

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2020**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 8, 2020. Present: Ramon Bear Runner, Anna Takes The Shield, Eugenio White Hawk, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Art Hopkins and Wendell Yellow Bull were absent.

The meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairwoman Takes the Shield. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the agenda as written. The meeting was turned over to the auditor to ask for nominations for the Chair's position.

Bear Runner asked to wait for additional board members before nominations are made for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Hopkins joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Yellow Bull joined the meeting via phone at 1:37 p.m.

The auditor asked for nominations for the Chairman. Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to nominate Wendell Yellow Bull as chairman.

Motion made by Bear Runner, second by White Hawk, to nominate Anna Takes the Shield as chairwoman.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Yellow Bull, to nominate Bear Runner as chairman.

With no further nominations, the auditor called for a vote on the nominations. Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to nominate Wendell Yellow Bull as chairman. With Hopkins and Yellow Bull voting yes, motion dies for lack of a quorum.

Motion made by Bear Runner, second by White Hawk, to nominate Anna Takes the Shield as chairwoman. With Bear Runner and White Hawk voting yes, motion dies for lack of a quorum.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Yellow Bull, to nominate Bear Runner as chairman. With White Hawk and Bear Runner voting yes, motion fails for lack of a quorum.

Discussion was held as to who the best candidate would be, and what direction the county would and could go in the future. Bear Runner withdraw his nomination to support Takes the Shield.

The auditor asked for nominations for Chairman again. Motion made by Bear Runner,

seconded by Yellow Bull, to nominate Takes the Shield as chairwoman. With Bear Runner and White Hawk voting yes, motion fails for lack of a quorum.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Takes the Shield, to nominate Yellow Bull for Chairman. With Hopkins and Yellow Bull voting yes, motion fails for lack of a quorum. \*\*\*\*\*

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to nominate Takes the Shield as Chairwoman.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Takes the Shield, to nominate Yellow Bull for Chairman.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to cease nominations.

With Bear Runner, White Hawk and Takes the Shield voting yes for Takes the Shield as Chairwoman and Hopkins and Yellow Bull voting yes for Yellow Bull as Chairman, Takes The Shield is Chairwoman for 2020, and the meeting was turned over to her.

Motion made by Yellow Bull to nominate Hopkins as vice-chairman. With Hopkins refusing and no second, motion fails.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Takes the Shield, to nominate Eugenio White Hawk, as vice-chairman.

Motion made by White Hawk to nominate Bear Runner, as vice-chairman. Motion dies for lack of a second.

White Hawk is Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Yellow Bull left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to designate the bulletin boards for legal notices in Hot Springs, Pine Ridge, Kyle, BIA building, Tribal Court in Kyle and Pine Ridge, Kyle Clinic, Pine Ridge Hospital and the Justice Center.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the Chattel Mortgage Sales locations in Hot Springs, Pine Ridge and Kyle.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the First Interstate Bank and the Black Hills Federal Credit Union as the official banks for the county in 2020.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to set the indigent burial rate at \$1,000.00 in 2020.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the prisoner housing in Fall River and Pennington Counties at \$85.00 per day and Meade County at \$65.00 per day in

2020.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to not rehire any employee for a period of one year, if that employee has resigned and withdrawn their retirement funds, unless authorized by the commission.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to meet the second Wednesday of every month, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve travel of the county commissioners and officials to attend Black Hills Association meetings, and other same day travel, and to require travel approval when an over-night stay is required.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the following resolution:

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-01**

WHEREAS, the Division of Purchasing and Printing of the State of South Dakota has competitively bid state contracts for the purchase of necessary supplies, equipment and materials for state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners is authorized to purchase necessary supplies, equipment and materials for its use, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners enter into an agreement with the Division of Purchasing and Printing of the State of South Dakota to purchase equipment, supplies and materials.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

/s/Anna Takes The Shield, Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/Sue Ganje  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve wages and salaries for 2020 as follows:

Name	Per hour/annual salary	
Ahrendt, Brian	\$25,000.00 yearly	
Arredondo, Jerlene	\$ 15,500.00 yearly	
Bear Runner, Ramon	\$125.00 per month	Plus \$25.00 per meeting
Bettelyoun, Lynx	\$ 44,570.80 yearly	
Boche, Carol	\$3,000.00 yearly	

Bush, Karen	\$ 14.61 per hour	
Davis, William	\$10.00 per hour	
Engebretson, Melody	\$ 16,675.00 yearly	
Ferguson, Kelley	\$ 14.85 per hour	
Ganje, Sue	\$ 16,675.00 yearly	
Hayes, Susie	\$10,000.00 yearly	
Herman, Joe	\$46,725.00 yearly	
Hopkins, Arthur	\$125.00 per month	plus \$25.00 per meeting
Jenniges, Edie	\$3,000.00 yearly	
Martinez, Audrey	\$ 90.00 per call	
Merdanian, Tony	\$ 15.30 per hour	
Rhoe, Kelli	\$ 16,675.00 yearly	
Takes the Shield, Anna	\$125.00 per month	plus \$25.00 per meeting
White Face, David	\$18.00 per hour	
White Hawk, Eugenio	\$125.00 per month	plus \$25.00 per meeting
Yellow Bull, Wendell	\$125.00 per month	plus \$25.00 per meeting

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to appoint the commissioners, to serve on the weed board for 2020 to represent the county.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to set the private road work hearing for February 12, 2020 meeting as per SDCL 31-11-41 through 31-11-45.

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the following resolution:

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-02**

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, the Board of County Commissioners at their first meeting shall set a fee for Election Board and the mileage rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners have set the fee for attendance of Election School at \$25.00; and

ALL ELECTION BOARDS WILL RECEIVE A FLAT FEE OF \$130.00; SUPERINTENDENTS OF EACH PRECINCT A FEE OF \$135.00; RESOLUTION AND ABSENTEE BOARDS WILL BE SET AT \$9.35 PER HOUR, and

ALL PROVISIONAL BOARDS WILL BE SET AT A \$20.00 FLAT FEE, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners set the mileage rate at \$.42 per mile for the transporting of ballots and ballot boxes by the precinct superintendent.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

/s/Anna Takes The Shield, Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/Sue Ganje  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Motion made by White Hawk, seconded by Bear Runner, to table the polling place resolution, until a later meeting.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the minutes of December 26, 2019.

Discussion was held about the home rule charter; it will be on the February agenda.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to appoint the Lakota Times as the 2020 legal newspaper.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the board. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the rate of \$78 per hour for private road work.

The board decided to table the letter of contract – Engineering Services – Oglala Lakota County Road 7, Aggregate Resurfacing Project for Oglala Lakota County until a later date. More language on rates and mileage were requested.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the quote form Great Western Tires for 4 loader tires, 205-25 BKTL2/G2 20 ply, delivered, in the amount of \$4,729.60.

Takes the Shield exited the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and returned at 2:51 p.m.

Bettelyoun asked the board if he could start looking for a new pickup, passing his older pickup down to Joe Herman, Oglala Lakota County Sheriff. The board agreed that he could do so.

Bettelyoun updated the board that they having been dealing with some snow storms and one incident, as well as working on the current road project.

White Hawk excited the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and returned at 2:56 p.m.

Susie Hayes, Director of Equalization, met with the board. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the abatement for Glen Gibbons, parcel #20000-03744-10200, tax year 2019, pay 2020, in the amount of \$2,204.34. Reason: The board agreed the parcel should be valued as agriculture status.

Joe Herman, Sheriff, was unable to meet with the board; there was no monthly report given.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the board. Discussion was held on possible polling locations for Pine Ridge for early voting.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the agreement for Br. Rene Hall in Oglala, for the primary and general election, in the amount of \$100.00 per election and authorize the auditor to sign.

Discussion was held on 911 signs, the upcoming census, and the present representatives Ann Eagle Bull and Troy Ferguson.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by White Hawk, to approve the bills, excluding Cynthia Weichmann, as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$53.76
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE	\$53.76
EFTPS	EMPLOYEE PAYROLL TAX	\$2,503.76
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$34.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LONG DISTANCE	\$119.83
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE	\$95.76
KILBY, FAITH	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$414.40
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	DECALS	\$63.60
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$45.98
REGIONAL HEALTH	MORGUE FEE	\$461.00
BADLANDS CONSERVATION	2020 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$2,500.00
WHITE HAWK, EUGENIO	MILEAGE	\$75.60
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$6,496.45

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE**

CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$12.00
EFTPS	EMPLOYEE PAYROLL TAX	\$2,007.09
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$474.43
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$46.84
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$50.76
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$2,591.12
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 12/27/19 AND 1/8/20	\$9,087.57

Hopkins spoke of a possible meeting with Pennington County Commissioners about prisoners.

No public comment was given. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to

adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

/s/ Anna Takes The Shield  
Anna Takes The Shield, Chairwoman  
Board of Oglala Lakota County  
Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor