

## OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2016

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in special session on October 24, 2016 at the SuAnn Big Crow Center east of Pine Ridge. Present: Wendell Yellow Bull, Lyla Hutchison, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes The Shield, Arlin Whirlwind Horse and Sue Ganje, County Auditor.

The meeting called to order at 1:15 pm. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were indicated. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Whirlwind Horse, to approve the agenda as written.

Discussion was held on the location of the early vote site and concerns regarding the current location. Sue Ganje, County Auditor gave a recap on the number of voters at the early vote site for the years of 2012, 2014 and 2016. Kimberly Killer questions the voter count being low and State's Attorney James Sword noted that when the parties provide funding the voter tally is higher. Killer suggested other sites and problems of security, space and access were noted on all alternate options.

Jim Bradford questioned why the Commissioner meetings were not held in Pine Ridge. Yellow Bull noted the lack of a viable location in Oglala Lakota County. Discussion was held on establishing a county seat or organizing the County. Buildings and locations were discussed for Commissioner meetings.

Karin Eagle, freelance writer suggested that the residents need to take ownership of their County for change to occur. Getting the younger generation involved is key.

Yellow Bull redirected the meeting back to the issues on the agenda as presented. Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Whirlwind Horse to leave the early vote site at the Suann Big Crow center for the remaining 9 days of the early vote period.

Lynx Bettelyoun presented the haul road agreement to the Board.

Anna Takes The Shield left the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Motin by Hopkins, seconded by Hutchison to approve haul road agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Motion by Whirlwind Horse, seconded by Hutchison to enter in to executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) for legal at 2:46 pm. Exited executive at 3:25 pm.

Motion by Whirlwind Horse, seconded by Hopkins to appoint, as an emergency measure for safety of County residents, to appoint Jess True Blood as a volunteer Deputy Sheriff and request expedited entrance into Law Enforcement school.

Motion by WhirlWind Horse, seconded by Hopkins to adjourn at 3:29 pm

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Whirlwind Horse to adjourn at 2:47 pm.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor

/sWendell Yellow Bull

Wendell Yellow Bull, Chairman

Board of Oglala Lakota County

Commissioners