

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 11, 2023. Present: Ramon Bear Runner, Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Absent: Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and meeting was called to order at 1:08 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 Bear Runner, to approve the agenda with the addition of setting a date for a Special Meeting to work on Policy.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the meeting minutes from September 8, 2023 and September 22, 2023.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the August 2023 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve travel for Bobbie Janis, Auditor Administrative Assistant, to attend the Auditor's Election Workshop in Pierre October 18 & 19, 2023.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to set a Supplement & Contingency Hearing for November 8, 2023 at 1:45 pm.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve setting a Special Meeting on October 27, 2023 to work on Policy along with a few business items.

Kim McNemar, Behavior Management Systems and Ramon Bear Runner, acting on behalf of Oglala Lakota Housing Authority, met with the Board to present a request of a contribution of \$100,000.00 to enter into an MOU with OLHA, Behavior Management Systems and the County, with BMS as a Certified agency to confirm that Federal Funding requirements are followed. Bear Runner noted the overcrowding in existing housing and a change from low income housing to supportive housing. Gene Tyon, Oaye Luta Okolakiciye (Moving Forward in a Sacred Way) was also present to meet with the Board regarding his involvement with the project.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to move the request to the next regular meeting on November 8, 2023 after the applicants have come up with a budget that shows the need of the requested \$100,000.00.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to go into executive session with Rebecca Mann, Attorney with Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and Ashmore, LLP, for legal as per SDCL 1-25-3 (3) at 1:45 pm.

The Board was declared out of executive session by Vice-Chairwoman Comer at 2:13 pm.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to get authorization to contact Banner & Associates to provide an estimate for engineering services on County roads. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to move forward with contacting Banner & Associates to request a quote for the expansion of the county highway department.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to accept the one and only fuel bid submitted by Vollan Oil for 2,000 gallons of no ethanol gasoline at \$3.33/gallon and 5,000 gallons of 50/50 dyed diesel at \$4.09/gallon.

Bettelyoun offered to donate 200 hours of sick leave to Audrey Martinez, Administrative Assistant. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to allow Bettelyoun to donate up to 200 hours of sick leave to Audrey Martinez for her current medical absences.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept and place on file, the Highway Department updates which included: Hauling 500 tons of gravel to CR 26, 50 tons to CR 2 and 50 tons to CR 4; blading 16A, 2, 4, 11, 7, 15, 15L, 17 16 & 9; grooming 16, 7 & 4; mowing 26, 15L, Winter, 24C 24, 15, 17, 16, 27, 2, 4, 9, 25, 11 & 13; fencing on 27; equipment repair: replaced heater hose on 2008 Kenworth; changed oil on 2018 950 Loader; fixed hitch & fixed 3 tires on Batwing mower; replaced hydro hose on 2018 Backhoe; installed 2 auto gates on Rd 6 and reshaping on 27.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to present updates for September. She noted that there were quite a few individuals that reached out questioning the \$500.00 MOAA grant that was given out. She also wanted to let everyone know that, due to the new PACT Act, a lot more veterans are now able to qualify for VA healthcare. She has assisted with a lot of DD214 acquisitions because the store in Pine Ridge gives food to Veterans once per month, but they need to provide the document for proof. She is currently working with a family of a deceased Veteran, who is eligible to receive a Purple Heart posthumously. There will be a ceremony honoring Veterans who are age 90 and above at the Prairie Wind Casino on Veteran's Day. She is currently getting ready to move into the new location.

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

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to amend the 2024 Levy Resolution. This is due to the centrally assessed utilities, and increase to value, which creates a smaller mill levy. She is still working on a recap of the available restricted cash in the budget.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to amend the 2024 Levy Resolution as follows:

ANNUAL 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)	333,964.00	5.088
Library		
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) - SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	333,964.00	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	333,964.00	5.088
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76) (31-12-27)		
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	6,280.00	0.096
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	340,244.00	5.184

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 Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to contribute the requested \$1,000.00 in support of the National Center for Public Lands from the Local Assistance and Tribal Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Bear Runner asked for discussion with the Board regarding the hiring of a County Administrator/Executive Director. Sue will do research on hiring a Commission Assistant.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the proposed Property Tax Payment Plan Agreement. Some of the items that were discussed was; owner of the property must live in the home, must qualify by income, the payments have to remain current to stay on the plan, the plan will only be used for delinquent taxes, taxes must be at least three years delinquent, all future taxes must remain current and the plan will only be offered one time. After discussion, the Board decided that they didn't want to make living in the home part of the criteria.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Property Tax Payment Agreement with the removal of the stipulation where the taxpayer had to live in the home.

Pullen noted that she has started the process of taking Tax Deeds. She also noted that she is pursuing individuals who have liens against them that live in Oglala Lakota County by putting their name in the newspaper and on Facebook. She will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to pursue lien collections as described by the County Treasurer.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to instruct Pullen to talk to Curtis Temple about doing a probate on the property next to the Highway Shop and then quit claim the property to the County. In return, the County would waive a portion of the interest that has accrued on other properties that are delinquent that he pays taxes on.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE	\$59.16
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$95.61
AT&T TELECONFERENCE	PHONE CONFERENCE SER	\$39.61
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
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BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$40.89
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA	SD COUNTY CONVENTION	\$1,010.00

CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$197.21
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/USAGE	\$208.28
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$114.50
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE	\$51.00
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,681.89
ENGBRETSON, MELODY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$483.92
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$2,375.00
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL	\$2,549.86
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LO	\$194.00
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HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE	\$108.12
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LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$269.64
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$26.46
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$189.80
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$590.87
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE	MONTHLY RENT/VSO OFF	\$100.00
QUALITY INN PIERRE	METH CONFERENCE/HOTE	\$308.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$32.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD ANALYSIS FROM	\$275.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$7.30
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$60.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,051.96
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$66.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE CHECK MESSED	-\$66.30
PINE RIDGE GIRLS SCHOOL	REPLACEMENT TREASURE	\$15.33
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE	\$97.92
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE	\$97.92
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COMMISSION	SEPTEMBER SALARIES	\$1,500.00
ST ATTY	SEPTEMBER SALARIES	\$500.00
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE	SEPTEMBER SALARIES	\$3,189.33
SHERIFF	SEPTEMBER SALARIES	\$3,726.92
CORONER	SEPTEMBER SALARIES	\$175.00

	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$22,291.59
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$94.31
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$30.56
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$1,283.75
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$49.00
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$274.70
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$4,407.96
FERGUSON, KELLY	GRAVEL	\$40,000.00
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$300.27
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	LOCAL PHONE & INTERN	\$220.68
63 INDUSTRIES LLC	CONTRACT CRUSHING	\$152,500.00
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$301.02
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$221.32
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$57.33
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$105.21
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$51.74
MIDWAY SERIVCE/VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	\$26,530.54
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$140.75
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,270.18
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$228,839.32
M & P RELIEF FUND		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$75.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$75.00
	TOTAL OF BILLS PAID BETWEEN 9/9 AND 10/11/ 2023	\$251,205.91

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move Ernie Little's agenda items to the next meeting, due to his absence.

Vanessa Plume, Sheriff, met with the Board to provide updates. She is working on a database to track all the law enforcement activity, civil, criminal etc. for grant applications. . Stacy will work with Vanessa to get her added to the SAMS program, so she will be able to apply for grants in the future. She also brought 2 potential hire approvals.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move hire approval to the next meeting on October 27, 2023.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Sheriff's report and place on file.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn at 3:59 pm.

/s/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Vice-Chairwoman
Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor