions. Di Piazza asked can he ask a question he sees it is a Requisition Form has these items been ordered already.

Gabriel Alves said no, their.....again, this is agreement pending approval by Council.

Councilor Di Piazza said all right.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Champagne said Councilor Johnson.

Councilor Johnson said so um, with the last machine for the most part it looks like it can do the same thing so why are they not just ordering two of these or two of those instead.

Gabriel Alves said um, because um, again the strategy for any laboratory is to have one main laboratory in which they have their main machinery, the big boys, and then they have satellite laboratories performing simpler complexity tests. Alves said so this one is a higher complexity compared to the other one because it will give them a six part differential and in addition if the other one as it is a simpler CBC Machine ah, the result is too high or too low it will not release the result and it will ask them to run that same sample in the ah, more ah, complex machine which will be that one. Alves said for example ah, they are going to move forward on the ah, XM-100 which was approved in the last resolution if the XM-100 does not release the result because it is too high or too low they need to

ah, ah, perform that task in the bigger complexity machine which is this one. Alves said so the laboratory in Muskegon is going to be their main central laboratory with these heavier machinery to perform higher complexity tests and they are going to have satellite ah, this one being the first which will perform lower complexity tests but again if they need to confirm they have everything set. Alves said they have the jeep, cooler already on the truck that will be able to safely and transport those samples down to Muskegon if needed to.

Councilor Johnson said so she guessed in follow-up to that she guessed she didn't understand but in the same token like he made the comment before this will give extra services and/or results so she guessed that is where her understanding is...is coming from because if they are trying to get those faster results back to the doctor and so they can order whatever is needed so if anything needs to be done. Johnson asked what don't they have two of these one at each site so that way it is better service for their members verses having two separate ones and having to ship samples down state.

Gabriel Alves said absolutely that is that is an excellent question. Alves asked why do they have higher complexity machines at every single site. Alves said ah, costs is one. Alves said ah, this machine will cost more per test but they will still ah, make more money. Alves said so and then this is the key issue here is licensing ah, in order to have these two machines they have to have a special type of license which demands more he would say paperwork and bureaucracy. Alves said the satellite labs will always hold the ah, lowest standard ah, ah, of licensing pattern which is the ____ License. Alves said as the laboratory in Muskegon will hold a moderate complexity license so licensing is the major ____ so excellent question why don't they have.....he would love to have one of these big boys in each site but again it will demand licensing and more paperwork and more people and more bureaucracy involved.

Councilor Johnson said so last question she hopes. Johnson asked um, so how will billing go as they are transporting it down there and they a running it again is that going to be like a double charge on there then because they already ran it down here and run it there in order for testing to be covered in both sites. Johnson said so they are going to bill for it twice.

Gabriel Alves said bill for it twice, yes laboratories are allowed to bill twice for confirmation of test samples that come back from machines that have not released results.

Speaker Champagne said Miss Johnson she still has the floor.

Councilor Johnson said um, she is good. Johnson thanked them.

Speaker Champagne asked any other discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.....Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has one question.

Speaker Champagne said one second, Mr. Di Piazza he is second in the queue he should have said that.

Recorder Wolfe said she was going to read what was just dropped off.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne said Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he knows it is in the ah, some of the documentation he didn't look back up. Di Piazza asked how many patients of record do they have right now at the Manistee Clinic. Di Piazza asked how many of them are from where this new clinic is going to be in Muskegon.

Gabriel Alves said he knows the numbers for this machine particularly the CBC's are 100.....about 120 CBC's a month ah, here in Manistee. Alves said now in terms of ah, how many people ah, ah, down in Muskegon will benefit he thinks ah, um, the Tribe must have these numbers of how many members that are down there and how many are up here. Alves said what he has heard is that for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians about eight.....more than 80% are actually down in the Muskegon area so he guessed that is why um, their casino will hopefully come down there as well and help make the laboratory and Behavioral Health ah, IT Administration so its ah, um, it is a big project and he is very happy to be a part of.

Speaker Champagne asked Doctor Wever if he will be able to answer Councilor Di Piazza's question. Champagne said he was asking for specific data..... statistical data on how many of the current patient count is in Indian Health Services with them now and does he have that aggregated to know how many are Muskegon patients so they can get an estimation on that and if he doesn't mind Mr. Di Piazza he can add one more question on that. Champagne asked is.....and what is the growth rate he expects when he opens his new clinic because he is sure these are the numbers he utilized in order.....in ordering the equipment.

Daryl Wever said it, ah, yes so currently when they had to go through the process with COVID.....COVID ah, ah, Vaccinations ah, that is when the numbers came up and they even commented of it. Wever said in Manistee there was roughly 380 patient of record ah, in the Manistee area. Wever said they even commented because he thinks they had 390 or close to 400 it is a high number up in Manistee. Wever said so roughly it was 380 ah, and then down in the Muskegon area there was roughly a little over 800 patient of record in Muskegon so obviously Muskegon, Ottawa and Kent are the higher patient population in Muskegon in

that area. Wever said um, and so that is why they were kind of discussing looking at what tests are needed and in which location moving forward. Wever said to Speaker Champagne that he thinks he had another question. Wever asked what was his question.

Speaker Champagne said no, he believed that answered his question. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza he does have the floor sir.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he is all set. Di Piazza said he was just curious how many patients of record they were actually going to lose from this clinic up here to move down. Di Piazza said technically they are only going to have about 380 that will be visiting the Manistee Clinic so he expects them to call for an appointment and they are not going to get the runaround saying they can't get in there since they are taking.....

Daryl Wever said yes, yes, yes.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....that many patients of record from the Manistee Clinic and shipping them to Muskegon which that is okay he was just saying. Di Piazza said he is done.

Daryl Wever asked may he.....

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

Daryl Wever asked Mr. Speaker may he also make a comment. Wever said he mentioned.....

Speaker Champagne said yes, sir go ahead.

Daryl Wever asked if that was okay. Wever said he mentioned with the.....with the growth in the Muskegon area like the potential so they kind of discussed the 980ish is in Muskegon, he thinks there is 252 ah, in Kent and 182ish in Ottawa. Wever said also too with the expansion and application in the hopes of the casino and other growth in that area, employees and others that are still acting like they are socially economically tied to the organization he does feel like the Muskegon location ah, will be ah, busy and highly utilized. Wever said then also with.....he thinks he mentioned Mr. Speaker too that with the change of insurance and with the Resort up in Manistee and then having additional Laboratory Facilities, Radiology Department, ah, let him see, Pharmacy and Clinic up in Manistee and he thinks in any other additional ah, specialist that they were to perhaps bring on up in Manistee ah, ah, for optical, dental and he does believe that the transition with the Resort has different requirements with their insurance that they will start utilizing these departments and so he feels it will be a good balance ah, meeting Manistee will still have a good turnout with the

growth and possible potential diversity in their specialist up there and obviously the new hopeful expansion down in Muskegon in the new casino area as well.

Speaker Champagne thanked Doctor Wever. Champagne said Miss Wever will be third in the queue. Champagne said next in the queue is Madame Recorder Wolfe, second in the queue is himself and then Councilwoman Wever third in the queue.

Recorder Wolfe said well, just for update or clarification this is a 60-month agreement that they are potentially entering into the 300....the \$33,529 is coming out of the CARES Act Funding and then the \$7,470.41 is coming out of ARP Act Funding for the first year 2022 so the total amount that they are looking at approving with this agreement is \$40,999.41 today. Wolfe said so she just wanted to make that clarification that for Tribal members. Wolfe said also one question that was asked of her or presented to her is the new Muskegon Laboratory only going to be testing on human patients or is there going to be animal testing in that facility.

Gabriel Alves said ah, only human patients this un....ah, this ah, this machine will only be testing on human samples however ah, it is his dream in the future to write up a grant....a research grant and have research going down there that may potentially involve animal research but that is a future plan. Alves thanked Recorder Wolfe very much for her question.

Speaker Champagne said Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe said those are her comments right now.

Speaker Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said next in the queue is himself. Champagne said when they.....in regards to population in the Manistee areas they do know that Manistee is one of their smaller areas um, he does hope that Council will consider in the future that their enterprises are self-funded, healthcare insurance can make first in network provider in their clinic when they are able to open up their Muskegon Operations it will alleviate a lot of the....the patient count here when they can supplement it with having those social economically tied to them. Champagne said other Tribes have done that on self-funded help....healthcare plans and it allows for the funds to be recirculated back into their economy that they would normally be paying out as self-funded meaning they are paying dollar for dollar out.....to outside agencies. Champagne said so it should give them enough to be able to incorporate in those social economically tied into their health services and regenerating more resources for their people and creating more jobs. Champagne said so it is a comment and not a question. Champagne thanked Council. Champagne said um, Councilwoman Wever.

Councilor Wever said yeah, she would like to add to that also. Wever said she wants to also say that um, they have ah, how important Muskegon Clinic is because right now don't they have a clinic in Grand Rapids. Wever asked is there one there.

Recorder Wolfe said there is an additional Tribal Clinic but it is not associated to Little River.

Councilor Wever said oh, okay. Wever said that is what she understands is that it is not there anymore they can't find it either well she doesn't know what happened to it but.....that is all she has to say is how important it is which they have said. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilwoman Wever. Champagne asked further discussion from Tribal Council members and citizens.

Councilor Wever said she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead ma'am.

Councilor Wever said all right she would like to make a motion for:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-278;
RATIFICATION OF MC KESSON (XN-530) AGREEMENT
CONTRACT; by Wever; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Champagne said discussion on the motion on the floor from Tribal Councilors and citizens at this time. Champagne repeated discussion on the motion on the floor from Tribal Councilors and citizens at this time. Champagne said seeing no discussion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No	
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said five in favor resolution is passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Council very much.

Gabriel Alves thanked folks and to have a good day.

Speaker Champagne thanked Healthcare team for being with them today. Champagne said they appreciate all the hard work that he does.

Gabriel Alves thanked them again.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Gabriel Alves too.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal of Michigan-Mental Health Delivery System and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-___ in the amount of \$45,000

Acceptance of Funds.

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designate representee being Miss Batchelder. Champagne said the floor is the Executive side's.

Dottie Batchelder, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Family Services, thanked them. Batchelder said this is a grant coming through Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Batchelder said this is a grant that she received from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Batchelder said um, sorry, her phone keeps going off. Batchelder said um, and what this is is like a....it's funding to help them develop more programming for the mental wellness of um, their membership....their citizens and this is to help them develop more programming or make um, agreements with like mental health um, hospitalization which they can't actually send somebody to because it has to go through a Community Mental Health but they can advocate to get like a contract with them or....not really a contract but ah, member, they know wording that says that if they refer somebody that they would take their....their membership. Batchelder said this is for the nine county area that they serve um, she knows that was a question before and a lot of it is just to help them develop these programs. Batchelder said right now for substance abuse and mental health treatment they can refer to different places um, but they can't just for mental health and this is the Mental Health Delivery System Grant .

Speaker Champagne asked Dottie Batchelder if that concluded her presentation, ma'am.

Dottie Batchelder said yes it does.

Speaker Champagne said okay at this point and time he would like to be able to ask any Tribal Councilors who wish to abstain. Champagne repeated any Tribal Councilors who wish to abstain. Champagne said seeing no Tribal Councilors who wish to abstain they can move ahead discussion from Councilors at this time. Champagne repeated discussion from Councilors at this time. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said in the Funding Agreement there is about \$4,000 for billboards and newspaper advertisements she would like to make a recommendation or suggestion that those billboards or advertisements are culturally relevant some of them that they have seen in the past has not been so much. Wolfe said so please consider that when they are planning and providing for those that they do have the cultural component in them. Wolfe asked do they have an area where they are going to be placing the billboards.

Dottie Batchelder said they usually do one in Manistee and one in Muskegon area depending on the costs so.

Recorder Wolfe said so this \$4,000 is only going to provide for two and how long will they be up or don't they have that determined yet.

Dottie Batchelder said they don't have that determined yet its just that they have the availability and hopefully they have like two different times for Suicide Prevention Month or Mental Health Awareness Month.

Recorder Wolfe asked which month is Mental Health Awareness.

Dottie Batchelder said May.

Recorder Wolfe said okay. Wolfe said then she.....

Speaker Champagne said oh, go ahead Madame Recorder.

Recorder Wolfe said in Agenda Review about the \$17,000 for Mental Health Treatment can she just go over that one more time again.

Dottie Batchelder said that would be in case they are able to place someone like mostly be more like a dual diagnosis because they have to.....unless they get um, some type of um, agreement with a treatment center for just for mental health but usually they have to go through a Community Mental Health for that but in case there is a co-pay because sometimes they use the insurance and with their insurance there are co-pays for that. Batchelder said um, like with substance abuse she knows it....the co-pays are in the hundreds. Batchelder said so in case there is co-pays or something like that they can help them.....help the member pay that so that they could get the treatment that they need.

Recorder Wolfe thanked Dottie Batchelder. Wolfe said okay then just from the same in Agenda Review they have starting the process of being CARF accredited as one of her objectives or what is her plan or ideas for those....or that.

Dottie Batchelder said that is just what they are planning.

Recorder Wolfe asked what is the funding source for that.

Dottie Batchelder said its in the planning stages right now.

Recorder Wolfe said so they have that as an objective but on the allocation of their grant dollars its not referenced in there.

Dottie Batchelder started to make a comments but it faded out.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't know if she is on mute nothing is coming across.

Dottie Batchelder said oops, sorry. Batchelder said this is a grant that was written before their past.....their other Director left and she is not sure what was planned for that but right now they are just in the planning stages on how they can go about um, starting that process.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't have any additional questions at this time. Wolfe thanked them.

Dottie Batchelder thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said um, they discussed a lot in the work session on this but for their citizen's benefits many were not in attendance. Champagne said um, he would like to re-ask some of the same questions ma'am. Champagne said the CARF accreditation how long has the Tribe been working on to get CARF accreditation and can she explain why CARF accreditation is and industry norm and standard for Behavioral Health Systems.

Dottie Batchelder said Little River they only started....they looked at when they got the State Licensing in 2002 um, was looking at it but it never went past that year and now they are starting to look at that but Tribal Behavioral Health in Michigan some have CARF Accreditation um, some have other accreditations but it is to make sure that they have good services for their membership uhm the people that attend their services.

Speaker Champagne said for follow-up comments he guessed CARF Accreditation is one of the accreditation agencies um, that is very helpful for treatment centers, outpatient clinics such as theirs um, to be able to have that gold standard um, with reimbursements ah, they have taken Federal Law to say that they need to have accreditation to get higher levels of reimbursements and they will be trickling down every year ah, that they don't have accreditation. Champagne said another Tribe just as Dottie Batchelder mentioned since 2001-2002 ah, started that process and haven't reached that um, he is interested in if she specifically have tailored out any type of assistance for a consultant to be able to come in to help establish their policies, procedures, to practice them, how are they going to do quality assurance, quality control and compliance and consumer

complaints those are all standards that are needed in accreditation. Champagne said he believed an accreditation is definitely needed in their healthcare systems. Champagne said as they know their Health Clinic has AAAC Accreditation um, something he is very proud of because that is something many Councils before requested and it has been sought after to have their facilities accredited or patients know that they are the gold standard and providing good quality healthcare. Champagne said he encourages Behavioral Health Services to also look at that gold standard through CARF Accreditation, they know, they are not at this purvey or anything of that nature so they are at the planning stages um, it might be useful knowing the length of time it has taken for the Tribe to be able to get CARF Accredited or throughout the planning process to reach out to the content experts as consulted and to be able to look at that. Champagne asked Dottie Batchelder if she had any funds that is dedicated in these funds to hire a consultant to assist her in this process.

Dottie Batchelder said this grant that is not part of it and she doesn't have any other information right now on that.

Speaker Champagne said many granting agencies require them to take out an accreditation in the process and maybe that objective was put in there for that purpose to be eligible for the grant. Champagne said um, he thinks she does know they need to come up with a more detailed plan. Champagne said he understands Behavioral Health has....is short one of the areas is seeking....he is not sure if this is maybe it is the next grant that has a position.....he thinks it is the next grant um, so he will refrain from that question he will ask that at that time. Champagne said but he thinks she knows it is very important that their Behavioral Health System has had positions that have been vacant for some time ah, their salary/wage is not an industry norm for market rate and he doesn't see them recruiting clinical.....clinicians to fill those so. Champagne thanked Dottie Batchelder for her service to the Tribe and presenting this item today. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said the other thing she just wanted to highlight or note for membership that this grant it does have a funding allocation to increase Traditional Healer access and services to Behavioral Health clients. Wolfe said so she thinks that is just a positive and a step direction.....in a good direction to go it will provide from what she is understanding and reading the Traditional Services outside of what is currently scheduled. Wolfe said it will include to that particular service being expanded and providing more opportunities for access to the Traditional Healer. Wolfe said so she just wanted to note that she thinks it is a very positive direction. Wolfe said that is her comment.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said that brings up his other questions he asked in the work session. Champagne said um, Miss Batchelder she had a chance to inform them that she knows Traditional Healing Services can come in a contract they had long discussions about

identification and acceptance of Traditional Healers in the communities in which they serve um, being that some Tribes have seen exploitation in this area he would just like to state today, again, he encourages her to develop an Elder's Committee in the committees the Elders um, ah, panel or Advisory Group or someone's from the communities that the Traditional Healer will be servicing to be able to give them guidance on which Traditional Healer they would utilize and if it is appropriate for that community. Champagne thanked Dottie Batchelder again.

Dottie Batchelder thanked Speaker Champagne.

Speaker Champagne asked further discussion on this item from Tribal Councilors. Champagne repeated further discussion on this item from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said he would entertain a motion for acceptance of these funds.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Champagne said go ahead, ma'am.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-279;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL
COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY
SYSTEM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-77 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$45,000; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Champagne asked discussion on the motion. Champagne repeated discussion on the motion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said seeing no discussion on the motion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne- Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution has passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked them.

- 2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan- Behavioral Health Implementation and approving a**

**modification to the Operating Budget MB-2021-___ in the
amount of \$170,000
Acceptance of Funds.**

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema, Mr. Romanelli, and designee Miss Angela Swart (Schwandt). Champagne said the floor is theirs.

Angela Schwandt, Family Services Department, said this grant is an Inter-Tribal Council Grant and this is the third year of this grant. Schwandt said um, this grant provides Psychiatric Services to Tribal members and descendants. Schwandt said they have a contract with Pine Rest with one of their Psychiatrists. Schwandt said um, and with these services it includes Medication Reviews, Medication Management and this includes the nine county service area. Schwandt said um, this grant also covers the wages for a....an additional Mental Health Counselor other than herself. Schwandt said and.....and that is the end of her presentation.

Speaker Champagne thanked Angela Schwandt. Champagne asked would any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne repeated would any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said seeing no Tribal Councilors wish to abstain. Champagne said he will open it up for discussion at this time for Tribal Councilors. Champagne said okay, ma'am, he does have one question. Champagne said he will just kind of repeat the questions they had at their work session on these items. Champagne said ah, specifically she said that this will go for ah, another therapist he thought she mentioned before was it called a co-occurring therapist.

Angela Schwandt said yes, that is correct.

Speaker Champagne said okay, so it's a dual license treating both mental health and substance use disorders and can make diagnosis in each. Champagne said um, and what is the salary proposed for this.

Angela Schwandt said the salary proposed for this is \$45,000.

Speaker Champagne said in her professional opinion does she believe that the Tribe will be able to recruit or retain somebody for \$45,000 for a co-occurring therapist.

Angela Schwandt answered based on the research that she has done since the work session Monday it is quite below the standard um, in Michigan by quite a bit actually. Schwandt said the average in Michigan is \$66,000 a year for wages so it is quite a bit less than that.

Speaker Champagne thanked Angela Schwandt.

Angela Schwandt said he was welcome.

Speaker Champagne thanked her for answering that because they do have a history of posting positions below market rate um, and the positions not being filled. Champagne said when they are grant positions the monies can be reallocated or they go back but they are not meeting the needs of their service of their people. Champagne said he would encourage the department to bring forth a supplemental allocation um, to be able to allow for this position to receive potentially um, ARPA Funds or Tribal.....or other Tribal Funds to be able to offset the salary to allow them to recruit a clinician in their communities. Champagne said he would also encourage that he believed this position may be working out of Muskegon um, that they have equal representation Behavioral Health for co-occurring thereapist whether it is substance use or mental health or if in this case they can do both ah, in Muskegon Clinic and Manistee so that their services are met for both populations. Champagne thanked them. Champagne asked further discussion from Tribal Councilors. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said they did ask during the work session if they can.....one of the objectives is creating Multiple Disciplinary Team to respond to their Mental Health Delivery System. Wolfe asked if she could explain how they plan to achieve or some of the direction they are moving with that.

Angela Schwandt said so this Multi-disciplinary Team.....this is a team that works with not only herself as a Mental Health Counselor but also other um, disciplines within....within the Tribe like the....the Health Clinic um, with Family Services this is um, helps them achieve the clients getting the best services possible and not that there are not any barriers there to achieving those services such as counseling, psychiatric care, substance abuse, um, the Psychiatrists requires lab work, an EKG, different medical tests like that and with that they are able to, they know, use their clinic here for those things so it is just creating a more seamless and easy access for their.....their members.

Recorder Wolfe said then her second or follow-up comment. Wolfe said the majority of this funding that is coming in outside of the new position for the co-occurring counselor um, goes directly to Pine Rest and that is for their contract with their Psychologist for the tele-site ah, services that is currently offered correct.

Angela Schwandt said yes, that is correct.

Recorder Wolfe said and they do also include a small portion for um, Traditional Healing Services so she wanted to make note of that to their membership.

Councilor Wever said yes.

Recorder Wolfe said those are her comments.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said just for clarification ma'am Madame Recorder said Psychologist um, is it Psychologist or Psychiatrists. Champagne said in the work session he thought she mentioned Psychiatrists for diagnosis and Medication Management.

Angela Schwandt said yes, that is correct, it is Psychologist, yes.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne said just to repeat in the work session comment he would encourage that in their agreement the Executive side reaches out to get the provider um, credentialed through their Clinic so that way they can get reimbursements on the Med Management and get FHQC enhancement if not great for those on MA um, that would allow it to be sustainable and generate new sources coming back into the Tribe.

Angela Schwandt thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said and he believed they questioned by them he assumes they know the answer but he will ask for the record. Champagne said currently underneath the current contract is the provider credentialed through the Tribe and are they billing out for the services there are providing through tele-psychiatry.

Angela Schwandt said um, they are just billing out through the grant.

Speaker Champagne said okay, so they are not doing third party billing at all.

Angela Schwandt said correct.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne said ah, they would appreciate it if the Administrator can give them an update back on the status of that if that does get implemented for third party billing that will allow them to have more resources come in and make their department to allow them to have better staffing ratios to patient count so. Champagne thanked Angela Schwandt. Champagne said further discussion with Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated further discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne said he would entertain a motion for acceptance of these funds if there is so be it. Champagne repeated he will entertain a motion at this time.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Lewis. Champagne said ma'am go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-280;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL**

**COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2021-78 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$170,000; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor....discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #11

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution has passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Champagne noted there is none at this time.

IV. Old Business

A. Ratification of Central Michigan University Agreement Contract
CMU Agreement to host interns at the Little River Health Center in
Manistee and Muskegon, MI.

Speaker Champagne said this item is being sponsored by the Tribal Ogema with designate representee Doctor Wever. Champagne said the floor is their gentlemen.

Daryl Wever said hi there, yes, so this is the agreement with Central Michigan University....this is ah, something similar to Chamberlain University that was passed ah, a few months prior. Wever said this is a volunteer service ah, through CMU the students will be working directly under ah, supervision of the attendees ah, the physicians that are currently at the Health Center in ah, Manistee and ah, in the future here in Muskegon. Wever said so this is ah, there is no cash exchanged, it does not cost Little River ah, to have these students ah, associated ah, with the Health Department. Wever said ah, he did speak with Doctor Vance he knows that Councilor ah, Wittenberg mentioned if there is a preference ah, for native ah, native American students ah, to join ah, to be first ah, priority. Wever said Doctor Vance did mention that they do not have that particularly once the students are part of the program ah, they did mention that they can't....cant's announce ah....present in that fashion but he did mention that Central Michigan does have a Native American ah, preference for these students when they apply to

the university so they do have that ah, for their traditional approach into Central Michigan ah, but he did mention that ah, these programs are discussed and that he would ah, ah, make sure that it was presented and inform these students that obviously this is Indian Health Services ah, and that this something of interest ah, personally he did say that he can't come out and have it ah, ah, ah, as specific preference for Native American Medical Students coming through the program. Wever said he did mention took another ah, determination or agreements and things different working out well with the intense things he did mention that it is up to them if they do not feel comfortable or the positions are overwhelmed or they do not want to participate ah, with the students that they have that choice ah, to elect when they can canvass students he does feel it is appropriate um, in the clinic both in Manistee and Muskegon. Wever said he did mention that typically they like to have one or two students ah, at the organization two preferably so then that way they have ah, kind of teamwork and can work together to have someone to lean on them. Wever said it is similar to what they have with ah, Chamberlain and they have Nurse Practitioner Students in the Clinic up in Manistee and she is doing very well. Wever said the staff enjoys her and the patients as well. Wever thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Doctor Wever. Champagne said at this time is there any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain from this item. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said she is going to abstain.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne asked any other Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne repeated any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said for the record they do have one abstention made by Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said also to note in the record Madame Recorder Wolfe they do ask her not to take part in any discussion or conversations at the vote. Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said with that being said discussion on this item from Tribal Councilors. Champagne said he will open it up for discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said first in the queue is citizen Miss Sara Agosa. Champagne said the floor is hers ma'am. Champagne thanked Sara Agosa for patiently waiting,

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said she has two comments. Agosa said first of all she thought in the Constitution that if a Councilor does abstain that um, the...the reason has to be presented to the public um, at least that is what she would like to see. Agosa said she is looking at the Constitution right now really quick. Agosa said so she just needed um, clarification on that and then also too her question is to Doctor Wever were members collectively asked if they felt comfortable having their clinics turn into observational clinics. Agosa said was a survey done, any data collected, feedback and if so where are the results of that data is located for public access. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Sara Agosa. Champagne said if anyone wishes to respond then so be it otherwise further discussion by Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne asked does anyone wish to respond to Citizen Agosa's question.....Doctor Wever.

Doctor Wever said yes.....yes, sorry. Wever said so a survey was not sent out but they had work sessions and they met on this item he believed several times and that is why they had the work session to kind of discuss. Wever said then they did pass the Chamberlain University with the Nurse Practitioner students and ah, that was....what was discussed and presented that patients when they are in the room or there is a student they have that right to decline. Wever said if they have any type of resident student present in the room or any type of procedures they ah, they have that right to decline to have them in the room with the ah, provider. Wever said so they have discussed this several times and there is an option for the patient if they do not feel comfortable with the student or resident that they can actually request them not to participate in the exam.

Speaker Champagne thanked Doctor Wever. Champagne asked further discussion by Tribal Councilors. Champagne said Madame Recorder she is unable to have discussion on this item.

Recorder Wolfe said she knows she abstained she doesn't know if she clearly has to by the Constitution but she is willing to provide that explanation to her.

Speaker Champagne said if she so chooses she may.

Recorder Wolfe said so the reason that she abstained is this is a seven-year agreement with Central Michigan University she has immediate family members that are students at Central Michigan University potentially becoming interns in the future at Little River Health Center so she does not want to be a part of allowing the agreement for that participation to inhibit or enable them not to become interns in the future. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said further discussion by citizens or Tribal Councilors. Champagne said Miss Agosa do she have a follow-up question.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478. Agosa said yes, she does. Agosa said she just wanted to respond that her opinion is a decision to transform their clinics into a observational or research clinic should be weighed by the entire membership more than just dozen people which means Tribal Council and a few Tribal members who are able to attend the work sessions. Agosa said the reason being given their history of institutional abuse she feels that collectively members should have the right to provide feedback and weigh the pros and cons. Agosa said just to follow-up about their rights as members to decline being observed she

would like reassurance from Doctor Wever that members will be educated on their rights through a handout or always be told they have the right not to be observed because a lot of people do not know in observational clinics that they do have that right. Agosa said she knows that from experience so that is just her last question. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Agosa. Champagne said he does want to be able to add in.....well, Doctor Wever the question was posed to him and he will wait in the queue.

Daryl Wever said yeah, so ah, with this being presented several times and discussing and obviously having the Council members ah, are representing their people so he hope there is communication obviously always ah, with Council um, also with the Nurse Practitioner Students and the Physicians they are aware that they ah, are to present to the patient if they don't feel comfortable with the student in the room they have that right to decline ah, any type of ah, involvement or any type of volunteer service. Wever said ah, with this particular ah, agreement with Central Michigan University this is all primary care physicians ah, ah, students....residents that are coming through so this program that Central Michigan is trying to promote is actually to promote primary care physicians to rural areas so that's kind of like their target ah, in helping them kind of ah, get exposure to young ah, physicians ah, and see if that is something of interest. Wever said ah, he does know June which ah, with the cost of schooling ah, and tuition being very expensive ah, Little River does have the ah, option for these medical students some are coming out with extreme debt. Wever said they can also apply for loan repayment through Little River some have also had that impression that they have to go through the southern states. Wever said it is a great opportunity for them to actually interact with the university and he thinks it is a great way of marketing for future doctors ah, and this allows them to see ah, their skills and see if they are a match and if they both get along ah, mutually. Wever said that is something of interest hopefully with their coming out of ah, their schooling ah, that they would be ah, choose to stay with Little River 20-30 years ah, ah, and have a longevity in the clinic. Wever said he believed this is a great start for Little River and Health Center and with them expanding into Muskegon he does believe he feels Michigan State, Michigan and other universities ah, would be also considered and hopefully they can have a broad spectrum of diverse young physicians that are coming through to see if this is something of interest verses them going back and forth would be very costly to ah, recruit and post ah, and very timely having people come on board and then its not a match. Wever said this is a good way of getting good exposure and plus it also ideal with the new expansion with the Health Center in Manistee and in Muskegon their adding ah, ah, a few other specialist and departments that that allows ah, Little River's name to get out in a positive note. Wever said he knows there has been comments in regards to the clinic and its being very ah....it has been very tastefully ah, the quality of the material ah, is being chosen in Grand Rapids and with a theme and it has taken several months. Wever said these items

are of good quality and they are coming from other areas some in their country and some outside and ah, there is a delay. Wever said the hope is that the ah, clinic in both Manistee and Muskegon will be very visually ah, and also very competent to ah, the outside world. Wever said and for them to have an agreement with Chamberlain University, possibly Central Michigan University, and obviously possibly other universities this is a good way for them to get Little River's name out in a positive note because he knows coming on board there was some very, very negative impressions of Little River particularly the Health Center and he would hope this will help them turn in a more positive direction and allows them to grow and also with good quality candidates. Wever thanked everyone.

Speaker Champagne thanked Doctor Wever. Champagne said he did want to go through a housekeeping item before they make a motion to accept with him. Champagne said they do.....they are required to as Madame Recorder Wolfe has said a potential Conflict of Interest, she stated her reason. Champagne said as such they as Council do need to vote on whether they determine it a Conflict of Interest um, but he will read it exactly from the Constitution. Champagne said um, it is underneath F.4 and it says, "*failure to disclose a potential Conflict of Interest is cause for removal, and where a matter of potential conflict has been disclosed, the Council shall determine by majority vote whether a member shall abstain from voting, although no member shall be compelled to vote regarding an issue as to which he or she believes a conflict exists.*" Champagne said this vote is advisory to Madame Recorder and so he would like at this time um, Madame Recorder ah, to be able to ah, they can have discussion on this item for ah, a vote.

There were some murmurs among Tribal Council in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said it's right.....and so does she want to just abstain um, she didn't disclose a conflict but because she stated she had a conflict they do have to do this one housekeeping matter. Champagne said um, discussion on this item. Champagne said he is not sure if there needs to be a motion or not to have the vote. Champagne said he will go to Miss Mc Gowen and Miss Liebing if ah, they can help guide them on whether or not they need a motion to get ___ discussion on the potential Conflict of Interest that Madame Recorder has stated. Champagne said okay, Miss Lewis can she provide guidance on this item....oh, here they go Miss Mc Gowen.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, apologized. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she is eating lunch and so she missed what the question was, sorry, can he repeat it.

Speaker Champagne said yes. Champagne explained that Madame Recorder has ah, determined that there is a potential conflict which she is abstaining from the matter she didn't.....she has disclosed that now based on the citizen's request

before that he did not hear a conflict just a mere abstention and so at this time the Constitution does require the Council to vote um, by majority vote whether a member shall abstain from voting although no member shall be compelled to vote regarding an issue that which she or he exists a conflict. Champagne asked does a motion have to be made to have that vote or can they have discussions and have the vote at that time.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said ah, the later discussion with the motion.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne asked do they need a motion make or just discussion and then ah, a vote.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said then motion by the....if she just wants to abstain she doesn't even have to have a conflict. Mc Gowen-Cuellar asked them guys are they trying to compel her to vote.

Speaker Champagne said no, no it's....it's....it's specifically states that once someone says they have a conflict they have to have a vote so.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she doesn't think they have done that in the past um.

Speaker Champagne said he will just read through Item F.4. it says, *"failure to disclose a potential Conflict of Interest is cause for removal, and where a matter of potential conflict has been disclosed, the Council shall determine by majority vote whether a member shall abstain from voting, although no member shall be compelled to vote regarding an issue as to which he or she believes a conflict exists."* Champagne said he does not believe she has a Conflict of Interest um, but it does say that they need to make a majority vote so he is not sure if there needs to be a motion or just make that majority vote and have discussion prior to it. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said she didn't declare a Conflict of Interest she simply stated why she was abstaining after the Tribal member requested an explanation.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne said he though he heard her say potential conflict.

Councilor Lewis said previously when it was stated someone was going to abstain then there would be a vote.

Speaker Champagne said yup.

Councilor Lewis went on to say that they are not, they know, they agree with that or not and that was the decision whether she votes or not.

Speaker Champagne said he agrees that they would have to do that because he did hear her say there is a potential conflict and because she stated that they do have to make a vote. Champagne said he is just looking at the housekeeping aspect if they need a motion first on this or can they merely have a discussion and then do the vote. Champagne said it doesn't state it in their Constitution so he is going to go at liberty and say open up this item for discussion at this time.

Councilor Lewis said motion first Ryan.

Speaker Champagne asked a motion, okay, that's how.....

Councilor Lewis said yeah, because they are going to vote on that.

Speaker Champagne said okay, go ahead Miss Lewis.

**MOTION ON WHETHER OR NOT RECORDER WOLFE CAN
ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE ON THE RATIFICATION OF
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT
CONTRACT; by Lewis; supported by Champagne.**

Speaker Champagne said going in discussion on the motion he will raise his hand for that specifically. Champagne said he does not believe that Madame Recorder has a Conflict of Interest. Champagne said he believes that she holds all of the same interests of the Tribe in....in and he is not telling her not to abstain he is just saying he doesn't see it as a Conflict of Interest and that she should be eligible to be able to vote on this item if she so being....if it is appropriate. Champagne said um, he does not believe that potentially having somebody access a program that is free of charge has any financial interest in the matter nor is the individuals currently going to access or guaranteed a spot in that potential program. Champagne said therefore he does not see a Conflict from Madame Recorder but he does respect her decision to abstain. Champagne said Council member Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he wants to personally himself he is listening to what she had to say and he can understand. Wittenberg said he can understand both ways but he can certainly understand her way where ah, if she has a kid in there and to be connected on that that maybe one day or something or something but he can understand why she ah, why she feels the way she does. Wittenberg thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said um, she thinks at this present moment that um, there is no conflict for her. Lewis repeated at this time there is no conflict.

Speaker Champagne said any other discussion from Tribal Councilors. Champagne said any discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne repeated any discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens. Champagne said just for the record can they please repeat the motion on the floor. Champagne asked is it seeking Madame Recorder not to abstain or to abstain.

Councilor Lewis said okay, this is whether or not she is allowed to abstain from the vote regarding ah, adoption....oh, she is sorry, the Ratification of Central Michigan University Agreement. Lewis said this is whether or not she has the right to vote or abstain.

Tribal members were speaking in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said Council member Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said this is just a vote whether they feel she has a Conflict of Interest.

Councilor Lewis said yes.

Speaker Champagne said correct.

Councilor Di Piazza said if someone wants to abstain off a vote for whatever reason, they know, but.....

Speaker Champagne said they can.

Councilor Di Piazza said she doesn't have any employed here.....she does not have a kid employed here that is going to be benefitting from it. Di Piazza said if she had a kid then it might be a little different but um.....they are just voting on whether she has a Conflict of Interest not whether she can abstain because she can still refuse to vote.

Speaker Champagne said he is 100% correct Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Lewis said okay.

Speaker Champagne said that is why he asked for the clarification on the motion so that was clear that it was.....does she have a Conflict of Interest and if they want to maybe ah.....

Councilor Lewis said she'll.....she'll amend that to the Conflict of Interest for voting.

**MOTION ON WHETHER OR NOT RECORDER WOLFE HAS A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST; by Lewis; supported by Champagne.**

Speaker Champagne asked Councilor Champagne if she still supports it.

Recorder Wolfe said she doesn't understand the motion anymore.

Both Councilors Johnson and Wittenberg were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne asked Councilor Lewis if she can repeat her motion one last time.

Councilor Lewis said they are voting whether or not there is a conflict with Recorder Wolfe voting.

Speaker Champagne said Mr. Wittenberg.....or Miss Champagne he thinks is the one who supported it. Champagne asked Miss Champagne.....

Councilor Champagne said she still supports it.

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne asked discussion....any other discussion. Champagne said he sees Miss Densmore. Champagne said she has the floor, ma'am.

Chelsea Densmore, Tribal #3225, thanked Mr. Speaker. Densmore said um, so she means she definitely agree with what them guys are saying if Julie would abstain and has a right to do so. Densmore said she doesn't have kids that are necessarily getting into the program right now but she respect what she is saying and she completely understands who runs it. Densmore said that being said like there are plenty of Councilors that have, they know, kids, grand kids, they know what she means, potential family members that could get involved with this program. Densmore said so she definitely doesn't think she needs to. Densmore said um, the question that she has though and the thing she doesn't understand. Densmore said Julie identified that she was going to abstain um, which she heard happened plenty of times ah, not Julie but just in general, um, and then so Sara had asked for clarification and it sounds like because she clarified it them guys are bringing the vote forward, right, however Sara had identified um, a Conflict of Interest with Shirley Wever earlier and not that she agrees with the Conflict of Interest personally that one she doesn't necessarily either she means it is more gray but regardless um, why is this one coming to a vote about Julie's Conflict of Interest when she is already choosing to abstain like them guys are having a vote to decide if she should have a Conflict of Interest when she has already identified one but then earlier when it wasn't identified there was a Conflict of Interest they didn't.....do they see what she is saying. Densmore said she was just wondering if she can have some.....thing for that.

Speaker Champagne said yes he.....that is under him.....that is his responsibilities. Champagne said he believed that he would not have asked for this if she didn't disclose it um, that there was a conflict. Champagne said if she would have just said abstain they would have moved on like they always have um, but how he reads F4. he takes it as when a person identifies there is a conflict then they have to vote whether or not that person has a conflict or not and that is how Council has done it in the past as well. Champagne said so that is the difference between someone raising a conflict on it so that's the interpretation he has. Champagne said obviously there can be more clarification in that um, so he hopes that goes with the motion on the floor is whether or not Madame Recorder Wolfe has a Conflict of Interest. Champagne said um, discussion around processes ah, probably ah, is not directly on this motion on the floor.

Chelsea Densmore said absolutely, she apologizes. Densmore said she was just thinking.....

Speaker Champagne interrupted. Champagne said it was a good question.....it was definitely a good question. Champagne said um, discussion on the motion on the floor. Champagne said all right seeing.....Madame Recorder Wolfe.

Recorder Wolfe said she still doesn't have the motion on what she said. Wolfe said the part that she has is.....*Whether or not there is a Conflict of Interest to abstain from voting on the ratification*..... Wolfe asked what was.....

Councilor Lewis said is there a Conflict of Interest.....that is what they are voting on.....if there is a conflict.....

Recorder Wolfe said so that is the motion if there is a Conflict of Interest.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, if there is a Conflict of Interest.....both.

**MOTION ON WHETHER OR NOT RECORDER WOLFE HAS A
CONFLICT OF INTEREST; by Lewis; supported by Champagne.**

Speaker Champagne said okay. Champagne said that being said he will go to Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #12

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -No	P. Johnson -	No
R. Champagne-No	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever - No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Abstain	S. Lewis - No

Motion carried (1-7-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe asked what does she do for herself.

Tribal Council members were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said he believed she abstains Madame Recorder.
Champagne said he can't tell her what to do.

Recorder Wolfe said what if she goes out of the room and give it back to Pam.

Tribal Council members were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wolfe said one in favor, seven against and one abstention she can abstain.

Speaker Champagne said that is his next question Madame Recorder does she wish to abstain.

Recorder Wolfe said yes, she does she still abstains.

Speaker Champagne said with that being said please don't participate in any further discussion. there she goes on this item. Champagne said Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said okay, yeah, so everybody learned something on the fly today. *Lewis laughing at this point.* Lewis said just going with the wave now they have a little bit of more.....more clarification. Lewis asked but are they going to go back to um.....

Speaker Champagne said yes, they are back on the item on.....on.....at hand.

Councilor Lewis said....because.....she doesn't know she had her hand up before all this because she did want to um.....

Speaker Champagne said go right ahead, ma'am the floor is hers.

Councilor Lewis said okay, they know, well, she thinks that, they know, it's great that they get, they know, students coming in for free um, she thinks it's great that they have, they know, education in their heads um, but, they know, she is looking at their people and just everything that they been through over the years with, they know, flipping doctors all the time, they know, um, their Elders, all of their people, they know, sometime people have some like threatening health issues um, they know, there has been many times they had doctors there and then say "*oh, that one is gone,*" are they going to do that where everybody gets comfortable with them and their gone. Lewis said um, herself she....she would rather see for their people a steady doctor that, they know, people get comfortable with so, they know, well she thinks, they know, all that other stuff that's good, they know, but um, she doesn't know she thinks ah, their people deserve to have a steady doctor

in their lives especially when they are going through, they know, heavy health issues. Lewis said so she is just going to leave it at that. Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Lewis. Champagne said next in the queue is himself. Champagne said um, he is definitely in support of this item um, because they have individuals who are able to come in, to be able to learn as part of giving back in these service type positions, healthcare, social services and things of that nature. Champagne said it is a requirement for individuals to have residency or to intern at facilities. Champagne said it gives an opportunity for the students to get exposure to other aspects and other type of institutions and hopefully come into Indian Health Services. Champagne said as they know CMU is a university that recruits heavily for American Indian students and he thinks that is good because that heightens their chance to have an American Indian provider come into their clinic and hopefully maybe decide to join their team eventually. Champagne said they know American Indian providers do tend to stick around a lot longer than someone who is coming in for a three-year loan repayment or forgiveness program. Champagne said so he thinks they know this is a good aspect. Champagne said he also wanted to make note that not only is it benefitting the students it is benefitting them. Champagne said they have the ability to be able to not only share knowledge but also to have extra hands on deck. Champagne said their patients do have the choice in every clinic that he has ever seen....the patients have the choice who their medical provider is and can say no to any residency. Champagne said that is the first question they ask is they have this individual from here they are in this stage of this is it okay that they are with them today. Champagne said a patient can say no. Champagne said if a citizen or this Council wants to be able to have a brochure they can hand out to the patient at the time in addition to that verbal um, acknowledgement, they know, that is okay as well if that is something processes that the clinic wants to implement. Champagne said they do know that it is a benefit to the community and a benefit to their clinic and their patients. Champagne said so he thinks, they know, it's part of giving back and it's part of hopefully getting more recruitments into their facilities on a long-term basis. Champagne said so that is the end of his comments. Champagne thanked Council. Champagne said Council member Champagne is next in the queue. Champagne said second in the queue is Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Champagne said yes, um, she just wanted to comment that she can understand what Sandy is saying however she felt that way where she didn't like to have a student working on her. Champagne said but she come to the conclusion as she gets older they don't get where they are without getting some experience and these young people that are coming out of college or is going to be working for them um, she just thinks they get the experience and they get the knowledge of having them aboard and what is new. Champagne said she just recently went to the doctor um, and they had a student which was very nice because they were more in depth with their questions and everything than the physician itself were. Champagne said so she supports having um, students come

on board because they do need to have.....give them the ability to gain the knowledge or they are going to end up in a problem with not having qualified residents or doctors. Champagne said so she just thinks it is something that will benefit the student and benefit the Tribe. Champagne thanked them.

Councilor Wever commented out of queue in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was not clear enough to be made out.

Speaker Champagne said next in the queue is Council member Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he wants to, himself, um, ah, these young'uns he won't call them kids but young'uns coming in and he understands both ways on preference and ah, anybody but what he would like to see is one of their own. Wittenberg said when he says one of their own he's talking about not just Little River but he is talking all of Turtle Island. Wittenberg said that is what he is talking about. Wittenberg said so but he is not in those seats ah, he would certainly ah, these young'uns need ah, like they say start someplace. Wittenberg said they have to crawl before they can walk and this is just part of it. Wittenberg said just go for that and ah, welcome whoever comes hopefully one of their own to him but that's his view on it but he can accept whoever walks in the door. Wittenberg thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Council member Wittenberg. Champagne said Councilor Lewis she has her hand raised. Champagne asked Councilor Lewis if she wished to be in the queue.

Councilor Lewis said sorry she forgot to put it down. Lewis said but they know she thinks that is a really good idea because most of their people are not aware that they can, they know, say no to the student coming in. Lewis said she knows when she was recently in there she had to tell them three times because they were like "what?" she said she does not want them to come in. Lewis said so, they know, she thinks their people should be made aware but, they know, just because their IHS she doesn't think that they should have to be giving kids and they have a right to a medical doctor. Lewis said that is just her thought though. Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Lewis. Champagne said Citizen Thull she is next in the queue.

Susan Thull thanked them. Thull said she thinks it is good to look at this in another way too um, by getting students in and of course she hopes and pray that they will have some of their own um, training and that those are the ones that they would look to hire. Thull said um, especially if they are looking at long term. Thull said um, they want to have their own ah, numbers and other Federally Recognized Tribal members um, in service here but um, when saying that by

having a variety of students coming in and interning they are also exposing them to them to their culture. Thull said um, they can learn from that too they can.... they at that time they will learn that they do have traditional medicines and so forth. Thull said so um, this is a good time ah, maybe teach others that their way of their traditions. Thull said so they will be exposed to, they know, Indian people and ah, maybe....maybe ah, will broaden their insights also. Thull said so um, she does agree with this um, for doing this and ah, that is all she has to say. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Champagne asked further discussion from Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said he would entertain a motion to....let him see the languagemotion for Ratification of Central Michigan Agreement. Champagne said for the Councilor who is so moved. Champagne said second call he would entertain a motion at this time.

Councilor Wever said she will make a motion. Wever said she doesn't know what it is now.

Speaker Champagne said Councilor Wever.

Councilor Wever asked is it 21-1110-1711?

Councilor Lewis said 281. Lewis repeated 281.

Councilor Wever asked 281, it looks like she had the.....

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-281;
RATIFICATION OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
AGREEMENT CONTRACT; by Wever; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by citizens or Councilors. Champagne said Citizen Thull. Champagne said ooo....maybe she is gone.

Susan Thull said she is sorry.....

Speaker Champagne said no problem.

Susan Thull said she forgot to lower her hand. Thull thanked them.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor by citizens or Councilors at this time. Champagne said seeing no further discussion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Abstain	S. Lewis -
			No

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Councilor Guenthardt said he votes yes, he got back on.

Tribal Council members were laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wolfe said so he just changes his vote Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Champagne said yes, she didn't read off the roll call amount.....how everyone voted so since she did not do that it would be at..... Champagne asked Mr. Guenthardt is he requesting to vote from an absent to a yes.

Councilor Guenthardt said yes.

Speaker Champagne said there they go. Champagne said he finds that his vote is counted as a yes because she has not read off the results.

Roll Call #13

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			No

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor, one against and one abstained resolution passes.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they can move onto the next item which is.....

A comment can be heard in the background but it couldn't be made out clearly on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne said discussion went so long on that one so IV B.

B. Financial Report ☐ July 2021

Speaker Champagne said this item did have a work session this allows them to bring the Financial Reports forward. Champagne said um, with that being said discussion on the Financial Report of July 2021. Champagne said discussion on the Financial Report for July 2021. Champagne said discussion from Councilors

or citizens. Champagne said he would entertain a motion to accept the Financial Report of July 2021.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2021; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion from Councilors or citizens at this time on the motion on the floor. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion on the floor Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #14

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor the report has been accepted.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder. Champagne said they can move on.

C. Financial Report ☐ August 2021

Speaker Champagne said discussion on the item Financial Report for August 2021 from Tribal Councilors. Champagne asked discussion on the item from Councilors or citizens. Champagne said he would entertain a motion for acceptance of the Financial Report for August 2021 from Councilors. Champagne said Miss Johnson.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor from Councilors or citizens. Champagne said last call for discussion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #

T. Guenthardt -Absent	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (0-0-0-0)

Councilor Guenthardt said he votes yes again. Guenthardt said he is sorry he is having all kinds of problems here with his phone.

Speaker Champagne was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Guenthardt said he is going to throw it away.

Speaker Champagne said all right recognizing Mr. Guenthardt um, is voting yes and having to vote before she made the roll call.....the tallies. Champagne said Madame Recorder if she can accept that vote.

Roll Call #15

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor the report has been accepted.

Councilor Guenthardt said sor.....

Speaker Champagne said that is okay Councilor Guenthardt. Champagne said he was having multiple ZOOM Meetings going at one time for all of Tribal Council so he does understand how these things can go next aspect V New Business. Champagne said there is a revision to this one specifically the ordinance number.

V. New Business

A. Adoption of Amendments to the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010. Ordinance #10-100-06

The Tribal Council held work sessions and seeks to adopt the amendments with the general summary that these amendments clarify that the audit requirements originate from the federal law but are also encoded by the Tribe in this ordinance, preference candidates for obstruction of audit activities.

Speaker Champagne said with that being said this item did have it's final work session with public comments read into the record um, and is being presented before the Council today. Champagne asked discussion on this agenda item from Tribal Councilors. Champagne repeated discussion on the item from Tribal Councilors. Champagne said discussion on this item is open to citizens and Tribal Councilors. Champagne said first in the queue is citizen Miss Agosa. Champagne thanked Sara Agosa. Champagne said the floor is hers ma'am.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is that the language in this ordinance Section 9.02 was changed so that preference employees who failed to comply

with audit activities are immediately eligible for rehire. Agosa said as she stated in work sessions she doesn't agree with this change she believed it is not the role of any government to accommodate dishonest or noncompliant behavior and laws and procedures should work to protect Tribal interest. Agosa said all employees should know and feel empowered to abide by all laws and policies. Agosa said they must also set a precedent to ensure sustainability for the next generation. Agosa said contrary to common Little River belief Little Rive is garnered by Federal Law the Tribal State Gaming Compact and....and Tribal Law. Agosa said she feels that part of being a member of their Tribe is doing one's part to protect and serve and at that this also means protecting Tribal interest including audit activities. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Agosa. Champagne asked further discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said at this point and time seeing no other discussion he would entertain a motion for the adoption of the amendments for the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-100-06. Champagne said second call at this time he would entertain a motion for adoption of the amendments to the Government Business and Accounting Act of 2010, Ordinance #10-100-06 if a Council member is so moved.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

Speaker Champagne said he will go with Councilor Lewis the floor is hers.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-282; ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING ACT OF 2010, ORDINANCE #10-10-06; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Lewis. Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor from Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor from Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said seeing no further discussion Madame Recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #16

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said six in favor and three against resolution is passed.

Speaker Champagne thanked Council.

B. Rescind Resolution # 21-0818-206

Repeal Resolution # 21-0818-206.

Speaker Champagne explained this item is being sponsored by himself. Champagne said ah, he guessed he can open up the floor on this item as for presentation on this item he is recommending moved to repeal or rescind this resolution as stated in the resolution. Champagne said he does not believe that lengthy potential litigation on this matter is in the best interest of the Tribe and they can have other med.....avenues of disputes other than lengthy and costly litigation. Champagne said um, so that concludes his presentation to Tribal Council. Champagne asked does any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne asked do any Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time. Champagne said seeing no Tribal Councilors wish to abstain at this time he can open it up for discussion from Tribal Councilors. Champagne asked discussion from Tribal Councilors or citizens at this time. Champagne said citizen Miss Sara Agosa the floor is hers ma'am.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her comment is she does not agree with the court's order for Injunctive Relief regarding this issue which is also posted on Rapid River News. Agosa said the issues plaguing IT have been prominent and impact the ultimate well being of their Tribal members. Agosa said that is the ultimate consequence and the Ogema was not held responsible for the data crash the big one in 2020 which had a large impact on their staff, finances and even her trust in this Administration. Agosa said in addition their website is outdated and members continue to suffer from lack of information. Agosa said she has been going to work sessions for two years and she has not observed the Ogema proactively improving the IT Department or making ____ so she supported this resolution. Agosa said once again Council must readjust certain authority because of these serious operational issues. Agosa said most seriously these operational issues impact members. Agosa said the impact on members should be part of the judicial review. Agosa said so her two questions for Council is one, she believed that this resolution was based on COVID Funding so what will happen to those COVID Funds. Agosa said two, what are the plans to improve the IT Department if this resolution is repealed. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Miss Agosa for not asking about on-going litigation. Champagne said he respects that she stayed away from that topic because they would not be able to respond. Champagne said in regards to this aspect he agrees with 100% of her comments um, that she had made on this topic item. Champagne said the items as they know Tribal Council does control the purse strings of the Tribe and they are on the 2022 Budget. Champagne said he is hoping they will be able to resolve issues that she has referenced in the 2022 Budget to the allocation process. Champagne said he also believed that there was no.....believed there was no funds spent from the CARES Act dollars um, because it was never implemented contrary to the resolution and date of

implementation. Champagne said as they know the injunction was just issued and so it should have been implemented up until the injunction or stay was granted, Champagne said nonetheless the item before them today Council is to repeal this item and the justification that he has given forth is that he is not in favor of lengthy long litigation that will cost the Tribe significant amount of resources at this time if they have other measures to address and these concerns which he would like to point for the record um, he does believe this was supported and had a good plan to move forward by the Executive and by Tribal Council um, but that is where they are at today. Champagne asked further discussion on this item from Councilors or citizens. Champagne said he would entertain a motion at this time if a Council member so moved to rescind Resolution #21-0818-206. Champagne said Mr. Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, if there are no other questions he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #21-1110-283; RESCIND RESOLUTION #21-0818-206; by Wittenberg; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion on the floor from Council or citizens at this time. Champagne repeated discussion for the motion on the floor from Council or citizens at this time. Champagne said last call for discussion. Champagne said seeing no discussion Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #17

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor resolution is passed.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, November 17, 2021

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Champagne said if Mr. Romanelli has an update at this time he does have the floor. Champagne said he does not see Mr. Romanelli on the floor.....on the call they will move onto C.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Champagne said oh, he is he is sorry Mr. Romanelli. Champagne said go right ahead the floor is his.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, because of the length of these meetings he is going to pass ah, weekly updates status because of the on-going litigation that are going on. Romanelli said he too agrees that lengthy court action should not be happening there are other ways around it. Romanelli said normally that would happen when there are discussions prior to.....ah, between the branches so. Romanelli said with that he has had two meetings while this meeting was going on one was an emergency so he is going to get off the line at this time. Romanelli said but he has no further updates. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Mr. Romanelli. Champagne said they move onto C, Legislative Affairs Update.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Champagne said he can give a Legislative Affairs Update. Champagne said next in the queue is Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said he had briefly mentioned one of the items of concern ah, for their area in Michigan on COVID transmission rates at Munson Healthcare is put on status red which is the highest level. Champagne said they also are making national news for some offor having some of the highest transmission rates they see in the country. Champagne said that is not good news for their populations in their area. Champagne said um, he thinks they know as they continue to go through they can see in the Government Buildings ah, people are wearing masks, their shut-down for visitors by scheduled appointments only, they are taking proactive stances and their enterprises he was shocked he went over there and no employees are wearing any masks. Champagne said so he thinks they know it's hard, it's hard, it's a balancing act between the business interests and public health and safety. Champagne said he thinks they know that is something that has to be maybe more robust conversations. Champagne said he thinks um, they also had to release the report from the Feds that identified Little Manistee, their small little quant town, has having some of the highest lead exposures right now that when they tested the waters. Champagne said he wants to make it known to their citizens who are not on their Tribal Health.....not Tribal Health their Tribal utilities. Champagne said their citizens who are not on the wells but are on the city system which if they are encompassed or maybe townships that they get their water tested. Champagne said their Natural Resource Department does have water testing kits that they can utilize. Champagne said they can also go to Home Depo they may have free testing kits there. Champagne said they might also want to have an evaluation on if their lines are coming into house and are old, exposed lead lines which the problem accounts for a lot of the lead exposure um, to be able to have a Hepa Filter put on. Champagne said there are programs out if they cannot afford a Hepa Filter that they put on their faucet um, that they are able to get one at a reduced cost. Champagne said he highly recommends that for women who are childbearing years um, who are pregnant and for children underneath the age of five years of age. Champagne said lead exposure to their children can have devastating long-term effects. Champagne said he was shocked by that report

.....he was shocked because they see this thing in other urban areas. Champagne said they of course heard of Flint. Champagne said more likely than not the lead exposure is because their Housing Stock in the City of Manistee and their areas tend to be Victorian like Victorian Port Village right. Champagne said so many of the buildings were made with lead at that time and so he encourages their citizens in the area to reach out. Champagne said he would also encourage if they are not able to get access to Hepa Filter and they do have elevated levels of lead in their water to, they know, voice their concerns to Tribal Council and to the Executive because he is sure they can be able to figure out a solution on how to help their population that is being impacted. Champagne said they just received that report late last week or early this week. Champagne said that is all he has for Legislative Update. Champagne thanked them. Champagne said Madame Recorder Wolfe then second in the queue Councilor Di Piazza.

Recorder Wolfe said she just has one to add that um, on November 2nd HR5221 Urban Indian Health Contract passed in the House and now moves onto the Senate for consideration and had a 406 with support and 17 nays. Wolfe said the Urban Indian Health....Health Care Act legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services to confer with Urban Indian Organizations regarding healthcare policies and initiatives for American Indians and Alaska Natives living in these urban areas. Wolfe said the reason she wanted to mention this or bring it up is so they can kind of monitor and see because it will have a huge impact for many of their Tribal members that will see a change in their individual healthcare as they can access Urban Indian Healthcare Organizations because the majority of their Tribal members and other indigenous Americans live and receive the healthcare services in urban areas outside of Tribal jurisdictions. Wolfe said currently the healthcare only IHS is required to confer with Urban Indian Organizations on matters relating to Indian Healthcare Improvement Act. Wolfe said this still requires the Health and Human Services to ensure that IHS and other agency offices.....offices within Health and Human Services confer with Urban Indian Organizations on matters relating to Indian Healthcare Improvement Act and the other provisions of law relating to healthcare for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Wolfe said that is all she has for Legislative Update.

Speaker Champagne thanked Madame Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said next in the queue Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah, he seen the report on the Manistee and the lead. Di Piazza said one thing they got to remember is a lot of these old communities still have wooden sewer pipes and feedlines. Di Piazza said he knows Grand Rapids when they dug up some right downtown still had wooden sewer pipes. Di Piazza said that is what they used back in the day. Di Piazza said also keep in mind, they know, if they are real concerned yeah, get their water tested and if not like Home Depo or anyplace has a Reverse Osmosis System. Di Piazza said they usually run anywhere from about a 100 bucks to well plus then yeah. Di Piazza said that will take the lead but some of the lead particles in Reverse Osmosis. Di

Piazza said just putting a filter at the end of their faucet, he doesn't know, he has had a Reverse Osmosis for a long time. Di Piazza said low maintenance and easy to install. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Champagne thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Champagne said just for public health awareness ah, a Hepa Filter is what is recommended by the Department of Public Health as that is designed to capture lead particles so. Champagne said they do have resources available for that. Champagne said so he just wanted to make sure people know for public health purposes that is what the Department of Public Health recommends not any filter but a Hepa Filter. Champagne thanked them. Champagne asked further Legislative Updates. Champagne said all right seeing no further Legislative Updates. Champagne said they will move onto Public Comment Period.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Champagne said this gives opportunity for citizens to share their good news or ask questions. Champagne said ah, from that he will go onto citizen Miss Sara Agosa first in the queue and second in the queue is citizen Miss Chelsea Densmore. Champagne thanked them.

Sara Agosa, Tribal #4478, said her first comment is related to the preliminary Injunctive Order on Rapid River News. Agosa said she just wanted to follow-up and say again she doesn't agree....agree with this injunction and she does agree that the statements that the Ogema and Council are caught up in these superficial lawsuits that cost the Tribe money. Agosa said she feels that the Ogema had numerous opportunities to fulfill his management responsibilities um, in relation to the large data crash in 2020, the recent Health Clinic crash, withholding Financial Reports from Council, withholding Operational Reports from Council for several months and COVID can only be used as an excuse for so long because technology can alleviate the impact of this Pandemic. Agosa said it does not excuse withholding Financial and Operational Reports for several months nor large data crashes. Agosa said so she is disappointed with this ____ (knolling?). Agosa said her second comment is circling back to Conflicts of Interest in the Constitution on page five her stance is a Conflict of Interest is not simply defined by or should be provoked by the Councilors self-disclosure. Agosa said she thinks after it was written emphasizing disclosure of personal interest and it is written that way because some instances the Councilors is the only one who has the knowledge of a personal conflict and it is their responsibility to come forward with that conflict but not that this language covers all Conflicts of Interest. Agosa said it is the responsibility of Council to oversee and manage the laws surrounding Conflicts of Interest including laws with Federal Grants. Agosa said her final comment the gift cards issued for children around Christmas. Agosa said in the past the amount has been \$20.00 and she just wanted to verify and confirm with Council if that amount has ever changed throughout the years or if it always has been \$20.00. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked citizen Agosa. Champagne said um, he does think they are at the right time.....response also by Mr. Di Piazza.....ah, they are at the right time to raise questions on what they would like to see for gift cards for Tribal citizen children. Champagne said they have budgeted 20.....\$10,000 for that and they have \$10,000 budgeted um, for any children to participate in a children's party um, in Manistee. Champagne said so that historically is what it is they are in the 2022 Budget and if they would like to see more money for Tribal children and give cards directly, they know, he thinks that is definitely a possibility and something he would support as Tribal First Initiative of putting their people first. Champagne said so he thinks that is something he would be in favor of and he is open to their recommendations on that. Champagne said Councilor Di Piazza for a response.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh no, he just wanted in the queue so.

Speaker Champagne asked queue for Public Comment Period.

Councilor Di Piazza answered yes.

Speaker Champagne said sorry he thought he wanted to respond to the question.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Speaker Champagne said next in the queue is Miss Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore greeted and thanked Mr. Speaker. Densmore said Tribal #3225, said she is the Vice-Chair of the Biskaabiiyang Committee and she just wanted to thank everyone who was able to join them this past weekend when they had their Fall Teachings. Densmore said um, they did a majority of them virtually and posted some of the ah, recordings should be posted um, today or at the very least this week on their website they are still working on it. Densmore said um, she did want to ah, also thank everyone who was able to attend their Ghost Supper. Densmore said um, that was her personal first and it was um, an amazing experience for her and her kids. Densmore said she will definitely be um, doing that a lot in the future. Densmore said um, she will say ah, for the committee they still do have their Book Club going on for the Firekeeper's Daughter. Densmore said um, they are meeting tomorrow. Densmore said even if they have not read the book or they are reading the book as long as they are okay with spoilers she would love for them to join them and talk. Densmore said there is so much more in the discussion than just about the book. Densmore said um, she also wanted to make sure everyone was aware and she is not sure if she can screen share but they have a flyer that is going around where they're still having their children's contest so their asking um, Tribal children, descendants, ah, to just be um, drawing ah, and coloring and sending them a picture of um, Boarding School, Residential School um, they have books they were reading this past weekend during their um,

teachings ah, children's books relating to Residential Schools that they can watch with their kids and they are very family friendly ways. Densmore said they are short, little less than ten minute videos that kids can watch if they want to learn a little bit and get more of an idea. Densmore said they will be having their contest end this Sunday. Densmore said so if they want more information um, check their website they always have all of their events on there and recordings of their teachings. Densmore said feel free to reach out to her um, anyone on the committee or send them an email ah, they are definitely there. Densmore thanked them.

Speaker Champagne thanked Chelsea Densmore. Champagne said um, Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said his is on a little separate note um.....

Unified Legal Department Attorneys Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar and Rebecca Liebing just walked into the room according to the ZOOM video and the time was not noted.

Both Councilors and attorneys made comments in the background but it was not clear what was said on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza asked huh. Di Piazza said he is always in trouble.

Tribal Council were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said ah, the kwe have prepared a gift for Miss Liebing, Rebecca, she will be leaving them. Di Piazza said um, all he can say is it has been a great honor to work with her and what she has done for them. Di Piazza said she has always kept the Anishinaabe at the front....in her thoughts and helping them all get through what they need to get through. Di Piazza said he looks forward in the near future to see where.....what great accomplishments she succeeds in her future. Di Piazza said he can't say much more because it may be something different but it was an honor to work with her and know her....well he still doesn't know her. Di Piazza said she stuck with him but he would like to present her with this. Di Piazza reiterated that the kwe had gotten together and got this for her. Di Piazza said and.....

Rebecca Liebing thanked them guys.

Recorder Wolfe thanked Rebecca Liebing for her service.

Councilor Di Piazza also thanked Rebecca Liebing for her service.

Councilor Johnson thanked Rebecca Liebing for her guidance and everything that she has given to them.

Rebecca Liebing thanked them. Liebing thanked her fellow citizens and that she will be around but just in a different capacity. Liebing thanked them very much and that she really appreciated it.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said they prepared food here and they will eat and she knows it is almost 2:00 so they are probably hungry like they were. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she didn't expect this to last all day long.

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the ZOOM recording clearly.

Tribal Council were all laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza said if they can find the hot spot in it and they can have it.

Councilor Johnson was laughing loudly in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Champagne thanked them. Champagne said with that being said is there any other citizens for Public Comment Period. Champagne said seeing no other citizens for Public Comment Period they will be entering Closed Session. Champagne read the following statement regarding Closed Session.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

Speaker Champagne said he will entertain a motion at this time to end first session. Champagne said Mr. Di Piazza.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FIRST SESSION; by Di Piazza; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Champagne asked discussion for the motion at hand. Champagne said discussion for the motion at hand from Councilors or citizens. Champagne said seeing no discussion for the motion at hand Madame Recorder Wolfe roll call please.

Roll Call #18

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Councilor Champagne identified herself. Champagne said Julie she couldn't get back on. Champagne said she is yes also.

Recorder Wolfe said nine in favor they end first Open Session at 1:43 p.m.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wolfe said to Speaker Champagne that the recording is on.

Speaker Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said they are in the Second Open and 01 Item is on the agenda from Closed to Open Session at this time. Champagne said he will entertain a motion to enter into Second Open. Champagne said Madame Recorder.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Wolfe; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Champagne asked for discussion on the motion. Champagne repeated discussion on the motion. Champagne said seeing no discussion on the motion. Champagne said Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #19

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne-Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	No	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Wolfe said seven in favor, one against and one absent they are in Second Open at 3:46 p.m.

Speaker Champagne thanked Recorder Wolfe. Champagne said they are in the Second Open and there is one item on the agenda items moved from Closed to Open Session.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Champagne said no items are being brought forth at this time they move to adjournment.

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Champagne said he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN; by Johnson; supported by Wittenberg.

Recorder Wolfe asked Councilor Johnson why she always says it like that.

Speaker Champagne asked to adjourn.

Councilor Johnson said yes.

Recorder Wolfe said no.

Speaker Champagne asked Councilor Johnson does she want to close all the meeting or just Second Open.

Councilor Johnson said just Second Open.

Speaker Champagne said they have a motion on the floor. Champagne said support from Councilor Wittenberg. Champagne asked any discussion from the motion on the floor. Champagne repeated any discussion from the motion on the floor. Champagne said seeing no discussion from the motion on the floor
Madame Recorder roll call please.

Roll Call #20

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Absent	P. Johnson -	Yes
R. Champagne- Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	S. Wever - No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

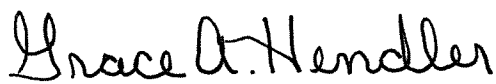
Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Councilor Di Piazza asked can he abstain.

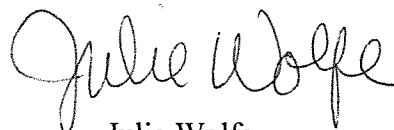
Speaker Champagne jokingly asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had a conflict.

Recorder Wolfe said they have seven in favor, one against and one absent they are adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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