

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2024**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session on July 22, 2024. Present via telephone: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Ramon Bear Runner were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 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 accept the resignation of Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr as Sheriff, effective July 17, 2024.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the appointment of Mark Mesteth as the Oglala Lakota County Sheriff until January 2027.

Mesteth is to do a full inventory of Sheriff's Department items to compare to the Auditor's Office records as soon as possible.

Mesteth is not currently South Dakota State Certified and will contact SD Law Enforcement Training in Pierre to get scheduled for the training.

Mesteth noted that he is in need of a SD Codified laws, official report forms and Miranda Rights. He will bring any other needs to the August Commission meeting.

No public comment was heard.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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