

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
MARCH 20, 2024

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in a Special session on March 20, 2024. Present: Sue Ganje, Auditor, Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor, Frank Maynard, Emergency Manager and Ramon Bear Runner. Present via telephone: Allyssa Comer, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, and Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr, Sheriff.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

No conflicts on the agenda were noted.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the agenda with an amendment to add a request from FRIENDS of the CHILDREN He Sapa for a letter of support from the County.

Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Board to present a quote from Sontech Vehicle Technologies to upfit 1 of the 2 new Dodge Durango Pursuit Patrol Units and present 3 quotes for patrol unit tires: \$1,328.00 – Tires, Tires, Tires; \$1,700.00 – Firestone; \$1,129.99 – Discount Tire.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve having Sontech Vehicle Technologies do upfitting for the unit that is in the County's possession now and do the upfitting of the unit that will be here within 2 to 3 weeks in the amount of \$20,701.60 per vehicle for both vehicles.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve purchasing tires from Discount Tires in the amount of \$1,129.99 per vehicle for both vehicles.

Valeria Big Eagle, Executive Director of FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN He Sapa, was present via telephone to provide information and answer any questions that the Board may have.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve providing a letter of support and authorize the Chairwoman to sign for FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN He Sapa. This letter is to aid in the grant application process to the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health regarding an Opioid Settlement grant that they are applying for to be used in Oglala Lakota County and Pennington County.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) asked that they report their progress to the Board.

Motion was amended by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to add that the Board requests updated progress reports from FRIENDS of the CHILDREN He Sapa.

An informal request was made by the Highway Superintendent asking who was interested in attending the Highway Short Course in Deadwood next year so that he could make room reservations. Hopkins, Yellow Bull and Bear Runner plan on attending.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to provide an update on the Oglala Sioux Tribe – Oglala Lakota County Mitigation Plan. He informed them that he will submit all Commissioners to be on the Planning Board.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Chairwoman, Oglala Lakota County
Commissioners

Attest:

/S/ Sue Ganje
Auditor, Oglala Lakota County