# CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE JULY 23, 2018 SPECIAL SESSION

## **JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR 18-04**

INTRODUCED BY ALVIN NOT AFRAID, JR., CHAIRMAN CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

"RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CROW TRIBAL BUDGET AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF LBBP LEASE REVENUES FOR IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES."

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 3(d) of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws requires the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribal Government to prepare an annual budget for the operation of the Tribal Government, including separate budgets for the Legislative and Judicial Branches, for approval by the Legislative Branch and the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2(e) of the Constitution empowers the Legislative Branch to grant final approval or disapproval of the annual budget prepared by the Executive Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, CLB 17-04 providing approval for the FY2018 Crow Tribal Budget, was enacted by the Legislature on October 12, 2017 and approved by the Chairman of the Executive Branch on November 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe is currently working its way out of a substantial financial deficit, and lacks the resources required to fully finance certain programs for, and/or services to, Crow Tribal members and communities; such as the Head Start Program, Summer Youth Employment Program, Crow Elders Benefits, and outstanding Solid Waste debt; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently an estimated \$1,800,000 in the special proceeds of labor account, held by the BIA-Office of Special Trustee, consisting of lease revenue from Land Buy-Back Program Lands ("LBBP Lease Revenue"); and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of CLB 15-06, passed and approved July 16, 2015, identifies that LBBP lease revenues are dedicated to the following uses: "the purchase of lands and interests in lands...for purposes of Tribal economic development...for repairs, improvements, and initial working capital for Tribal economic development projects" and "as security, collateral and/or a source of repayment for loans or other types of financing..."; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of CLB 15-06 provides authorization for, and direction to, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, to, among other things, "remit such LBBP Lease Revenues to the Crow Tribe for use pursuant to [CLB 15-06] and other applicable Tribal law as determined and administered-by the Crow Tribe in its sole discretion"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Executive Branches have determined that it is in the best interests of the Tribe, its members, and the reservation community, to amend the FY2018 budget, in order to provide the financial resources required for the Crow Tribe to support the important programs and services identified herein, despite the fact they are not tied to tribal economic development or land purchases, pursuant to the Tribe's discretionary authority identified in CLB 15-06;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

**Section 1.** That the expenditure by the Executive Branch of the remaining \$1.8M of LBBP Lease Revenue is hereby authorized as follows:

- (a) Bullis Funeral Home, to pay fully debts due and owing and to remove the threat of collection from our tribal members suffering from the loss of loved ones: \$220,000.00
- (b) Dahl Funeral Home, to pay fully debts due and owing and to remove the threat of collection from our tribal members suffering from the loss of loved ones: \$20,000.00
- (c) The Elders fund, in fulfillment of the Tribe's continuing obligation to assist the valued Elders of the Tribe for two months payments due, and one month in reserve: \$768,600.00
- (d) The employees of the Crow Tribe, valued assets for the continuation of the Tribe's inherent sovereignty, many of whom have worked without pay for numerous pay periods: \$300,000.00
- (e) Big Horn County/Republic, for solid waste and whose service has been deeply affected by the Tribe's failure to pay its bill and as a result trash and debris has accumulated around the Reservation causing health and safety concerns to our tribal members and guests: \$36,400.00.
- (f) Each District, for the benefit of the District members and to be paid out by District representatives for the emergency requests received by each Member: \$5,000.00, totaling \$30,000.00 and distribution of such funds subject to rules established by the district.
- (g) Crow Tribal Head Start Program, for sustaining operations in the sum of: \$500,000.00.
- (h) Executive Branch will dismiss Crow Tribal Appellate Case No. 13-002. In Re the matter of: Cedric Black Eagle, in his capacity as Chairman of the Crow Tribe V. Manual Covers Up, Sr., in his Official capacity as Speaker of the House of the Crow Tribal Legislature.

**Section 2.** That the FY 2018 Tribal budget, approved by CLB 17-04, is hereby amended to approve additional expenditures from the LBBP Lease Revenues as authorized by this Resolution.

**Section 3.** That the authorization granted herein is effective immediately on the date of approval of this Resolution.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, shall be, and hereby is, requested, and directed, to remit the revenues identified herein for the specific, one-time discretionary non-Economic Development related expenditures authorized in this Joint Action Resolution.

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## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CROW TRIBAL BUDGET AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF LBBP LEASE REVENUES FOR IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES" was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of <u>14</u> in favor <u>1</u> opposed, and <u>0</u> abstaining and that a quorum was present on this <u>23<sup>rd</sup> day of July</u>, 2018.

Senator Patrick Alden, Jr. Speaker of the House Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

Senator Lawrence DeCrane

Secretary

Crow Tribal Legislature



## **EXECUTIVE ACTION**

I hereby approve or veto.

> Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman Crow Tribal Executive Branch

# JAR - "RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CROW TRIBAL BUDGET AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF LBBP LEASE REVENUES FOR IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES."

Bill or Resolution: JAR18-04 Introduced by: Chairman Alvin Not Afraid Date of Vote: July 23, 2018 Number

REPRESENTATIVE:	Yes	No	Abstained
M. White Clay	X		
D. Spotted	X	_	
F. White Clay	X		
L.Hogan, III	X		
B. Brown			
S. Real Bird			
V. Nomee	X		
T. Yellowtail	X		
T. Gros Ventre		X	
M. Not Afraid	X		
G. Bouyer	X		
J. Demontiney			
B. Hugs	X		
N. Old Crow, Jr.	X		
B. Good Luck	X		
H. Stone, Jr.	X		
L. DeCrane, Secretary of the House	X		
P. Alden, Jr., Speaker of the House	X		
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Result of Vote:  Passed N	ot Passed	Tabled Veto-	Override
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Senator Pat Alden, Jr. Speaker of the House		enator Lawrence DeCo	rane Date



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Frank White Clay Darwin Spotted Merritt White Clay

#### Reno: Center Lodge

Shawn Real Bird Benito Brown Lloyd Hogan, III

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## OFFICIAL CERTICATE OF DELIVERY

I, Senator Lawrence DeCrane Secretary of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government hereby this Transitional Action do deliver a True and Correct Official Copy of the Final Approval for the following Resolution.

> INTRODUCED BY ALVIN NOT AFRAID, JR., CHAIRMAN CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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TO: Refinate Old Con
In the Position of: Exec. Sec.
For the Crow Tribal Executive Branch.
Done and Dated this

Senator Lawrence DeCrane Secretary of the House Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government