

## OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 9, 2024. Present: Allyssa Comer, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 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 Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the agenda with removal of Dean Steele discussion regarding property taxes.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Hopkins, to approve the meeting minutes for November 7, 2024.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to set the Year-End meeting for Monday, December 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for October, 2024 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 31st day of October 2024.

**Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:** \$ 322,766.86

**Total Amount of Cash:** \$ 120.00

**Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:** \$ 14,890.89

### **FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS**

First Interstate, HS: \$ 3,381,574.94

### **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:**

Schwab 2 year \$ 2,124,280.15

### **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        \$ 5,843,757.94**

Dated This 31st Day of October 2024.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County  
Auditor of Oglala  
Lakota County

Teresa  
Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer  
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$ 5,682,528.41
Held for other Entities	\$ 71,817.14
Held in Trust	\$ 89,412.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,843,757.94</b>

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.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray) to remove the agenda item regarding setting a Cash Supplement hearing for the Year-End meeting.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to move the changing of classification for the Veteran Service Officer to Part-time to the Year-End meeting, allowing review of minutes regarding usage of ARPA monies to increase pay and/or change classifications from Part-time to Full-time for certain employees.

Ramon Bear Runner entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to table the motion for incentive pay for employees until the end of the meeting when the State Auditor is in attendance.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board and provided updates.

Bettelyoun presented fuel quotes: WESTCO - \$1.849/gallon for 600 gallons of propane and \$3.516/gallon for 1,000 gallons of dyed #1 diesel. No bid from Vollan Oil and no bid from Discount Fuels Inc.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to accept the low and only bid for propane (\$1.849/gallon) and dyed #1 diesel (\$3.516/gallon) combined delivery from WESTCO.

Bettelyoun then presented other fuel quotes: Vollan Oil - \$3.20/gallon for 1,800 gallons of unleaded gasoline and \$2.70/gallon for 5,200 gallons of dyed #2 diesel. No bid from WESTCO and no bid from Discount Fuels Inc.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to accept the only bid for unleaded fuel (\$3.20/gallon) and dyed #2 diesel (\$2.70/gallon) from Vollan Oil.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the purchase of a 2024 BIG TEX 18' Bumper Pull trailer from West River Trailer in the amount of \$6,495.00.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept the Highway Superintendent's monthly report.

Sheriff Mesteth met with the Board and submitted his monthly report. He updated the Board regarding the progress of the inventory for the Sheriff.

Motion made by Takes the Sheild (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept the Sheriff's monthly report.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to update regarding the move into the Trailer, noting that it happened on November 4, 2024 and to submit the VSO report.

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

The time being 1:30 p.m., the Supplement and Contingency Hearing was held. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray) to approve Oglala Lakota County Resolution #2024-13 as follows:

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-13**  
**Supplemental Budget 2024 #1**  
**Contingency Transfer 2024 #1**

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a supplemental budget, and whereas, as due and legal notice has been given, the following Supplements to expenditures and revenues for December 28, 2023 Budget be approved as follows: General Fund: Sheriff Car \$88,685.36 Revenue General Fund: -\$3,582.00 Reimb Workman's Comp; -\$97,752.48 Opioid Money; Revenue Hwy Fund: -\$3,953.76 STP Money; -\$956.10 RAI Grant; Means of finance to be cash and cash for revenues received, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a transfer appropriation from the contingency budget to other appropriations, which are insufficient, a contingency transfer shall be approved and adopted to the following Departments: Information Technology \$5,704.00; Sheriff Car \$41,314.64; Mentally Handicap \$760.00; Mental Illness Board \$1,471.00; Weed Ins \$275.36; M &P \$475.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a Supplemental Budget #1 and Contingency Transfer #1.

Dated at Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota this 09<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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

ATTEST:  
/S/ Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje, Auditor  
Oglala Lakota County Auditor's Office

Sue Ganje, Auditor, reminded the Board that a notice was put in the Lakota Times asking for

specific items and how to apply for the Opioid Settlement funds, and there was no deadline noted. The Board reviewed the application that had been received. They will take it into consideration.

Dean Steele, County resident, did not meet with the Board.

Gene Tyon, Oaye Luta, met with the Board to request Opioid Settlement funds to help the organization. The Board requested that he bring a budget back to a different meeting. Bear Runner provided Tyon with a list of authorized uses and he received a copy of the notice specifying what needs turned in.

Al Schaefer, Legislative Audit, met with the Board to submit the 2022/2023 entrance conference. He reported that he charges \$94.00/hr, however does not charge for answering questions and providing training. He looks for Federal Compliancy and will report back to the Commission of his findings.

Edson Briggs, County resident, met with the Board to discuss property taxes. He would like to make payments for his delinquent taxes. He was asked to fill out the paperwork and send it in so payment options can be discussed.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the Workers' Compensation Fund Intergovernmental Contract and Coverage Document.

The Board met with a potential lessor for some property within the County. Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to table the lease agreement until some changes can be made in the contract.

The Board then reviewed the contract and additional expenses for payment to Fall River County for 2024.

Ken Trivette, Native American Mission Fund Ministries, met with the Board to request abatement on the SE1/4NW1/4 lying S and E of US Hwy 18, Section 30, T36N, R41W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota. The organization lost the exemption due to not filling out the form to continue, which is sent out every 5 years. He stated that he did not receive the forms in the mail.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to move the Native American Mission Fund Ministries to the January meeting.

Post election audit, (comparing hand counts to tabulator results) results were presented as follows, (note that a = symbol represents that it matched the tabulator exact, a number represents how many votes were off from the tabulator):

Manderson Precinct: Harris +1, Oliver =, Trump +1, Kennedy =, S Johnson =, D Johnson +1.; Rockyford Precinct: Harris =, Oliver =, Trump =, Kennedy =, S Johnson =, D Johnson =.

The Board reviewed the letters of intent for District #2 Commissioner.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to appoint Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) to the upcoming vacancy for District #2 Commissioner. The appointment is effective January 1, 2025 and continues through December 31, 2026. Takes the Shield (Dubray) will need to run for a 2-year term at the beginning of 2026 if she wishes to have the opportunity to continue to serve past 2026.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board to discuss policies.

Frank Maynard, former Emergency Manager, spoke during public comment to introduce Darwin Coy as the new Emergency Manager.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the bills as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MEETING MILEAGE	\$67.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SHERIFF	\$482.99
ARROWWOOD RESORT	LODGING	\$460.32
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MEETING MILEAGE	\$87.10
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/METER	\$423.32
CLINICAL LABORATORY OF	AUTOPSY	\$3,684.00
COLBATH & SPERLICH LAW	CAAF	\$1,627.34
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$67.00
ENGBRETSON, MELODY	ELECTION WORKER	\$13.50
FERGUSON, SHARIFAH	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$126.36
GINSBACH, PATRICK	ELECTION WORKER	\$57.38
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MEETING MILEAGE	\$142.04
JANIS, BOBBIE	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$320.26
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$1,826.74
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$3,183.26
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$49.88
MARTINEZ, AUDREY	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$21.44
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST/UPDATE/SERV	\$35.00
QUALITY INN PIERRE	LODGING	\$436.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL	LODGING	\$232.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$52.00
SDML WORKER'S COMP. FUND	WORKMANS COMPENSATION	\$3,774.38
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$12.66
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$1,327.59
SIGNS NOW	EQUIPMENT	\$2,394.24
STURGIS RESPONDER SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT/ACCESSORIES	\$1,060.28
THEILMANN, LAURIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$57.38
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SUBSCRIPTION	\$163.17
TREASURER - EXPENSES	TREASURER	\$3.00
WHITE FACE, DAVID	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$83.08
YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	QMHP	\$145.00
YELLOWBULL, MISTY	ELECTION WORKER	\$195.10
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MEETING MILEAGE	\$87.10
WESTON, TROYLYNN	ELECTION WORKER	\$306.74
LEBEAU, BESSIE	ELECTION WORKER	\$203.55
STARR, DELORES	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$274.58
PINO, ERMA	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$249.58
WHITE EYES, CHERYL	ELECTION WORKER	\$258.96
RED ELK, RUTH	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$185.18
MCDANIEL, PRISCILLA	ELECTION WORKER	\$13.50
BIG CROW, DEANNA	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$245.10

FOUST, GREGORY	ELECTION WORKER	\$57.38
HUTCHISON, LYLA	ELECTION WORKER/TRAI	\$296.02
HUTCHISON, LYLA	24 GEN POST ELEC AUDIT	\$130.83
FEATHER EARRING, SHIRLENE	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$256.28
BETTELYOUN, RONDA	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$92.09
SMITH, ANN	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$242.88
STANDING BEAR, WILMA	ELECTION SCHOOL	\$25.00
DONOVAN, MARK	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$259.84
DONOVAN, MARK	24 GEN POST ELEC AUDIT	\$144.23
VITALIS, MARGARETTE	ELECTION WORKER	\$228.55
WESTON, ANNABELLE	ELECTION WORKER	\$245.56
TREVILLYAN, JULIA	ELECTION WORKER/TRAI	\$226.80
SHIELD, LEXIE	ELECTION WORKER/TRAI	\$200.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$282.62
COMER, ALLYSSA	24 POST ELEC AUD GEN	\$251.43
THUNDER HAWK, KATHRYN	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$203.14
PINE JR, DALE	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$267.00
APPLE, TRISTON	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$67.50
MARTINEZ, RACHEL	24 GEN ELECTION HELP	\$81.00
BLACK ELK JR, SYRUS	ELECTION WORKER	\$220.56
CUNY, CAROLE	ELECTION WORKER/TRAIN	\$208.50
TREVILLYAN, KIM	ELECTION WORKER/TRAIN	\$201.80
DECKERT, CURTIS	ELECTION WORKER/TRAIN	\$198.45
GIBBONS, DAVID C	ELECTION WORKER	\$195.10
BLACK ELK SR, SYRUS	ELECTION WORKER	\$195.10
FIRE THUNDER, DAVID	ELECTION WORKER	\$178.55
YELLOW BIRD, MICHELLE	ELECTION SCHOOL	\$25.00
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,879.65
ELECTION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,618.64
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,769.67
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$10,269.72
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,501.14
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$53,023.39</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE HWY	\$147.20
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$529.78
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/MAINTENANCE	\$9,549.56
CULLIGAN	UTILITY/WATER DISPENSE	\$41.70
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$152.24
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE AND	SUPPLY	\$153.84
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	LOCAL PHONE & INTERN	\$222.30
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	TIRES	\$3,717.42
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$302.86
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$549.81
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$725.93

MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE	\$54.81
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$277.14
RAMKOTA HOTEL	LODGING	\$232.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$144.50
SDML WORKER'S COMP. FUND	WORKMANS COMPENSATION	\$6,853.62
WEST RIVER TRAILER SALES	EQUIPMENT	\$6,495.00
WESTERN CONSTRUCTION	ROAD PROJECTS	\$316,750.00
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$22,042.88
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	<b>\$368,942.59</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BEWTWEEN 11/08 THROUGH 12/09/2024</b>	<b>\$421,965.98</b>

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Hopkins, to enter into Executive Session at 3:10 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 3:50 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve paying all Oglala Lakota Full-time employees a 1-time bonus of \$1,000.00 with this payroll cycle, and extended the offer to the Fall River contract employees.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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

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