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THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

SPECIAL MEETING
March 31, 1960

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Name of Tribal Organization: Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold
Reservation, New Town, North Dakota

Place of Meeting: Conference Room, New Town, No. Dak.

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Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on March 31, 1960.

Present: Guy Fox, James Hall, Leland Hall, John Starr, John Wilkinson,
John White, Valentine Wells.

Absent: Thomas Bluestone, Charles Fox, B. J. Youngbird.

Chairman James Hall: We had to wait for a quorum now we have a quorum, we can proceed with out meeting.

John White: We have Bernard Chase here, he has something important and he is in a hurry to get going.

Chairman James Hall: Go on a head with what you have in mind.

Bernard Chase: On this Constitutional Committee, we are short of one man. The Committee thought that Jim Foote's son could take his place. I am referring to Adrian Foote. Adrian thought it was all right, but it was up to the Council. I think he has been active, he takes a lot of interest in our affairs.

James Hall Sr.: When Adrian was on relocation, he wrote letters to Washington, D. C. concerning relocatees and their problems. I think it would be a better move. The Council gave the chairman the authority to make the appointments. It is up to the Council.

John Starr: Jim Foote can get on again when he gets well.

Bernard Chase: He has been sick a long time and I doubt if he will want to get on again.

Motion made to give the Chairman James Hall the authority to make the appointment on the Constitutional Committee. Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: We took action on this Law & Order question, turning it over to the Bureau.

A general discussion took place on the Law & Order.

Motion made to reconsider the Resolution 60-16 turning the Law & Order to the Bureau. Second, motion carried.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman John White to explain the reason why the Council is taking this reconsideration.

John White: Some of the Council members discussed this question. They thought that the Judge should be retained, so the Tribe would have something to say or a voice in our Law & Order. If the Bureau took the Law & Order completely, we wouldn't have a voice in it.

Guy Fox: The Bureau will be taking the Law & Order on May 1, 1960.

Guy Fox brought the question on Indian Dances and protection and the time allowed when the dance would stop.

Mr. Comeau stated that the Council could make a resolution on the question, and also stated that the Council would have the Judge issue a permit.

Chairman James Hall: There is nothing in our code on that.

Guy Fox: Somewhere along the Council must have something on this, our thinking is to hire the Judge.

Lee Hall: We should retain or keep our Judge and let the Bureau pay the clerk.

John Wilkinson: I think the Judge and the Clerk of Court should remain on the Job.

Franklin Howard: Mr. Chairman, can I say something.

Chairman James Hall: Go a head, Mr. Howard.

Franklin Howard: When the Bureau takes over the whole thing, the Tribe wouldn't have anything to say about the Law & Order, unless you keep the judicial department.

Lee Hall: There must be sufficient funds to operate on until the fiscal year.

Motion made to retain the Court, the Judge and the Clerk of Court.
Second, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman James Hall: The boy that is auditing the books says he is through with the books now. I'll ask John Starr to call him in, I mean Carl Whitman Jr. His mileage has cost him quite a bit, going to the court house and other places checking on records etc, for his auditing records. He is asking for \$500.00 flat.

Lee Hall: He has been paid \$25.00 per day and he is asking for \$500.00 more, is that it?

Chairman James Hall: Carl, go ahead and tell the Council what you have to say.

Carl Whitman Jr.: When I took this contract there was no mileage mentioned. I was under the impression all the information I needed was in this Office. There were no documents here, I had to go to Mandaree to get what I needed. I made quite a few trips over there. I had to go to Parshall to get records there on phone calls. That is how I arrived at who made calls etc.

Other auditors were paid for their hotel, meals and mileage. The traveling I done, over rough roads and everything cost me \$295.00 in repairs etc. I really have no basis, it dosen't say in my contract. I am merely pleading I think it is justifiable. I think that is within reason. That is the situation I am in.

Chairman James Hall: You heard what he had to say, you are the Governing Body, give hime some consideration.

Lee Hall: Is he through with his audit? His contract ended on March 15, 1960.

Chairman James Hall: He done a lot of the Court records and it is a tough job. His work has been sent into Washington, D. C.

Motion made to table Carl Whitman Jr.' request until the Tribal Council returns from Washington, D. C. and also when all the Council member are present. Second,
Remarks;

John Wilkinson: We realize that we pay thousands of dollars on our claims etc. We should give him some consideration.

J. W. Starr: The way I llok at it, whenever we need his assistance, he is always willing. We should give him some consideration.

Motion carried unanmiously.

Chairman James Hall: Here is another thing on this extra money to take along on this Washington trip.

John White: I like to make a report. We met with the Superintendent on this Law & Order business. I am referring to an inventory that is to be made. The clerk of Court is checking on the items etc. We have a lot of equipment over there at Mandaree. That is all I have to say.

John Wilkinson brought up the subject on a Tribal tract which has a wheat base on it and is described as: Allot. No. 584A, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 19-152-94.

James Hall was interested in the Tribal tract as he had no land with wheat base and he thought he could use it.

Motion made to rescind previous motion. Second, motion carried.

Chairman James Hall: That is all I have for now.

Motion made to adjourn. Second, motion carried.

/s/ Velantine Wells, Secretary
Tribal Business Council