

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at Prairie Wind Casino on June 12, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 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 as written with the addition of having a discussion regarding obtaining a credit card for Commissioners to use during travel when a credit card is used for securing incidentals, etc.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve May 22, 2025, minutes.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to correct the May 8, 2025 minutes to reflect offering Colonial Life, not AFLAC insurance.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to hold the July 10, 2025 Commission meeting at the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort in Kyle.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board..

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Sheriff Department fuel transfer to reimburse the Highway Department 100 gallons @ \$3.1999 = \$319.99 for March 5 – 25, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Sheriff Department fuel transfer to reimburse the Highway Department 100.6 gallons @ \$3.1999 = \$321.90994 for April 2 – 25, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Highway Department monthly report and place it on file. There was a brief discussion regarding potential land to purchase.

Bettelyoun then presented fuel bids for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and 4,700 gallons of dyed diesel #2.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to accept and approve the one and only bid of \$3.456/gallon for unleaded gasoline and \$2.916/gallon for dyed diesel #2 from Westco.

Bettelyoun then presented the County Highway Budget request for 2026 noting an increase for repairs, an increase of \$8,000.00 for cement, utilities, welding rods, etc.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Jerlene Arredondo, VSO, met with the Board to provide updates.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray) for Arredondo to sit as a Co-chair on the South Dakota Native Home Ownership Veterans' Committee Coalition to represent Oglala Lakota County.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the VSO Monthly Report and place it on file.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to move the following resolution to the next meeting:

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-
Contingency Transfer 2025 #1**

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: Mental Illness Board \$875.62;

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

Dated at Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota this 12th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman
Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Oglala Lakota County Auditor's Office

Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Yellow Bull asked that the names for Mental Health billings be checked against all the SD Tribal Enrollments. The Auditor will check on this.

Daylon Black Bull, Sheriff, met with the Board. He presented the proposal for Omnixx (teletype). Yellow Bull asked that Black Bull get with State's Attorney Russell as to whether this is a viable option.

The discussion turned to State's Attorney Russell regarding the later agenda item to discuss a 3 County Dispatch agreement. He provided the benefit of doing this; however, he is waiting for Custer County to get back to him regarding their interest in participating. He will follow up after he hears from them. Yellow Bull brought up the various roadblocks that law enforcement in Oglala Lakota County has had in dealing with other State/County entities and expressed his concern for the lack of willingness to cooperate and work with each other.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), for the Sheriff to pursue getting something in place to be able to run background checks for Concealed Carry Permits. Black Bull will report back at the next meeting with the best method of moving forward.

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

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve for the Sheriff to purchase a bullet proof vest that fits him.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, presented the second reading of Oglala Lakota County Ordinance #2025-01.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to adopt the following

ordinance:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY ORDINANCE #2025-01
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY REGULATION
OF FIRE HAZARDS OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Oglala Lakota County Commission is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Oglala Lakota County including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Commission has consulted with local fire officials, law enforcement and emergency management officials concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires in Oglala Lakota County is such so as to pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Oglala Lakota County including property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Oglala Lakota County by wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20 (18) the Oglala Lakota County Commission does hereby enact this ordinance to ensure public safety on an emergency basis, effective immediately and impose a ban on all open burning and fireworks except for petroleum fueled or charcoal briquette fueled grills used for preparing food. This burn ban applies to any Non-Native American individual in Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, outside any municipality, and is in effect when the National Weather Service has declared the South Dakota Grassland Fire Danger Index to be in the **MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH or EXTREME** level. Individuals will be allowed to use gas fueled or charcoal fired BBQ grills and will be allowed open burning when the fire index is at the **LOW** level. Campfires will **NOT** be allowed on private land or licensed commercial campgrounds. Campgrounds operated by the State of South Dakota or US Government must follow the established laws and regulations.

SECTION 2: That this open burning ban will remain in effect until repealed by the Oglala Lakota County Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this ordinance shall include a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars for each violation and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation: or both such fine and imprisonment. Additionally, person(s) in violation of this burn ban may be responsible for any and all suppression costs pursuant to South Dakota Law.

SECTION 3: That the Oglala Lakota County Commission declares an emergency and this ordinance shall be in effect immediately in order to protect the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Oglala Lakota County.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2025

/S/ Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer
Chairman, Oglala Lakota County Commission

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor

First reading: May 22, 2025

Second reading: June 12, 2025

Roger Risty, Risty Benefits, met with the Board to report the employees' interest in the various insurances and the amount that they would be comfortable paying "out of pocket".

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the County to pay 85% of the Avera Health Plan, leaving 15% to be covered by the employee; to approve the County to pay for 100% of the Lincoln Financial Life Insurance, but the employee would pay 100% of the Optional Lincoln Financial Life Insurance; to approve the County to pay 100% of the Lincoln Financial Dental Insurance; to approve the County to pay 100% of the Beam Vision Insurance and to approve the County to pay 100% of the MASA Insurance. Yellow Bull amended his motion that was seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the Auditor to calculate all the insurance benefits added together, then having the County pay benefits as to limit the amount deducted from the actual employee to \$90.00 per bi-weekly pay period.

Risty will get information regarding what Optional Life Insurance would cost for Comer and Takes the Shield (Dubray), which will be a payroll deduction (not paid by the County).

Amanda Makley, West River Mental Health, met with the Board to present their 2026 Budget request.

Mike Emery, Risty Benefits, representing Colonial Life Insurance briefly spoke with the Board to find out if there was any interest in a proposal being put forward. It was noted that the Board would like to hear more about Colonial from him.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to move the Badlands Conservation District 2026 Budget request to the next meeting.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board and provided the Oglala Lakota County 2024 Annual Report.

Takes the Shield (Dubray) left at 4:24 p.m.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$18.76
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$202.73
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$40.20
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID/DID NOT ATTEND	-\$321.60
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$40.20
BENNETT COUNTY BOOSTER	SHER NOTICE OF VACANCY	\$18.98
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE & USAGE	\$567.16
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$18.76
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$300.16
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DIDN'T ATTEND SPEC MTG	-\$18.76
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$18.98

HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM MEET	\$104.52
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$379.08
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE	\$70.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	
	AUDITOR-CALCULATOR	\$96.99
MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR	NON-TRIBAL MH SERVICE	\$601.06
PAYLOCITY	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$263.94
PRAIRIE WIND CASINO	COMM MTG RENTAL & SNACKS	\$126.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL	SPRING WORKSHOP LODGING	\$816.00
RUSSELL, LANCE	TRAVEL TO PW CASINO	\$49.58
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD SCREENING	\$40.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE REMITTANCE	\$1,380.03
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE SERV ANALYSIS	\$200.00
STURGIS RESPONDER SUPPLY	UNIFORM	\$109.98
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPT	\$163.17
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO MONTHLY OFFICE RENT	\$100.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$32.16
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$67.00
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,920.60
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$284.13
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,882.77
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,090.72
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,880.14
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$20,862.72
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$217.20
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$95.22
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$146.96
CULLIGAN	DRINKING WATER	\$6.95
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$294.50
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$20.00
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	ELECTRICITY/UTILITY	\$284.26
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$611.97
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$55.36
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$165.81
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITES	\$16,480.11
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,889.85
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$44,268.19
M & P RELIEF FUND		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$75.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$75.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 05/23 AND 06/12/2025	\$65,205.91

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor