

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2024**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 8, 2024. Present: Ramon Bear Runner, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Allyssa Comer and Wendell Yellow Bull were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Vice-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.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the meeting minutes for June 7, 2024.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the special meeting minutes for June 14, 2024.

Ryan Jumping Eagle, OST Medicine Root District Councilman, met with the Board to request that the County take over maintenance of both North Route roads (aka BIA 25 beginning at BIA 2 north and ending at BIA 101 in the Medicine Creek area) and Waziyata Road from BIA 2 north and west to BIA 25. After discussion regarding cost and feasibility, it was discussed that the Oglala Sioux Tribe would like the County to take over all the Tribal roads in the County within the next 5 years.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to instruct the Highway Superintendent to come up with an amount as the cost to the County for the North Route roads and an amount if the County was to acquire all of the BIA roads within the boundaries of the county.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve allowing the donation of 10 additional hours of sick leave from Lynx Bettelyoun to Doreen Ferguson.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Sheriff's Department fuel transfers for 02/22/2024 through 07/01/2024 to reimburse the Highway Department for 101.2 gallons of gasoline at \$3.33 equaling \$337.00.

Bettelyoun presented fuel quotes: WESTCO - \$3.165/gallon for 1,250 gallons of unleaded gas and \$3.066/gallon for 5,200 gallons of dyed #2 diesel. Vollan Oil - \$3.2475/gallon for 1,250 gallons unleaded gas and \$2.8695/gallon for 5,200 gallons of dyed #2 diesel. No bid from Discount Fuels Inc.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept the overall low bid of unleaded gas and dyed #2 diesel combined delivery from Vollan Oil.

Bettelyoun then presented the Highway Department's monthly report.

Edson Briggs, County resident, was not present to discuss the forgiveness of delinquent property taxes.

Mark Donovan, President of the Board of Trustees of Batesland, met with the Board.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray) to assist in the purchase of 2 digital speedometer signs for the Town of Batesland in the amount of \$2,500.00. With Hopkins abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, presented the results of the Post-Election Audit to the Board. Ganje noted that the tabulator and hand counted audit tallies were exactly the same.

Rockyford/Vote Center 9: Tabulator, For President; Marianne Williamson – 1, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 4, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 1. Audit count; Marianne Williamson – 1, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 4, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 1. Tabulator, For State Senator District 27; Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 2, Red Dawn Foster – 4, Anthony G Kahol – 0, Bruce Whalen – 0. Audit count; Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 2, Red Dawn Foster – 4, Anthony G Kahol – 0, Bruce Whalen – 0.

Oglala/Vote Center 5: Tabulator, For President; Marianne Williamson – 6, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 40, Dean Phillips – 2, Armando Perez-Serrato – 10. Audit count, Marianne Williamson – 6, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 40, Dean Phillips – 2, Armando Perez-Serrato – 10. Tabulator, For State Senator District 27; Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 12, Red Dawn Foster – 47, Anthony G Kathol – 3, Bruce Whalen – 1. Audit count, Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 12, Red Dawn Foster – 47, Anthony G Kathol – 3, Bruce Whalen – 1.

Manderson/Vote Center 4: Tabulator, For President; Marianne Williamson – 5, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 14, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 5. Audit count, Marianne Williamson – 5, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 14, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 5. Tabulator for State Senator District 27; Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 6, Red Dawn Foster – 19, Anthony G Kathol – 0, Bruce Whalen – 0. Audit count, Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 6, Red Dawn Foster – 19, Anthony G Kathol – 0, Bruce Whalen – 0.

Batesland/Vote Center 1: Tabulator, For President; Marianne Williamson – 0, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 14, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 3. Audit count, Marianne Williamson – 0, Joseph R Biden, Jr – 14, Dean Phillips – 0, Armando Perez-Serrato – 3. Tabulator for State Senator District 27; Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 5, Red Dawn Foster – 12, Anthony G Kathol – 13, Bruce Whalen – 1. Audit count, Gerald M Cournoyer, Jr – 5, Red Dawn Foster – 12, Anthony G Kathol – 13, Bruce Whalen – 1.

The Commissioners received a notice from the SDACC that the dues are increasing from \$2,551.00 to \$3,758.00, an increase of \$1,207.00.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve having two meetings a month, with one in Hot Springs and one in Oglala Lakota County. After discussion with the State's Attorney, no action was taken to allow the State's Attorney research a couple items, motion died.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to table approval of having two meetings a month until after more research can be done regarding Auditor attendance, etc.

The Board requested having a Deputy State's Attorney in attendance for meetings. State's Attorney Russell informed them that he does not have funding for a Deputy. He stated that, if he found an attorney to deputize, he would need funding from Oglala Lakota County.

The State's Obligation Recover Center (ORC) program was discussed. The Board would like to utilize this option when and if it becomes available.

Bernardo Rodriguez, Jr, Sheriff, met with the Board to submit his monthly report and discuss the Sheriff's Department inventory.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to give updates and present a monthly report for May and one for June. Takes the Shield (Dubray) requested the VSO to provide the State of SD's VSO report for Oglala Lakota County to use as a comparison for the County VSO's numbers.

No break was taken.

Audrey Martinez, Coroner, met with the Board to provide the coroner's service report. She reported that she has had two autopsies since her last report. She is the only coroner in the County, the Oglala Sioux Tribe does not have one.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the policy manual. He stated that a lot of things need to be removed. He will look at the current policy and report back at the next meeting.

Public comment was also heard from Lance Russell, State's Attorney. He provided some more statistical information that the Board had requested.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve paying the bills as follows, with the exception of Arredondo mileage of \$72.42 and Audra Hill Consulting QMHP of \$2,495.70:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$72.42
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF/HWY	\$549.21
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	QMHP	\$2,495.70
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE	\$66.30
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$212.21
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$51.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT	ELECTION SYSTEM SOFT	\$56.09
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$3,260.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$108.12
JUMPING EAGLE, CANDACE	STORM CHASER TRAINING	\$500.00
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$766.00
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$30.66
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$315.47
MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR	MI EVALUATION	\$46.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$341.58
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$46.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$120.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SUBSCRIPTION	\$155.40
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL SOFTWARE LICENSE	\$449.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$66.30
DONOVAN, MARK	ELECTION HELP	\$112.05
COMER, ALLYSSA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$169.68
MARTINEZ, RACHEL	24 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$73.29

COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,917.30
ELECTION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,074.84
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.24
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,769.66
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$10,501.02
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$907.33
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$31,835.87</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF/HWY	\$94.41
CULLIGAN	UTILITY/WATER DISPENSER	\$13.90
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	PARTS	\$7,896.20
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$44.99
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATION	LOCAL PHONE & INTERNET	\$221.56
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$312.41
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$1,936.91
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$53.45
MIDWAY SERVICE/VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	\$18,653.16
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$144.50
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$20,619.17
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	<b>\$49,990.66</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 06/15 &amp; 07/08/2024</b>	<b>\$81,826.53</b>

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

/s/Anna Takes the Sheild (Dubray)

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor