

**ONGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in Special session on February 14, 2020 for a teleconference meeting. Present were Ramon Bear Runner, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes the Shield, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Eugenio White Hawk was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairwoman Takes the Shield. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the following resolution:

**ONGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-03**

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-14-1 allows for the establishment of polling locations in each County; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County 2020 polling places be established as follows:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1**

PORCUPINE COMMUNITY CENTER (ELDERLY MEALS) - Porcupine School, Porcupine, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

ONGLALA PRECINCT- Brother Renee Hall, Oglala, SD  
MANDERSON PRECINCT- Manderson CAP Office, Manderson, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3**

CUNY TABLE PRECINCT- Red Shirt School, Red Shirt, SD  
KYLE PRECINCT- Kyle CAP Office, Kyle, SD  
ROCKYFORD PRECINCT- Singing Horse Trading Post, 7 mi. N. of Manderson, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4**

PINE RIDGE PRECINCT 3- Pine Ridge Elementary School Gym, Pine Ridge, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**

PINE RIDGE PRECINCT 1- Pine Ridge Elementary School Gym, Pine Ridge,  
SD  
BATESLAND PRECINCT- Oglala Lakota County School, Bill Conquering Bear  
Gymnasium Batesland, SD

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 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 Hopkins, to approve the facilities use permit with Pine Ridge School for the Primary (June 2) and General (November 3) elections, and authorize the auditor to sign.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the following resolution:

**UGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-04**

WHEREAS, the US Census will be undertaken within Oglala Lakota County during the year 2020, and

WHEREAS, people living in Oglala Lakota County are members and nonmembers of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, an accurate count of the residents of Oglala Lakota County has never been accomplished and that the demographic information are inaccurate when used for local, state, and national policies, and

WHEREAS, the majority who reside in Oglala Lakota County are members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe whose jurisdictional boundaries are the boundaries of the Oglala Lakota County, the southern half of Jackson County, within all federal trust lands within Bennett County, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners are extremely concerned that a more accurate 2020 Census Count is made for the residents in Oglala Lakota County, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners understand that an accurate 2020 Census Count of the residents within Oglala Lakota County will have far-reaching national implications.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs all Oglala Lakota County officials to assist in the effort to

accomplish a more accurate and reflective account of the residents within Oglala Lakota County during the 2020 United Census Count, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners hereby calls for a joint meeting between the Oglala Lakota County, Jackson County, and Bennett County Commissioners to address and support a more accurate account of all residents in these counties.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to set up a joint meeting with Bennett and Jackson Counties and the Tribe at the Oglala Lakota college in Kyle to further discuss the importance of the census.

Bear Runner will email information to other commissioners and counties about the upcoming meeting on the census in Fort Pierre on February 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion was held on the upcoming meeting in May that the county will be hosting at Prairie Winds Casino. Further details will be worked out in the future.

Discussion was also held on finding an early vote site.

No public comment was given. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn at 10:23 a.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