

## OGDLALALAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 8, 2025. Present: Ramon Bear Runner, Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was present via telephone.

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 Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve March 13, 2025, minutes.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for February, 2025 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 28th day of February 2025.

<b>Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:</b>	\$	144,094.10
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<b>Total Amount of Cash:</b>	\$	1,397.20
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<b>Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:</b>	\$	1,468.57
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### **FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS**

First Interstate, HS:	\$	2,476,510.32
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### **CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:**

Schwab 2 year	\$	2,124,955.94
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**Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:**

Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00
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### **RETURNED CHECKS:**

Deaton, Tyler	\$	110.10
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,748,551.23</b>
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Dated This 28th Day of February 2025.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County  
Auditor of Oglala  
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer  
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	4,601,399.85
Held for other Entities	\$	53,991.66
Held in Trust	\$	93,159.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,748,551.23</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 Bear Runner, to approve travel for Teresa Pullen, Treasurer; Melody Engebretson, Register of Deeds; and Arrow Bettelyoun, Elections Administrative Assistant, to attend the SDACO Spring Workshop in Pierre, May 13-14, 2025, to include registration fees, lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to table the discussion regarding the land where the Batesland Solid Waste Site is located until 3:30.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the Travel Advance Repayment Agreement to be signed every time an advanced travel check is issued. Also, if someone is picking up a check for someone else, they will provide their initials to signify that the recipient agrees and is authorizing someone to sign for them.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the purchase of a 1981 Trailmobile 8,400-gallon tanker trailer from Buscho Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Bettelyoun noted that the trailer had been inspected by the SDDOT. He then provided updates and his monthly report. A brief discussion regarding land to purchase for the new Highway Shop.

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

TJ Plume, Alpha One Fire Department, joined the meeting via telephone at 1:44 p.m.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) re-entered the meeting via telephone at 1:45 p.m. as her call had dropped.

Mark Mesteth, Sheriff, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the surplus of the following items to junk: Axon Dock Bay, SN TI0317000TC; Axon Body Camera, asset tag #00412; Axon Body Camera, asset tag #00413; Sanyo VPC-850 Digital Camera, SN 080911178097; 2 OLCSD Deputy Badges 61-1C; Interstate Battery Charger, no tag; Nightstick TAC-560XL, asset tag #00397; Nightstick TAC-560XL, asset tag #00398; Viasat wifi, SN G39418094915; Kustom Pro 1000 DS Radar, SN 68080; Kustom Signal Antenna, SN DE 33358; Decatur Electronics Genesis I Radar, SN GK 28685; Miscellaneous unknown

radar antenna; Watch Guard base, SD DV10-127697; Kustom Signal Golden Eagle II Radar, SN 200-2062-00; Kustom Signal Antenna, SN DE33357; Six Function Switch Box, no tag; 4 Federal Sign Siren PA 300 Series, no tag.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, second by Hopkins, to approve adding an additional line item into the Sheriff's budget for paying the OST Tribal Court to provide background checks for pistol permit applications.

Mesteth updated the Board regarding the work he and State's Attorney Russell are doing to try to get an MOU with the Tribe for services. He then noted that he had discussed potential "holding cells" to be utilized through the OST Public Safety with the Tribe and will be pursuing this request.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Mesteth's monthly report.

Hopkins asked Mesteth if he had gotten any word regarding his State Certification. Mesteth informed the Board that there is nothing available until June, therefore, he may not be able to get his certification within his 1-year deadline. He mentioned that there have been 3 individuals that are already certified and have expressed interest in taking over if he needs to step down.

Twila Hopkins, Pa Iyuxsa Sa (Women's Society Group) entered the meeting via telephone at 1:52 p.m.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) re-entered the meeting via telephone at 1:53 p.m.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to provide updates and present her monthly report.

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

TJ Plume of Alpha One Fire Department met with the Board via telephone. He presented an FPA (Fire Protection Agreement) for central Oglala Lakota County. Discussion was held regarding a potential contract to provide fire suppression coverage for central Oglala Lakota County. Yellow Bull told him that they can decide to respond wherever they want to. No one has a specific area. He also wants TJ to return to a meeting when he has been notified of State Certification.

Twila Hopkins, Pa Iyuxsa Sa, met with the Board to present a proposal requesting County held Opioid Settlement Funds for their organization. They plan to bring Tribal Ceremony to the youth with counseling to try to mitigate drug use.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve providing Pa Iyuska Sa \$20,000.00 of County held Opioid Settlement funds, contingent on verification of the guidelines.

Audrey Thompson, OST Solid Waste Management, met with the Board. The Tribe would like to move the Solid Waste site to Tribal land. The Town of Batesland currently owns the site, but it is within the Oglala Sioux Tribe Reservation. Oglala Lakota County School District 65-1 utilizes it as does the Town of Batesland. There is no regulation. Tires, cattle and many other items that are prohibited have been dumped there. Yellow Bull provided SDCL 34A-6-21 that indicates that the County can assume responsibility if wanted.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Yellow Bull, to hold a special meeting regarding the solid waste site. The Auditor's Office will coordinate the time and date that works for everyone.

Roger Risty, Risty Benefits, met with the Board to present quotes from insurance companies regarding health, dental and/or vision coverage. The Board will look at the options presented and weigh financial feasibility and bring it back to a later meeting date.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, presented a brief review of the Opioid Settlement Funds allocations.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve travel for Morgan Erickson, Certified Assessor, to attend the SDAAO Conference, June 10-13, 2025 in Mitchell, to include registration fee, lodging and per diem; to approve travel for Morgan Erickson to attend the Vanguard User Group Meeting in Oacoma, August 18-20, 2025 to include registration fee, lodging and per diem; and to approve travel for Morgan Erickson to attend the SDAAO School in Sioux Falls, September 14-19, 2025 to include registration fee, lodging and per diem.

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	COMM MTG MILEAGE	\$67.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$202.73
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	QMHP	\$229.56
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID/DIDN'T ATTEND MTG	-\$221.10
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MTG MILEAGE MILE & MTG	\$407.10
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MTG MILEAGE	\$87.10
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN. LLC	VISION PLAN	\$2.52
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$3.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/USAGE	\$290.47
COLBATH & SPERLICH LAW	PREV AMOUNT DUE	\$37.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID/DIDN'T ATTEND MTG	-\$136.68
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	REG MEETING MILEAGE	\$67.00
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$105.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MTG MILEAGE/WKSP MILE	\$417.78
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$732.52
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	HWY CONFERENCE	\$630.00
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$42.70
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$507.95
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	EMPLOYEE LIFE INS	\$52.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	2025 SDACC SPRING WKSP	\$125.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD TOXICOLOGY	\$85.00
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE SUPPORT/PROG	\$900.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE SOFTWARE SUB	\$135.18
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO MONTHLY RENT	\$100.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	REG MTG MI / WKSP MILE	\$407.10
COMER, ALLYSSA	MTG MILEAGE/WKSP MILE	\$428.20

COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,812.97
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,882.77
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$10,339.56
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,548.80
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$25,363.23</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$95.22
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$749.98
BUSCHO ENTERPRISES, LLC	8000-GAL TANKER TRAILER	\$8,000.00
CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$6.95
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	PARTS	\$10,586.00
DWARE, INC.	COMPUTER SOFT LEASE/	\$4,700.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$222.42
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$520.70
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	HWY CONFERENCE	\$210.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$129.99
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$55.20
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	\$93.78
MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CO.	2024 LEASE ON TRACTOR	\$7,227.56
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	EMPLOYEE LIFE INS	\$144.50
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$22,493.12
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	<b>\$55,235.42</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 03/14 AND 04/08/2025</b>	<b>\$80,598.65</b>

Public comment was heard from Art Hopkins, Commissioner regarding the letter that the Board sent to Custer County regarding Squaw Creek Road to ask if there has been any resolution. The Auditor's Office will check into it and report back at the next meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened as the Oglala Lakota County Consolidated Board of Equalization and the meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the minutes of the Town of Batesland.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the Tax-Exempt properties list.

There were no new Owner-Occupied adjustments.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the stipulations list.

Bert Corwin met with the Board via telephone to ask for adjustments on his taxes due to drought conditions and prices. The Director of Equalization is unable to make any adjustments due to the State's formula.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to deny his appeal. He can appeal at the State level at an OHE hearing.

There were no elderly/disabled tax freeze applications to approve.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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

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