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The Finance Committee of the Crow Legislature met this afternoon for purposes of reviewing the FY19 budget submitted by Chairman Not Afraid and referring the budget to the greater body for consideration in a Special Session.

The Committee recessed without acting for the reasons discussed below.

First, the documents submitted do not constitute a “budget” as foreseen by the Legislature and the laws of the Crow Tribe. A “budget” must detail where moneys come from and how the moneys are being expended, the documents submitted were without such detail.

Recently, the Legislature passed legislation earmarking funds for, among other things, the Head Start program and District moneys. That was done in good faith and in consultation with the Executive that the moneys would follow. We are now left in the unenviable position of having passed legislation that cannot be fulfilled.

The “budget” submitted does not address the delinquent payroll owed to the most valuable government resource, our employees.

The “budget” submitted shows expenditures greater than revenues.

The sale of bison to the Three Affiliated was a sale of tribal trust resources without approval of the Legislature.

The “budget” does not address moneys for trash pickup and law enforcement.

Finally, the “budget” does not address the Cloud Peak moneys. Simply, those are moneys of the Tribe and must be allocated in the budget for when they are available.

The October 2018 Quarterly Session will begin Tuesday, October 9th, 2018.

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