

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 08, 2024**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 08, 2024. Present: Art Hopkins, Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Wendell Yellow Bull, Ramon Bear Runner and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Allyssa Comer was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:24 p.m. by Chairwoman Takes the Shield (DuBray). The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. **ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

Chairwoman Takes the Shield (Dubray) presented Flags that were donated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Secretary's office to Veterans Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, Lynx Bettelyoun, Sam White Face and Audrey Martinez.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the agenda as written. The meeting was turned over to the Auditor.

The Auditor asked for nominations for the Chair. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to nominate Allyssa Comer as Chairwoman and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) as Vice-Chairwoman.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Comer as Chairwoman and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) as Vice-Chairwoman for 2024.

The meeting was turned over to the Vice-Chairwoman.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Grouping of agenda items to include: Designate the bulletin boards for legal notices in Hot Springs, Pine Ridge Post Office and Tribal Building, Kyle Post Office and Kyle Clinic; to approve the First Interstate Bank, Black Hills Federal Credit Union and Schwab as the official depositories for the County in 2024; set the indigent burial rate at \$1,000.00 in 2024.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grouping of agenda items to include: Approve rate for prisoner housing in Fall River County at \$95.00 and \$120.00 per day and Pennington County at \$95.00 and \$120.00 per day in 2024; to not rehire any employee for a period of one year, if that employee has resigned and withdrawn their retirement funds, unless authorized by the Commission; Approve meeting the second Monday of every month, at 1:00 p.m.; Approve travel of the County Commissioners and Officials to attend Black Hills Association meetings and same day travel, and to require travel approval when an overnight stay is required.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grouping of agenda items to include: Appoint the Lakota Times as the Legal newspaper for 2024; Approve the following resolutions and appointment:

### **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-01**

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, 2024

/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) Vice-Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-02**

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 7-12-15 the Board of Commissioners by Resolution may establish the salary payable to the County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the salary may not be less than the following schedule and is based upon the most recent decennial federal census. The Oglala Lakota Census is 13,672.

County Sheriff – Population over 10,000: \$44,492.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners set the salaries as follows, effective January 1, 2024:

Sheriff, TBD \$44,492.00

Passed and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Vice-Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor’s Office

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY  
PAYROLL 2024**

Arredondo, Jerlene	Veteran's Service Officer	\$39,802.92 per year
Bear Runner, Ramon	Commissioner	\$500.00 a month plus \$35.00 per attended meeting
Bettelyoun, Lynx	Hwy Superintendent	\$58,632.84 per year

Comer, Allyssa	Commissioner	\$500.00 a month plus \$35.00 per attended meeting
Ferguson, Doreen	Hwy Department	\$17.00 per hour
Ferguson, Kelly	Hwy Department	\$20.60 per hour
Puckett, Derek	Sheriff	\$44,492.00 per year
Hopkins, Artthur	Commissioner	\$500.00 a month plus \$35.00 per attended meeting
Martinez, Audrey	Hwy Secretary	\$16.97 per hour
Martinez, Audrey	Coroner	\$200.00 per call
Takes The Shield (Dubray), Anna	Commissioner	\$500.00 a month plus \$35.00 per attended meeting
White Face, David	Hwy Department	\$24.79 per hour
Yellowbull, Wendell	Commissioner	\$500.00 a month plus \$35.00 per attended meeting

**Paid out of the Victim's Assistance Fund**

Boche, Carol	State's Attorney's Office	\$3,000.00 per year
Two Bear, Lynn	State's Attorney's Office	\$3,000.00 per year

Appoint Comer to the weed board.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Grouping of agenda items to include: Approve Sacred Heart Church Center Hall located at 30238 US Hwy 18, Pine Ridge, SD as the 2024 Satellite Early Vote Site for the Primary and General Elections; Approve the following resolutions regarding Election Fees, Polling Locations and Vote Centers:

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-03**

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 \$175.00; SUPERINTENDENTS OF EACH PRECINCT A FEE OF \$200.00; RESOLUTION, ABSENTEE, PROVISIONAL AND POST-ELECTION AUDITING BOARDS WILL BE SET AT \$13.50 PER HOUR, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners set the mileage rate at \$.51 per mile for the transporting of ballots and ballot boxes by the precinct superintendent.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
 Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) Vice-Chairwoman  
 Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje  
 Sue Ganje  
 Oglala Lakota County Auditor

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-04**

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 2024 polling places be established as follows:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1**

PORCUPINE PRECINCT – Christ The King Parish, Bill Pauly Hall, 490 Lourdes Ln, Porcupine, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

OGLALA PRECINCT- Brother Renee Hall, 29128 US Hwy 18, Oglala, SD  
MANDERSON PRECINCT- St. Agnes Church Hall, 1886 BIA 33, Manderson, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3**

CUNY TABLE PRECINCT- Red Shirt School, 38 Tatanka Numpa Rd, Red Shirt, SD  
KYLE PRECINCT- Little Wound School, 438 Main St, Kyle, SD  
ROCKYFORD PRECINCT- Wakan Tiospaye #12 Community Building, 112 Steele Place, Porcupine, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4**

PINE RIDGE PRECINCT 3-Sacred Heart Church Center Hall, 30238 US Hwy 18, Pine Ridge, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**

PINE RIDGE PRECINCT 1- Sacred Heart Church Center Hall, 30238 US Hwy 18, Pine Ridge, SD

BATESLAND PRECINCT- Oglala Lakota County School, Bill Conquering Bear Gymnasium, 409 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Batesland, SD

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) Vice-Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor

**OGDLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-05**

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-14-17 allows for the establishment of vote centers in each County; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County 2024 vote centers be established as follows:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1**

VOTE CENTER #8, PORCUPINE – Christ The King Parish, Bill Pauly Hall, 490 Lourdes Ln, Porcupine, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

VOTE CENTER #5, OGLALA - Brother Renee Hall, 29126 US Hwy 18, Oglala, SD  
VOTE CENTER #4, MANDERSON - St. Agnes Church Hall, 1886 BIA 33, Manderson, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3**

VOTE CENTER #2, CUNY TABLE - Red Shirt School, 38 Tatanka Numpa Rd, Red Shirt, SD  
VOTE CENTER #3, KYLE - Little Wound School, 438 Main St, Kyle, SD  
VOTE CENTER #9, ROCKYFORD - Wakan Tiopspaye #12 Community Building, 112 Steele Place, Porcupine, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4**

VOTE CENTER #7, PINE RIDGE 3 – Sacred Heart Church Center Hall, 30238 US Hwy 18, Pine Ridge, SD

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5**

VOTE CENTER #6, PINE RIDGE 1 – Sacred Heart Church Center Hall, 30238 US Hwy 18, Pine Ridge, SD

VOTE CENTER #1, BATESLAND - Oglala Lakota County School, Bill Conquering Bear Gymnasium, 409 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Batesland, SD

Dated this 8th day of January, 2024

/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)  
Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Vice-Chairwoman  
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve setting a Private Road Work Hearing on February 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve purchasing a Martins 33-ton professional air/hydraulic floor jack in the amount of \$1,178.52.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Sheriff Department fuel transfers for 12/19 through 12/28/2023 to reimburse the Highway Department for 16.2 gallons of gasoline at \$3.33 equaling \$53.946.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to table the Banner Associates Contract until the next meeting due to questions regarding the mileage rate.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Highway Department monthly report.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board. A reminder was given regarding the motion made on December 28, 2023, by Bear Runner, seconded by Comer, to require all County employees to get permission from the Board prior to applying for or requesting funds from any outside sources. It was also noted that any employee of the County volunteering or providing services or support during their off-duty hours needs to expressly inform the public that they are not acting in their official capacity.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to table the requests from the Oglala Sioux Tribe for reimbursement until the next meeting on February 12, 2024 when the Treasurer of the OST will be invited to the meeting to answer questions on their request for reimbursement for meals provided at the Veterans Dinner at the Casino, and for tickets at the LNI.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the VSO monthly report.

Derek Puckett, Sheriff, submitted his letter of resignation due to wanting to keep his current full-time employment as a School Resource Officer. There was discussion regarding the options for hiring a new Sheriff.

Wendell Yellow Bull, Commissioner, requested travel approval to attend the Lakota Construction Summit.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner to approve the travel request for Wendell Yellow Bull and Art Hopkins, to include Allyssa Comer if she desires to go at a cost of \$25.00 for Coalition Individual Member or \$50.00 for Individual Non-Member plus overnight accommodations.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins to request the Fall River County contracted departments to provide statistical information regarding the services provided for Oglala Lakota County residents to be brought back to the next meeting.

Dan Hudspeth met with the Board to offer his services to be appointed as County Sheriff until December 31, 2024. After discussion regarding his availability, the Board took no action.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to continue the appoint of Derek Puckett as County Sheriff until a permanent appointment can be made for the rest of 2024.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to appoint Jerlene Arredondo as the Oglala Lakota County Veteran Service Officer for a four-year period, effective January 2, 2024 through January 2, 2028.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the Lease Agreement between the Veteran's Shelter and the Oglala Lakota County Veteran Service Office.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to table the MOA between Bauxsimone

Consulting, LLC, Behavior Management Systems, Inc and Oglala Lakota Housing Authority until the State’s Attorney could research a few of the items included in the MOA and bring it back to the February 12, 2024 meeting.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to provide updates regarding the DANR’s findings on certain properties that the county may acquire through the tax deed process in the Town of Batesland. Reference was made to SD – DENR # 86.050, a petroleum release site. If any petroleum oil is encountered on any property the county may acquire, the county will contact the DANR (previously known as DENR) and they will clean any issues.

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$98.94
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$102.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$108.12
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$381.44
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$36.95
MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$164.42
MILES, SASHA	BLD DRW	\$75.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$27.50
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$66.30
SHIELD, LEXIE	REIMBURSMENT	\$250.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,376.97</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$646.34
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$43.97
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$140.75
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	<b>\$831.06</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS BETWEEN 12/30/2023-01/08/2024</b>	<b>\$2,208.03</b>

No public comment was given. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

/s/Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray)  
 Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray), Vice-Chairwoman  
 Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

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