

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 9, 2024. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins and Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor. Wendell Yellow Bull was present via telephone. Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) were absent

The meeting was called to order at 1:19 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 Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the meeting minutes for August 16, 2024.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to surplus the following items to junk as they are outdated and no longer function: Highway Department; 17.3” HP Pavilion laptop computer - asset tag #00388, Toshiba Satellite P205D-S7802 laptop computer – SN 1839811K (no tag), Toshiba Satellite P-100 laptop computer – SN 57018819W (no tag). Election Department; Jabra Engage 75 Wireless Headset – asset tag #00468. No action taken on the Sheriff’s Department; Getac Toughbook (laptop) SN RH46380105 (no tag), as it was determined to be working.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He mentioned the review of the letter from Cliff Reuer, SDLTAP Technical Assistance Provider regarding the “North Route” roads. Yellow Bull will work towards setting up a meeting with the Tribal Land Committee and the County.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve travel for Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent and Allyssa Comer, Commission Chairwoman, to attend the 2024 Annual Safety & Loss Control Training Conference November 20 & 21, 2024 in Pierre at a cost of \$75.00 plus lodging for 2 nights and per diem.

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

Brian Cuny, County resident, met with the Board to ask for an abatement for Ag status for 2023, pay 2024 taxes. Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, was not immediately available for questions. Comer noted that Cuny’s request will be tabled until she calls in.

Yellow Bull entered the meeting in person at 2:00 p.m.

Heidebrink was contacted by telephone. She explained that the Director of Equalization Office updates their records periodically and mailings had been sent out to landowners to fill out and return. Yellow Bull explained that the DOE is diligent with correspondence.

Yellow Bull explained that the County will deny Cuny’s request for tax reductions due to not meeting the deadline to turn in the ag status paperwork. **Who made a motion?**

Mark Mesteth, Sheriff, met with the Board to present his monthly report. He has only had 2 applicants for Deputy Sheriff. He requested that Daylon Black Bull be hired as Deputy Sheriff

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to hire Black Bull at \$25.00/hr, effective 09/09/2024.

Mesteth went on to report that, on 8/20/2024, he and State's Attorney Russell met with the OST DPS at the Justice Center in Pine Ridge to discuss cross deputization potential. He recently met with the Law-and-Order Committee and they will be looking into cross deputization and visiting with their lawyers to talk feasibility and legalities. He reported on various calls. He is still going through the inventory of law enforcement equipment.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Sheriff's monthly report.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board. She is still working on a more detailed report format for a report but hasn't got one done yet. Comer suggested that her report look more like the Sheriff's monthly report. Arredondo then reported on an Expanded Health Pact with the VA.

It was noted that the Board would like to discuss moving the VSO to the Vet's Center in Pine Ridge at the next meeting.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept the VSO monthly report and place it on file.

Break was taken at 3:24 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to include the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for June and July 2024 in the August 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Both were approved, but were inadvertently omitted from those minutes are as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30th day of June 2024.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS: \$ 513,096.38

Total Amount of Cash: \$ 867.10

Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$ 5,647.59

FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS

First Interstate, HS: \$ 3,152,302.85

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Schwab 2 year \$ 2,121,493.18

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Election Petty Cash: \$ 15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Deaton, Tyler \$ 110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,793,532.20

Dated This 30th Day of June 2024.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County
Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies \$ 5,606,931.15
Held for other Entities \$ 138,472.48
Held in Trust \$ 48,128.57
TOTAL \$ 5,793,532.20

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE. And the following:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of July 2024.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS: \$ 473,198.17

Total Amount of Cash: \$ 6,278.41

Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$ 645.90

FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS

First Interstate, HS: \$ 3,255,217.15

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Schwab 2 year \$ 2,122,274.10

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Election Petty Cash: \$ 15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Deaton, Tyler \$ 110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,857,738.83

Dated This 31st Day of July 2024.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$ 5,663,242.31
Held for other Entities	\$ 151,570.18
Held in Trust	\$ 42,926.34
TOTAL	\$ 5,857,738.83

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

Schmidt also reviewed the new office software costs for 2024 and 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve accepting the new office software and 2024 and 2025 costs for Fund Accounting - Asyst365 from Central Square; for Payroll and Human Resources – Paylocity; for Revenues (Taxes, Apportionment, Special Assessments, Tax Collections, and Misc receipts) Transcendent Technologies, and Software Services, Inc for program conversions, county liens, set up, and cost shared user and group training.

Lance Russell, State’s Attorney, met with the Board to present the Fall River County Policy to see how they have the Drug Policy written. He handed it out for their review and will come back to the next meeting to discuss.

Russell then informed the Board that he will be bringing a quote for his office to be put on the Zuercher System due to the Sheriff converting to that system.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Yellow Bull, Hopkins and Comer to attend the SD Indigenous & Integrative Health Summit, September 24 in Chamberlain including a 1-night stay, mileage and per diem.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Yellow Bull, Hopkins, Comer and Sheriff Mesteth to attend the State-Tribal Opioid and Methamphetamine Prevention Summit October 21 and 22, 2024 in Pierre, to include 2-night stay, mileage and per diem.

The Board then reviewed the 2025 Provisional Budget, no changes were made.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the 2025 Levy Resolution as follows:

Appendix D4: Adopted Budget Levies & Resolution

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Tax Levy in

RESOLUTION

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	\$'s/1,000
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes	345,189.00	5.015
(10-12-9)		
Library		
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) -		
SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	345,189.00	5.015
County Snow Removal Fund		
(34-5-2)		
County Road and Bridge		
(10-12-13)		
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg.		
(7-25-1)		
Bond Interest Sinking		
(7-24-18)		
Ag Building		
(7-27-1)		
UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL	-	
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED		
LEVY - SUB-TOTAL	345,189.00	5.015
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, this 9th day of September, 2024. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Oglala Lakota, County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Oglala Lakota County for the year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Chairwoman
/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)

Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76)		
(31-12-27)		
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	6,490.00	0.094
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	351,679.00	5.109

Allyssa Comer, Commissioner

/S/ Allyssa Comer

Art Hopkins, Commissioner

/S/ Art Hopkins

Ramon Bear Runner, Commissioner

/S/ Ramon Bear Runner

Wendell Yellow Bull, Commissioner

/S/ Wendell Yellow Bull

* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

ATTEST Sue Ganje Auditor

/S/ Sue Ganje

As of 09/09/2024 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve advanced travel for Comer, Hopkins, Takes the Shield and Yellow Bull to attend the 2024 SDACO Conference in Rapid City September 17 & 18, 2024.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	ADVANCED TRAVEL/REIMB	\$613.88
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$65.50
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MEETING MILEAGE	\$85.15
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$65.50
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$4,275.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$138.86
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$16.88
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	INMATE PHARMACY/SUPPLY	\$214.97
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	EQUIPMENT	\$210.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$351.99
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$46.00
SD ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	24' COUNTY CONVENTION	\$1,200.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$4.02
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI REMITTANCE	\$120.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$1,088.51
TTECH TRANSCENDENT TECH.	ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT	\$3,654.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$85.15
COMER, ALLYSSA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$95.63
OVERPAYMENT	WAGES & BENEFITS	-\$126.42
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,879.63
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.24

VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,769.66
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,412.42
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$24,834.57
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$62.55
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$37.93
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	LOCAL PHONE & INTERN	\$221.96
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$1,730.54
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$54.37
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$144.50
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$8.64
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$21,958.11
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$24,218.60
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 08-17 AND 09-09-2024	\$49,053.17

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

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

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