

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at Singing Horse Trading Post on July 10, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Ramon Bear Runner, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was present via telephone, Wendell Yellow bull was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:47 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 Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda adding Coroner to present 2026 budget request.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Bear Runner, to approve June 12, 2025, minutes.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Bear Runner, to approve to surplus to sell Yoga Chair from Register of Deeds, asset tag #02175.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to provide his Monthly Report and updates, which included maintenance on roads, including the road to the OST Solid Waste facility; training and future roads contracts that may include dust control.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept Bettelyoun's monthly report.

Bear Runner mentioned that the Auditor's Office should be more detailed on the credit card report.

Daylon Black Bull, Sheriff, met with the Board to provide his monthly report and updates. An MOU is still being pursued between the county and the tribe, with updates at the next meeting. Black Bull informed the board that States Attorney Lance Russell gave approval for the purchase of Omnixx, .

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to purchase Omnixx for the Sheriff's department.

Black Bull spoke on the set up of devices. He then advised the board he is also looking into Central Square software which will cost \$1,500 per year. There is not a contract binding the Sheriff with Omnixx. Black Bull noted his preference to go with Central Square.

Bear Runner withdrew his prior motion, and Hopkins withdrew his second on the Omnixx purchase.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to authorize the Sheriff to only serve Non-Tribal Members.

Motion by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to move discussion of Omnixx to next meeting.

Hopkins then asked Black Bull if there is training for the Sheriff and Deputy, Black Bull noted that he is set up for training to be certified in SD during the last week of September. Discussion was held on

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to accept Black Bull's Monthly report.

Motion made by Bear Runner seconded by Hopkins to approve the purchase of 2 Tough Books and

Intoximeter for the Sheriff's office.

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-06
Contingency Transfer 2025 #2

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 \$601.06;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a Contingency Transfer #2.

Dated at Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota this 10th day of July 2025.

/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

Jerlene Arredondo, VSO, met with the Board to present her 2026 Budget request and monthly report. Arredondo then provided updates, noting that June was a slow month due to the hot weather. Arredondo is bringing back the veteran's survey in the next meeting. There are 13 homes that were just built, not fully filled yet. These are private sector homes, water, sewer, and full infrastructure.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept the VSO 2026 Budget request and monthly report.

Mel Engebretson, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to present her 2026 Budget request. Engebretson decreased it by \$1,000.00 on equipment, which increased the budget for the modernization and preservation fund.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Registered of Deeds Budget request.

Break was taken at 3:09 p.m. Meeting resumed at 3:27 p.m.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the board via telephone to provide her 2026 Budget request.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept the Director of Equalization Budget request.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the board to provide her 2026 Budget request and updates. Pullen stated that there is about \$1,000,000.00 in a Treasury note, it is getting about 4 % interest. It matures in July of 2026. There is also another \$1,000,000.00 Treasury note which will mature in July of 2027 earning 3.75% interest.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins to approve the following resolution:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025- 07

WHEREAS, Oglala Lakota County has on record in the Office of the Auditor, Treasurer and Sheriff, outstanding checks as follows for First Interstate Bank in the amount of \$2,041.67:

Check #2501-----Issued on 2/16/2018 to Red Shirt School in the amount of \$100.00.

Check #2819-----Issued on 7/27/2018 to the S.D. Division of Criminal Investigations in the amount of \$43.25.

Check #4956-----Issued on 5/29/2019 to Capital One Auto in the amount of \$10.00.

Check #5000-----Issued on 11/15/2019 to Capital One, NA in the amount of \$5.00.

Check #5016-----Issued on 3/3/2020 to Capital One in the amount of \$5.00.

Check #5168-----Issued on 10/18/2021 to ENT Credit Union in the amount of \$10.00.

Check #5188-----Issued on 2/14/2022 to Jennifer Dixon in the amount of \$10.00.

Check #5203-----Issued on 4/13/2022 to Davis Ghost in the amount of \$32.00.

Check #5211-----Issued on 5/5/2022 to Sam Two Bulls Jr. in the amount of \$20.00.

Check #5250-----Issued on 12/2/2022 to Maretta Champagne in the amount of \$11.33.

Check #5253-----Issued on 12/8/2022 to Antonio Murrufo in the amount of \$8.50.

Check #5280-----Issued on 5/31/2023 to Christopher Benson in the amount of \$25.00.

Check #10472-----Issued on 8/13/2008 to Pennington Co. States Attorney in the amount of \$200.00.

Check #11832-----Issued on 12/3/2009 to General Store in the amount of \$103.48.

Check #12458-----Issued on 6/11/2010 to Pennington Co. States Attorney in the amount of \$400.00.

Check #14493-----Issued on 8/3/2012 to S.D. Sheriff's Association in the amount of \$757.58.

Check #17150-----Issued on 5/6/2016 to Yankton County Sheriff in the amount of \$25.00.

Check #18492-----Issued on 9/11/2019 to Safety Services Co. in the amount of \$65.00.

Check #19713-----Issued on 7/14/2021 to Robert Faulk in the amount of \$7.46.

Check #19727-----Issued on 8/5/2021 to Marla Day Boy in the amount of \$10.00.

Check #19826-----Issued on 10/8/2021 to Rashawn Schreiner in the amount of \$10.00.

Check #20520-----Issued on 11/14/2022 to Daniel Johnson in the amount of \$176.02.

Check #20631-----Issued on 1/11/2023 to Debra Black Crow in the amount of \$7.05.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County may by resolution make the "cancellation of checks and warrants not presented within two years of issuance" as stated in SDCL 1967 7-22-17.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above-mentioned outstanding checks be canceled and the County Treasurer and County Auditor be instructed to cancel the same unless the individuals on the above listing contact the Auditor's Office within 30 days from publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2025.

Attest:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Oglala Lakota County

/s/ Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Oglala Lakota County Commission

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner to accept the Treasurer's 2026 Budget request.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins to approve abatements.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner to authorize Lance Russell, States Attorney, to Draft a letter on why Oglala Lakota County receives such a small amount in PILT monies.

Discussion was held on the sale of tax certificates, and the recent Supreme Court decision, and the State of South Dakota recognized it. If someone buys a tax certificate, whether it's the county or a 3rd party, they can purchase it and pay the taxes. However, the property must be sold within one year.

Discussion was also held on the sale of parcels with multiple tribal owners.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to authorize the sale of the undivided parcel's certificates to the Tribe. Discussion was held. Motion by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, rescinded the previous motion and asked that it be moved to the next meeting.

Stacey Martin, GIS met with the board via telephone to present her 2026 Budget request and give updates.

Motion by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to move the selling of GIS info to the next meeting.

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept the GIS 2026 Budget request.

Allen Schaefer, SD State Auditor, met with the Board Via Phone to present the 2022-2023 Audit Exit Conference. He spoke of his findings – Deficiencies: need for an updated Procurement Policy, better accounting controls, bidding requirements, reconciliation of the custodial fund balances. Immaterial violations – not transmitting outstanding checks to the State Unclaimed properties (2 laws address this), supplement made that was not approved, need for more thorough credit card expense reports, research Sourcewell for documents on bids, and follow bid laws on fuel tanks.

Nathan Kehn, Badlands Conservation District met with the board to present his 2026 Budget request and updates.

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to accept Conservation District's 2026 Budget request.

Audrey Martinez, Coroner, met with the Board to present her 2026 Budget request and updates. Martinez mentioned that autopsy charges and supplies are going up in price.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to have Martinez write a letter to the tribe asking to help with Coroner supplies cost.

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to put the Coroners Budget request on the next agenda.

TJ Plume, Alpha One Fire Department, met with the Board requesting funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 for a Cascade Fill Station with a 10 year payment, however a Minnesota foundation wanted to assist with 50% of the cost. Plume spoke to the Tribe regarding covering some of the cost. He was told no

due to funding issues. Ultimately, the portable air fill system would really benefit the community. Plume then stated that anybody can use the system if they bring in their own tank, each truck can carry about 6 tanks.

Comer then asked Hopkins if he had any thoughts on the matter, he did not. Comer stated that \$35,000 was a lot of money, requesting the Tribe pay half, which would total \$17,500.00 for each entity as many of the calls are to Tribal land. Plume then stated that Alpha One would pay \$15,000.00. Comer requested the County, Tribe and Alpha One each pay 1/3 of \$35,000.00. Plume stated that the Tribe had already told him no. Plume asked if Alpha One could pay \$15,000.00 and the County would pay \$20,000.00. Comer said that, if the Tribe could pay at least 1/3, the County would consider it.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to hold a special meeting via telephone on July 21st, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. to further discuss Alpha One Fire Department's funding request.

Motion made by Hopkins seconded by Bear Runner, to hold the next on August 14, 2025 Oglala Lakota County Commission Meeting at the Fall River County Courthouse, third floor meeting room.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to present the Auditor and Election 2026 Budget requests and to provide updates.

Motion by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Auditor and Election 2026 Budget request.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM SING	\$67.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERV	\$385.61
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MI TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$44.22
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID MILEAGE/DIDN'T	-\$40.20
CENTURY BUSINESS	XEROX/PRINTER/LEASE	\$298.13
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MI TO/FROM HS FOR FI	\$67.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MI TO/FROM FIRE MTG	\$134.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID MILEAGE, NOT GO	-\$134.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID/CK SHOULDN'T HA	-\$67.00
ELK, JERILYN	REISSUE CK TO REPLAC	\$13.17
FALL RIVER CO. TREASURER	REIM FOR PURCHASES O	\$400.96
GANJE, SUE	MILEAGE TO/FROM REG	\$49.58
GOLDEN WEST	ELECTION WIFI REIMB	\$255.98
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MI TO/FROM SINGING H	\$30.82
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$150.09
LITTLE, KASSEL	REISSUE TO REPLACE C	\$19.58
LOAFER, ALOYISUS	REISSUE CK TO REPLAC	\$56.00
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$136.08
LANGE, COLE	REISSUE LOST CHECK	\$30.00
ERICKSON, MORGAN	TRAVEL REIMB FOR SDA	\$100.00
MARTINEZ, AUDREY	MI TO/FROM SINGING H	\$67.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE	\$35.00

MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PURCHASE	\$441.17
PAYLOCITY	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$468.01
PRAIRIE WIND CASINO	COMM MTG RENTAL & SN	\$138.00
RUSSELL, LANCE	MI TO/FROM PWC FOR C	\$49.58
SDAAO	ANNUAL ASSESSOR SCHO	\$500.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD TOX	\$125.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$41.54
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE REMITTANCE	\$120.00
SIOUX FUNERAL HOME	AUTOPSY TRANS TO/FRO	\$368.00
TREASURER - EXPENSES	HARLAND CHECK ORDER	\$87.86
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO OFFICE RENTAL	\$100.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE FIRE MTG/COM	\$131.32
PINE SR, DALE	REP LOST CK #5288 FR	\$502.58
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,626.28
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$284.13
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,608.05
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$13,044.96
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$988.61
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$26,271.50
COUNTY RD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERV	\$95.22
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$1,650.26
CULLIGAN	DRINKING WATER	\$13.90
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$22.97
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	PHONE/INTERNET	\$222.50
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	8 NEW TIRES	\$1,784.80
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$250.15
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$245.28
LAVERN CEPLECHA-BUTCH'S	REPAIR SERVICE	\$154.70
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$767.86
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE SERVIC	\$55.18
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$50.49
MCI COMM SERVICE	VOID/CK PRINTED BC R	-\$50.49
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$46.48
WESTCO	WESTCO DUP PMT 7/18/	-\$6,633.93
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$34,982.81
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$33,658.18
M & P RELIEF FUND		
TRIMIN SYSTEMS, INC	LAND SOFTWARE	\$3,077.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$3,077.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 06/13 AND 07/10/2025	\$63,006.68

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor