

Attached is a short summary of the July Tribal Interior Budget Council meeting. It is meant to be a short, simple summary of actions, links to presentations, and resolutions to share with anyone who is interested in the work that the TIBC is doing.

For more information visit <http://www.ncai.org/initiatives/bia-tribal-budget-advisory-council> or <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/OCFO/TBAC/index.htm>

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### **Tribal Interior Budget Council**

Update on July 13-14, 2016 Meeting

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#### **Summary**

At the July 13-14 Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) meeting held in Rapid City, SD, tribal leaders met with federal Indian Affairs officials to develop policy and budgets that fulfill the federal trust responsibility and Indian treaty obligations. This document summarizes the topics considered and discussed at the meeting, provides links to documents handed out at the meeting, and lists the resolutions considered and adopted by tribal representatives in attendance.

#### *Meeting Materials*

July 13-14, 2016 Rapid City, SD

[Agenda](#), [Action Tracking](#) (from previous meetings), [Minutes](#) (May 2016 minutes approved at July meeting)

#### **Topics Covered at TIBC Meeting**

Representatives on the TIBC reviewed reports on 2015 carryover amounts for BIA, BIE, and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; discussed the FY 2016 budget and the FY 2017 House and Senate mark for the Interior appropriations bills; and discussed the FY 2018 budget formulation process (see links listed below). The TIBC also received a report on how the priorities set by TIBC were treated in the President's budget request and what the ultimate outcome was as enacted by Congressional appropriations from FY 2009 to FY 2016 ([Analysis of Tribal Priorities](#), Priorities vs. Enacted (XLS)). The TIBC discussed DOI's plan for updating its Strategic Plan, received a report from BIE management, and heard from the Office of Special Trustee. The reports from the BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS) and OJS/Department of Justice collaboration were postponed to the November meeting. A presentation will be given at next TIBC on the methodology of the distribution of law enforcement funds.

#### *Links to Presentations*

[OST](#) Presentation (PDF), Deb DuMontier, Deputy Special Trustee

[Transportation](#) (PPT), Leroy Gishi

[Roads Maintenance](#) (PPT), Dakota Longbrake, Cheyenne River Sioux

[2016 Budget Where Are We](#) (PPT), Jeannine Brooks, Deputy Director OBPM  
[FY 2017 House and Senate Mark](#) (PPT), George Bearpaw, Director, OBPM  
[NCAI Appropriations Update](#) (PDF), Amber Ebarb, NCAI

*Links to Budget Documents shared by BIA*

[Analysis of Tribal Priorities](#), Priorities vs. Enacted (XLS)  
[Regional Table in Brief](#), FY 2018 Budget Formulation (XLS)  
[FY 2017 Comprehensive Table](#) with House, Senate Marks (PDF)

### **TIBC Subcommittees**

On July 12, three TIBC subcommittees met, including the Public Safety and Justice subcommittee, the Roads Subcommittee, and the Data Management Subcommittee. Each subcommittee provided reports to the full TIBC the subsequent days.

### **Resolutions**

Three resolutions were adopted.

#### 1. [Supporting Tribal Nation Building, Growth, and the Upholding of the Federal Treaty and Trust Responsibility in the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan](#)

This resolution calls for the strategic planning initiative to hold the federal government accountable for honoring the trust and treaty obligations funded in the federal budget, including through the use of measures that reflect nation-building. The resolution resolves that the FY 2018-FY2021 DOI Strategic Plan should reflect mission driven goals and measures (currently 22) that have a higher level focus and that focus on tribal nation rebuilding and growth. Motion was made to adopt the strategic plan resolution by Kitcki Carroll and seconded by Rick Harrison. Motion carried.

#### 2. [Supporting Enactment of Legislation that Would Exempt Tribal Governments from the Employer Shared Responsibility Mandate](#)

The TIBC passed this resolution because the employer mandate will cause Tribes throughout the United States economic hardship sufficient to require termination of tribal workers and tribal programs necessary to meet the needs of tribal citizens, including programs for tribal elders and youth. Motion was made by Rick Harrison and seconded by Jefferson Keel to adopt the employer mandate resolution. Motion carried to adopt the resolution as amended.

#### 3. [Opposing Any Decreases to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget in the Interior Appropriations Bill](#)

This resolution if the tribal caucus of the TIBC opposes any decreases proposed at the Department of Interior level, in the President's budget, or presented in the House and/or Senate Interior appropriations bills, which are contrary to the trust obligations to tribes. Motion was made by Kitcki Carroll to adopt the budget resolution, seconded by Chairman Atteberry. Motion carried.

4. Instead of a resolution, the request from the Public Safety and Justice subcommittee for a meeting will come in the form of a letter instead of a resolution. Motion made by Kee Allen and seconded by Kitcki Carroll. Motion carried. The request is for a meeting including BIA OJS, tribal law enforcement staff, and tribal leaders to discuss recommendations from the Public Safety and Justice TIBC Subcommittee.

5. There was a motion by the Transportation workgroup that passed 7-2 by voice vote. They were advancing four recommendations: 1.) Elevate the Road Maintenance line item to a Budget Activity Status within the Indian Affairs Budget Structure; 2.) Create an Emergency Maintenance Pool to provide flexibility to Tribes so they don't have to tap into their construction money; 3.) Impose a standard data collection system on all Tribes; 4.) Create a Deferred Maintenance Budget Request. Request 1 had been adopted at a previous TIBC meeting.

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