

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 13, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Ramon Bear Runner, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 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 approve the agenda moving Gene Tyon with Oaye Luta Okolakiciye (Moving Forward in a Sacred Way) funding request to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the minutes from last meeting on January 13, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for December, 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 December 2024.

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| Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS: | \$ | 303,356.95 |
| Total Amount of Cash: | \$ | 953.80 |
| Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: | \$ | 10.00 |
| FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS | | |
| First Interstate, HS: | \$ | 2,686,577.64 |
| CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT: | | |
| Schwab 2 year | \$ | 2,124,767.25 |
| 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 | \$ | 5,115,790.74 |

Dated This 31st Day of December 2024.

/S/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa
Pullen
Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

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| | \$ | |
| County Monies | 4,999,308.80 | |
| Held for other Entities | \$ | 20,001.53 |
| Held in Trust | \$ | 96,480.41 |
| | \$ | |
| TOTAL | | 5,115,790.74 |

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 Hopkins, to approve allocating \$20,000.00 of County Opioid Settlement Funds to Oaye Luta Okolakiciye (Moving Forward in a Sacred Way).

Bear Runner entered the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Favian Kennedy, Director of the Oglala Lakota Division of Behavioral Health and Tamara Marshall, reported to the Board regarding their services. Discussion was held on funding, with Yellow Bull offering funding from the Opioid Settlements Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve allocating \$20,000.00 of County Opioid Settlement Funds to the Oglala Lakota Division of Behavioral Health. The County will need a written proposal and request for funding before disbursement.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Fuel quotes were provided for 700 gallons of propane: Westco quoted \$1.949/gallon; Vollan Oil quoted \$1.95/gallon. Lakota Plains and Discount Fuels, Inc did not provide a bid.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve and accept the low bid from Westco at \$1.949/gallon.

Bettelyoun provided his monthly report.

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

The time being 9:30 a.m., the Private Road Work Hearing took place. Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve to continue providing Private Road Work at a rate of \$150.00/hr.

Mark Mesteth, Sheriff, met with the Board to present the Sheriff's Department monthly report and give updates.

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

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to provide updates and submit the monthly report. Comer signed the rental agreement with the Akicita Lakota Veterans for use of the 2023 Double-wide Modular located at 415 Veterans Ave, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 with a term of 5 years beginning November 1, 2024 and reviewed annually on October 1, 2025. The payment is \$100.00/month totaling \$1,200.00/year.

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

Bear Runner left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to request a few actions to clarify some previous actions taken.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the clarification on the use of ARPA monies, retroactively to May of 2023 to use for General and Highway salaries and benefits 2022 through 2024, contracted salaries for 2022 through 2025 and for the purchase of the snow blower and fuel tanks for the Highway Department.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the clarification that General Fund monies were used for Wounded Knee School Water Storage Project rather than ARPA monies.

Discussion was held regarding employees' full-time status. Yellow Bull wants to know exactly how much money the County has. He wants to have a working session on the next agenda.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for any Commissioners wishing to attend the NACo Western Interstate Region Conference in Pennington County, South Dakota, May 21-23, 2025 at a rate of \$475.00/person.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board on behalf of Joseph Whiting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve a payment plan of \$150.00 every 2 weeks until the delinquent taxes have been brought current.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve a letter addressed to Custer County regarding insensitive indigenous slang name of a road sign near Hermosa and authorize the Board to sign.

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

| GENERAL FUND | | |
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| ARREDONDO, JERLENE | MEETING MILEAGE | \$67.00 |
| BEAR RUNNER, RAMON | MEETING MILEAGE | \$87.10 |
| CENTURY BUSINESS | COPIER LEASE & FEES | \$169.53 |
| TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA | ADVANCED MILEAGE | \$108.14 |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT | CODING/TEST DECK/MAIN | \$2,908.39 |
| HOPKINS, ARTHUR L | ADVANCED TRAVEL | \$80.67 |
| HOPKINS, ARTHUR L | MEETING MILEAGE | \$142.04 |
| H & R BLOCK | IRS W2 UPLOAD | \$250.00 |
| LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC | UTILITY/ELECTRIC | \$12.50 |
| LAKOTA TIMES | PUBLICATION | \$498.24 |

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| LYNN'S DAKOTA MART | MEETING SNACKS/WATER | \$47.16 |
| MASTERCARD | MASTERCARD PURCHASES | \$844.47 |
| STEVENS, MIKAYLA | BLOOD DRAW | \$75.00 |
| QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE | TAX FORMS MAILINGS | \$416.84 |
| RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE | LIFE INSURANCE | \$32.00 |
| SD DEPT OF HEALTH | BLOOD DRAW ANALYSIS | \$165.00 |
| SD DEPT OF REVENUE | REMITTANCE | \$120.00 |
| THOMSON REUTERS - WEST | ONLINE LAW SUBSCRIPT | \$163.17 |
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| VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC. | SERVICE FEES | \$893.75 |
| YELLOW BULL, WENDELL | ADVANCED TRAVEL TO RC | \$131.32 |
| YELLOW BULL, WENDELL | MEETING MILEAGE | \$87.10 |
| COMER, ALLYSSA | ADVANCED TRAVEL | \$106.00 |
| COMER, ALLYSSA | MEETING MILEAGE | \$97.82 |
| COMMISSION | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$2,960.39 |
| ST ATTY | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$568.26 |
| VET'S | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$3,769.67 |
| SHERIFF | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$10,963.61 |
| CORONER | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$1,591.10 |
| | TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND | \$27,519.44 |
| COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | | |
| BANNER ASSOCIATES, INC. | PROJ 24216.00 OL RDS | \$316.50 |
| BOOT BARN INC. | HWY CLOTHING ALLOWAN | \$7,525.10 |
| BUTLER MACHINERY CO. | EQUIPMENT | \$489,918.38 |
| CULLIGAN | DRINKING WATER | \$6.95 |
| GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE AND | SUPPLY | \$109.62 |
| GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC. | TIRES | \$681.95 |
| HUSKER AUTO PARTS | SUPPLY/INVENTORY | \$107.98 |
| LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC | UTILITY/ELECTRIC | \$687.06 |
| LAVERN CEPLECHA-BUTCH'S | HVAC SERVICES | \$321.25 |
| MARTIN AUTO PARTS | EQUIPMENT PARTS | \$479.30 |
| MASTERCARD | MASTERCARD PURCHASES | \$401.96 |
| MENARDS | SUPP INV 47745 ACCT | \$198.91 |
| RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE | LIFE INSURANCE | \$140.75 |
| WESTCO | FUEL/UTILITES | \$391.93 |
| WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS | RADIO PARTS | \$34.30 |
| CRBR ADMIN | WAGES & BENEFITS | \$22,199.51 |
| | TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | \$523,521.45 |
| M & P RELIEF FUND | | |
| MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS | SCANNING EQUIP MONTH | \$75.00 |
| | TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND | \$75.00 |
| | TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 01/14 AND 02/13/2025 | \$551,115.89 |

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor