

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Members present for the meeting which began at 12:50 p.m. with executive session: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, Sue Ganje, Auditor and Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to enter into executive session.

The Board came out executive session at 1:20 p.m.

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 12, 2024. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, Ramon Bear Runner and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Chairwoman Comer. 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 as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the meeting minutes for December 28, 2023, January 8, 2024, and January 24, 2024.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to rescind the Oglala Lakota County Resolution #2024-04 designating polling locations within the county.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Oglala Lakota County Resolution #2024-04 Amended as follows:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-04 Amended

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 Wounded Knee District School gym, 14 Manderson School Road, 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 3rd St, Batesland, SD

Dated this 12th day of February, 2024

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to rescind Oglala Lakota County Resolution#2024-05 regarding Vote Center locations within the County.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Oglala Lakota County Resolution #2024-05 Amended as follows:

OTLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-05 Amended

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, OTLALA - Brother Renee Hall, 29126 US Hwy 18, Oglala, SD
VOTE CENTER #4, MANDERSON Wounded Knee District School Gym, 14 Manderson School Road, 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 3rd St, Batesland, SD

Dated this 12th day of February, 2024

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer for December, 2023.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the amendment to the 2024 list of wages that were included in the January 8, 2024 minutes: Doreen Ferguson, listed at \$17.00/hr corrected to \$17.51/hr and for Derek Puckett, listed at \$44,492.00 annually corrected to \$44,723.00 annually.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve travel reimbursement for Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) to attend the Tribes State of the Address in Pierre.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve travel for Arrow Bettelyoun, Election Administrative Assistant and Bobbie Janis, Auditor’s Administrative Assistant, to attend the Secretary of State’s Mock Election training in Pierre on February 28-29, 2024.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve Oglala Lakota County Resolution #2024-06 as follows:

**Oglala Lakota County
RESOLUTION #2024-06**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State; and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, because there is insufficient time to hold a meeting and adopt a resolution during a fire, Oglala Lakota County can designate a person (s) with authority to request assistance under this law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners hereby designate the following person (s) with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Franklin W. Maynard
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
605 890-7245 (CELL) or 605 745-7562 (OFFICE)

Derek Puckett
OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF
605 891-5819 (CELL) or 605 745-5130 (OFFICE)

Allyssa Comer
COMMISSIONER
605 407-1839 (CELL)

Ramon Bear Runner
COMMISSIONER
605 441-5769 (CELL)

Arthur Hopkins
COMMISSIONER
605 441-0966 (CELL)

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)
COMMISSIONER
605 867-1743 (HOME) or 605 441-4996 (CELL)

Wendell Yellow Bull
COMMISSIONER
605 867-2263 (HOME) or 605 441-6405 (CELL)

Dated this 12th day of February, 2024

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Chairman
Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, Auditor
Oglala Lakota Auditor's Office

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the facilities rental agreements with Our Lady of the Sioux Church, Holy Rosary Mission Churches and Little Wound School for election purposes.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Lynx Bettelyoun, Wendell Yellow Bull and Art Hopkins to attend the 2024 Short Course in Deadwood, March 19-21, 2024 at a cost of \$100.00 each plus per diem and lodging.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the Banner Project Manual for County Roads 6 & 27 Aggregate Resurfacing Project.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to accept the low and only bid from Westco for 850 gallons of propane at \$1.799/gallon.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to accept and place on file the Highway Department monthly report.

The Coroner and Sheriff did not submit a monthly report and were not present at this meeting.

The Private Road Work hearing took place at this time. Some discussion took place regarding the snow blower and Bettelyoun noted that the rate for the snowblower will be included in next year's cost-per-hour rate schedule.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the updated rate schedule for private road work as per SDCL 31-11-41 through 31-11-45 as follows: motor grader-\$90.00/hr; dump truck-\$70.00/hr; loader-\$70.00/hr; semi/belly dump-\$144.00/hr; pit run gravel-\$2.00/ton; mower tractor-\$60.00/hr; water truck-\$70.00/hr.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to submit a monthly report and provide updates. She informed the Board that the State of South Dakota is naming bridges after fallen heroes. She handed out a list of veterans for the Board to review and offer suggestions. Oglala Lakota County will have input for 1 bridge. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2024.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Rear Runner, to accept and place on file the Veteran Service Officer report.

Representatives from the Oglala Sioux Tribe were not in attendance.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to hold a hearing regarding the discussion and intent of the County Veteran Service Officer, Tribal Veteran Service Officer, OST Treasurer, OST Past Chairman, and any other parties involved with the possible reimbursement for meals and admissions in connection with veterans and the County VSO at the next regular meeting.

At this time the Commissioners reviewed applications for County Sheriff. A call was placed to Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr. regarding his application. They set up a formal interview at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Yellow Bull left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Ramon Bear Runner, Commissioner, revisited the presented MOU between Bauxsimone Consulting, LLC, Behavior Management Systems, Inc and Oglala Lakota County. Lance Russell, State's Attorney, reported that he had reached out to the SD Attorney General's office and expects to get an opinion from them regarding whether or not the County provide funds for a MOU that they are not part of, and if it is an allowable expense. He will report back after he has heard from them.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Commissioner, stated that she feels the County should wait to enter into a rental agreement with OST Housing Authority regarding office space for the VSO until after mediation and the hearing take place. This will come back at a later date.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the proposed Highway Shop property in Batesland. She is actively still looking for enough space to provide a large enough location to build on. Pullen also reported the statistical information motor vehicle statistics, tax collections and tax deed information that Yellow Bull had asked the Contracted Departments to present.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

The Board inquired about the amount of land in Oglala Lakota County that is taxed. Discussion was held on the process of Trust Land designations vs. Fee Land. Sue and Teresa will bring tax and budget statistical information to the next meeting.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to move the MOU between Bauxsimone Consulting, LLC, Behavior Management Systems, Inc and Oglala Lakota County to the next meeting.

Melody Engebretson, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to provide statistical information from her office. She reported that her office handles issuing birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses, and the processing of all Fee Land transactions within Oglala Lakota County.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to provide statistical information from her office. She reported that they assess valuations for all the Fee Land in the County and that determines the amount of tax that landowners pay. Heidebrink also presented the Director of Equalization intentions for Assessment year 2024, pay 2025.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Comer, to approve paying the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$72.42
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF	\$141.30
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$17.09
BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT SYS	2024 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$8,500.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$410.72
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$185.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$270.30
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,336.82
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$665.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/IN	\$159.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$108.12
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$96.90
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$445.04
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$39.99
MANLOVE PSYCHIATRIC	COURT ORDERED EVALUA	\$2,125.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$959.67

MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$6.88
MURDOCK ELECTRIC	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$11,100.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$240.91
OUR LADY OF SIOUX CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$150.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$23.00
SACRED HEART CHURCH	ELECTION RENTAL	\$3,127.50
SD ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	SDACO 24' MEMBERSHIP	\$1,238.87
BADLANDS CONSERVATION	2024 BUDGET ALLOTMEN	\$2,500.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$60.00
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$534.32
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SUBSCRIPTION	\$155.40
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$66.30
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$96.90
LITTLE WOUND SCHOOL	ELECTION RENTAL	\$500.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$97.92
COMER, ALLYSSA	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$78.54
COMMISSIONERS	JANUARY SALARIES	\$2,815.00
STATE'S ATTY	JANUARY SALARIES	\$500.00
VSO	JANUARY SALARIES	\$3,316.91
SHERIFF	JANUARY SALARIES	\$3,726.92
CORONER	JANUARY SALARIES	\$1,125.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$48,094.04
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERI	\$94.45
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$41.65
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$1,293.80
CULLIGAN	UTILITY/WATER DISPENS	\$13.00
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$19.50
DELTA DENTAL OF SD	DENTAL PLAN	\$236.00
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$4,313.43
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$13.93
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	LOCAL PHONE & INTERN	\$221.98
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	TIRES	\$899.52
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$460.66
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$659.65
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$317.09
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$766.55
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$1,277.52
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$52.50
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$241.54
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$142.75
SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGCY	SUPPLIES	\$298.50
SD STATE RETIREMENT	SDRS CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,283.14
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITIES	\$1,350.87

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	JANUARY SALARIES	\$18,537.10
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$33,535.13
	TOTAL FOR 01/09 THROUGH 02/15/2024	\$81,629.17

With Hopkins voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

No public comments were heard.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

/s/Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor