

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT**

LARRY B. ROMANELLI,
Tribal Ogema,
Plaintiff

Case No. 25-253-GC

Honorable Angela Sherigan

v.

LRBOI TRIBAL COUNCIL,
Defendant

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ORDER REGARDING CONTINUED CONTEMPT

On May 13, 2026, the Court entered an order in this matter which ordered the Tribal Council to appropriate funds according to the 2026 budget, which is the budget presented by the Ogema on September 30, 2025.

On June 1, the Plaintiff filed a Motion to Show Cause against the Defendant for failure to follow the Court's May 13, 2026 Order. A hearing was held on the Show Cause Motion in which all parties and/or their attorneys appeared.

On September 8, 2026, the Court found five Tribal Councilors in contempt of court for failure to follow the Court's May 13, 2026 Order and they were ordered to pay a \$300.00 fine. Additionally, the Court ordered that each Councilor found to be in continued contempt shall pay an additional \$300.00 fine each week that the violation continues.

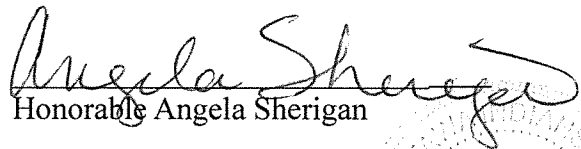
In an emergency meeting of Tribal Council held September 29, 2026, a motion was brought forward to appropriate funding for continuing Budget Resolution Expenditures during the month of October of FY2026. That motion passed, with the following vote count: No – 4, Yes – 5.

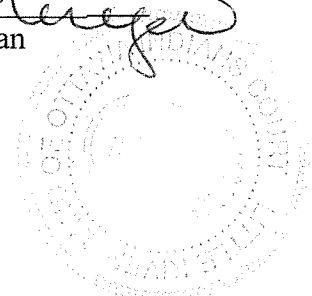
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The five Tribal Councilors that voted "yes" on this motion (Speaker Shannon Crampton, Recorder Al Metzger, Councilor Julie Wolfe, Councilor Ron Wittenberg, and Councilor Susan Thull) continue to be in contempt of court and shall pay an additional \$300.00 fine.
2. The additional fine shall be paid to the Tribal Court in full no later than Friday, October 2, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.

Failure to comply may result in a bench warrant being issued for your arrest.

Date: September 30, 2026


Honorable Angela Sherigan



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document was served upon the parties pursuant to Tribal Court Rule 4.100.

9.30.26
Date

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Court Clerk/Administrator