

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 2023. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull by telephone and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Absent: Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Allyssa Comer, Vice-Chairwoman. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. **ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2023.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to present cost estimate for a new Highway Shop from Cleary Building Corp. The estimate is \$352,801.00. He noted that the estimate did not include any concrete, insulation, utility or finishing costs. He spoke with Mark Donovan, Batesland Mayor, to see if the town had any planning and zoning, which they do not. There's a possibility that the street next to the shop could be vacated and utilized as well. Hopkins requested that Bettelyoun make sure that there are exhaust fans included in the building plans.

Bettelyoun inspected Grass Creek Road and determined that it would cost a lot to get the road up to County standards as well as to maintain it. His recommendation is to not take it on as part of the County Highway system. He spoke with the Tribe. They indicated that they have intentions of doing something with the road.

Highway Department updates included notifying the Board that there is a full crew, and everyone is doing great. There are no equipment concerns at the moment. They have been reshaping, refencing, blading, filling in holes and mowing.

Yellow Bull entered the meeting in person at 1:48 pm.

Bear Runner entered the meeting at 1:49 pm.

Bettelyoun repeated some of the previously stated information for the Board members that had just joined the meeting. Yellow Bull recommended contacting the SD School of Mines & Technology to assist with the Highway shop planning.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to present her report. She asked the Board for guidance on whether to use a "flex time" system to better accommodate Veterans that need to have later appointment times. The Board agreed that she should do that so that she can be available when needed. Arredondo went over some of the benefits that the Lakota Federal Credit Union is offering for Veterans. There has been some trouble with the headstone deliveries. Many are delivered broken. She contacted the Federal agency that oversees this, they stated that they are going to be utilizing a different trucking company in the future. Hopkins requested that she reach out to the newspapers and radio stations to provide information to Veterans regarding different benefits that are

available. Bear Runner invited her to come during the Housing Authority's radio time slot on Wednesdays at 9 am. She also wanted to discuss concerns that she had regarding the VA Suicide Prevention Hotline and/or the 988 hotline's procedures within the Tribal communities. She discussed the issue with the Hotline, who questioned the procedure of the Tribal Police. They met with the Tribal Chief of Police and spoke to him about Critical Incident training to better assist the individuals that are reaching out for help. He stated that he needs to provide that training to his Officers. Lastly, she reported that she is working on getting a Veterans' Day Ceremony honoring 90+ year old Veterans set up at Prairie Wind Casino. Hopkins and Yellow Bull want to see the County VSO giving coffee, cake, etc. at Veteran's wakes, to be taken out of the supply budget.

Bear Runner left the meeting at 2:33 pm and returned at 2:43 pm.

The Board also reviewed the VSO report. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the VSO report for August 2023 and place on file.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to deny the Zuya Akicita Veterans request for funding to attend the Crow Creek Powwow in Fort Thompson and the Rosebud Powwow in Rosebud. The Board wants a letter sent to groups to notify them that they need to request funding well in advance of the event(s) and would need to be present at the Commission Meeting to present their request.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), joined the meeting at 2:52 pm and took over the meeting as Chairwoman.

TJ Plume of Plume, Inc., Alpha One Fire and Rescue, met with the Board to request funding in the amount of \$19,050.00 to supplement the department's budget to purchase equipment. He read a letter that was placed on file in the Auditor's Office, he went on to say that, due to having an MOA with the Tribe that the department is unable to get certified by the SD Fire Marshall and therefore cannot get any insurance monies allocated to fire departments. Discussion followed regarding other amounts.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to give Plume, Inc., Alpha One Fire and Rescue \$5,000.00. The money is to be part of Resolution 2023-07, limiting funding.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) wants a meeting set up and wishes to attend, with Alpha One and the SD Fire Marshall to try and get things resolved so that they may become certified.

Sam Kipp, Deputy Director of Equalization, met with the Board to present quotes from Vanguard for purchasing additional training time.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to purchase 8 hours of training time from Vanguard at a cost of \$1,320.00.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to ask that the discussion regarding Delinquent Property Tax payment plans be moved to the next meeting. The Board agreed.

Bear Runner again addressed the Board to speak on behalf of the Oglala Lakota Housing Authority (OLHA) and Behavior Management Systems (BMS) regarding the proposal to assist the

OLHA. They will be requesting that the County contribute \$100,000.00 for the first year to help get things started. Bear Runner passed the presentation out to the Board, only for them to look at before the next meeting. No action was called for.

Break was taken at 3:25 pm. The meeting resumed at 3:45 pm, with Hopkins absent.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to review the 2024 budget. The Board asked that the budget be moved to a time after the Sheriff’s presentation.

Hopkins returned to the meeting at 3:50 pm.

Vanessa Plume, Sheriff, met with the Board to present a quote from Liberty Superstores for 3 Dodge 2024 AWD Pursuit Durango’s with 5.7 Hemi engines. Discussion regarding the number of vehicles to purchase continued.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to purchase 2 new vehicles at a cost of \$52,280.00 each off of the State bid, totaling \$101,480.00.

The Memorandum of Agreement between Prairie Wind Casino of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Oglala Lakota County was not signed yet by the Tribe, so no action was taken.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer to approve the bills as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MONTHLY MEETING MILE	\$177.48
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$95.61
AT&T TELECONFERENCE	PHONE CONFERENCE SER	\$73.35
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	METH SUMMIT/PIERRE T	\$283.10
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$40.89
BURNS, CINDY	2023 COUNTY CONVENTI	\$80.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$257.93
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$114.50
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE	\$51.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	COUNTY CONVENTION TR	\$459.44
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	METH SUMMIT PIERRE T	\$298.40
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,670.33
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$190.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LO	\$201.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LO	\$131.31
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE	\$108.12
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	COUNTY CONVENTION TR	\$408.44
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	METH SUMMIT PIERRE T	\$247.40
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$681.64
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	MI/QMHP JUVENILE	\$55.00

LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$45.23
MANLOVE PSYCHIATRIC	COURT ORDERED EVALUA	\$4,500.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$1,143.52
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$301.14
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$379.59
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE	MONTHLY RENT/VSO OFF	\$100.00
PLUME, VANESSA	METH SUMMIT/PIERRE T	\$74.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$32.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	2023 COUNTY CONVENTI	\$1,000.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$15.39
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$60.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,053.03
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE LAW SUBSCRIPT	\$148.00
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$500.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	COUNTY CONVENTION TR	\$451.28
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	METH SUMMIT PIERRE T	\$283.10
MONTILEAUX, ESPERANZA	REISSUED OUTSTANDING	\$30.60
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE	\$192.27
COMER, ALLYSSA	COUNTY CONVENTION TR	\$422.72
COMER, ALLYSSA	METH SUMMIT PIERRE T	\$262.70
COMMISSION SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$1,425.00
STATE'S ATTORNEY SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$500.00
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$3,189.33
SHERIFF SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$3,726.92
CORONER SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$175.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	\$26,040.56
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$94.31
BANNER ASSOCIATES, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$402.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$30.56
LEE RANCH TRUCKING LLC	GRAVEL HAULING	\$39,936.00
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$39.00
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$274.70
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	PARTS	\$5,236.00
DIESEL MACHINERY, INC	PARTS	\$765.85
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$4,803.43
FAIR MANUFACTURING, INC.	FREIGHT	\$1,000.00
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$510.96
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	LOCAL PHONE & INTERN	\$220.68

HUSKER AUTO PARTS	SUPPLY/INVENTORY	\$52.33
63 INDUSTRIES LLC	GRAVEL CRUSHING	\$163,500.00
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$557.08
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$585.94
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$1,797.74
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$49.56
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$274.59
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$140.75
SAFETY BENEFITS, INC.	ANNUAL SAFETY CONFER	\$75.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,366.03
TRUE NORTH STEEL, INC.	CULVERT BANDS	\$542.81
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIP.CO	PART	\$1,392.00
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$210.90
CRBR ADMIN SALARIES	AUGUST SALARIES	\$20,982.68
	<b>TOTAL FOR ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	\$245,840.90
<b>FIRE FUND</b>		
ALPHA ONE FIRE & RESCUE	FUNDING REQUEST	\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR FIRE FUND</b>	\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL BILLS BETWEEN 08/09-09/08/2023</b>	\$276,881.46

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the 2024 Annual Budget and Resolution as follows;

**General Fund:**

Board of County Commissioners from \$60,454 to \$76,601; Auditor from \$76,138 to \$74,806; Total General Government from \$587,802 to \$602,617; Total Expenditure Appropriations from \$766,895 to \$781,710; Total Appropriations from \$766,895 to \$781,710; Cash Balance Applied from \$213,782 to \$98,121; Current Property Tax Levy from \$322,600 to \$333,996; Other Taxes from \$9,200 to \$6,125; Net Total Taxes from \$331,785 to \$340,106; Licenses & Permits from \$520 to \$320; Intergovernmental Revenue from \$122,600 to \$146,800; Charges for Goods & Services from \$52,045 to \$49,420; Miscellaneous Revenue from \$5,800 to \$105,800; Total Other Revenues from \$180,965 to \$302,340; Subtotal from \$726,532 to \$740,567; Less 5% from (\$40,363) to (\$41,143); Net Means of Finance from \$766,895 to \$781,710; Total Appropriations from \$766,895 to \$781,710

**County Road and Bridge Fund:**

Cash Balance Applied from \$19,945 to (\$7,305); Intergovernmental Revenue from \$916,100 to \$944,000; Charges for Goods & Services from \$900 to \$300; Miscellaneous Revenue from \$380 to \$330; Total Other Revenues from \$917,380 to \$944,630

**Fire Fund:** Cash Balance Applied from (\$470) to (\$626); Current Property Tax Levy from \$6,075 to \$6,281; Other Taxes from \$150 to \$100; Net Total Taxes from \$6,225 to \$6,381

Domestic Abuse Fund:

Cash Balance Applied from (\$125) to (\$55); Licenses & Permits from \$100 to \$30;  
Total Other Revenues from \$125 to \$55

M & P Fund:

Cash Balance Applied from \$150 to \$600; Charges for Goods & Services from  
\$7,250 to \$6,800; Total Other Revenues from \$7,250 to \$6,800.

ANNAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SD  
For the Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Tax Levy in

**RESOLUTION**

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	\$'s/1,000
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes (10-12-9)	333,996.00	5.088
Library		
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) -		
SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	333,996.00	5.088
County Snow Removal Fund (34-5-2)		
County Road and Bridge (10-12-13)		
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg. (7-25-1)		
Bond Interest Sinking (7-24-18)		
Ag Building (7-27-1)		
UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL	-	-
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED		
LEVY - SUB-TOTAL	333,996.00	5.088
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76) (31-12-27)		
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	6,248.00	0.096
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	340,374.00	5.365

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, this 8th day of September, 2023. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Oglala Lakota, County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Oglala Lakota County for the year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota

/s/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Chairwoman

/s/ Allyssa Comer  
Allyssa Comer, Commissioner

/s/ Art Hopkins  
Art Hopkins, Commissioner

/s/ Ramon Bear Runner  
Ramon Bear Runner, Commissioner

/s/ Wendell Yellow Bull

\* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

Wendell Yellow Bull, Commissioner

ATTEST

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor

As of 09/08/2023 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

Motion made by Comer, seconded by Yellow Bull, to go into executive session to discuss personnel, SDCL 1-25-2 (1), the time being 4:09 pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:16 pm.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn at 4:17pm.

/s/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)

Anna Takes the Shield Dubray, Chairwoman

Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor