

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 08, 2026

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 8, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, Sue Ganje, Auditor, Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray).

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 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.

Yellow Bull lead with a prayer.

Takes the Shield came in at 1:25p.m.

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

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve December 30th, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to move OLC Policy to next meeting.

Hopkins spoke on the need for a mileage policy. Discuss was held with no action at this time. Hopkins also spoke of drug testing county employees. Highway Superintendent Bettelyoun advised that his employees are tested upon hire, with a cost of \$38.00 per person..

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield to move mileage and employee drug testing policy to the next meeting.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to nominate Allyssa Comer as Chairwoman and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) as Vice-Chairwoman.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, for nomination to cease.

Allyssa Comer is the Chairwoman for 2026. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) is the Vice Chairwoman for 2026.

Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the first grouping on the agenda that includes: Designate the bulletin boards for legal notices as 3 feet of the east end of the bulletin board on the 1st floor, 1st floor outside door, ground floor outside door and the door that leads to the alley at the Courthouse, Pine Ridge and Kyle post offices; designate depositories for 2026 as First Interstate Bank and Schwab; set the 2026 indigent burial rate as \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the second grouping on the agenda that includes: 'not re-hiring, for 6 months, any employee who quits and withdraws their retirement; to designate the second Thursday of each month as the meeting day and any additional dates as set by the Board; prisoner housing rate in Fall River County of \$105.00

and \$125.00 per day and the housing rate in Pennington County of \$105.00 and \$125.00 per day; approval of same day travel for officials and require approval for any overnight travel.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to approve the third grouping on the agenda that includes: Appoint Lakota Times as the legal newspaper for 2026; approve the following resolution:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-01

WHEREAS, the Division of Purchasing and Printing of the State of South Dakota has competitively bid state contracts for the purchase of necessary supplies, equipment and materials for state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners is authorized to purchase necessary supplies, equipment and materials for its use, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners enter into an agreement with the Division of Purchasing and Printing of the State of South Dakota to purchase equipment, supplies and materials.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the fourth grouping on the agenda that includes: Approval of Election Fee resolution; Wildland Fire Resources resolution as follows:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-02

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, the Board of County Commissioners at their first meeting shall set a fee for Election Board and the mileage rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners have set the fee for attendance of Election School at \$25.00; and

ALL ELECTION BOARDS WILL RECEIVE A FLAT FEE OF \$175.00; SUPERINTENDENTS OF EACH PRECINCT A FEE OF \$200.00; RESOLUTION, ABSENTEE, PROVISIONAL AND POST-ELECTION AUDITING BOARDS WILL BE SET AT \$13.50 PER HOUR, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners set the mileage rate at \$.70 per mile for the transporting of ballots and ballot boxes by the precinct superintendent.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2026

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje
Oglala Lakota County Auditor

**Oglala Lakota County
RESOLUTION #2026-03**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State; and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, because there is insufficient time to hold a meeting and adopt a resolution during a fire, Oglala Lakota County can designate a person (s) with authority to request assistance under this law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners hereby designate the following person (s) with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Darwin Coy
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
605 890-7245 (CELL) or 605 745-7562 (OFFICE)

Daylon Black Bull
OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF
605 891-5819 (CELL) or 605-441-6215 (OFFICE)

Allyssa Comer
COMMISSIONER
605 407-1839 (CELL)

Ramon Bear Runner
COMMISSIONER

605 441-5769 (CELL)

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)
COMMISSIONER
605 867-1743 (HOME) or 605 441-4996 (CELL)

Wendell Yellow Bull
COMMISSIONER
605 867-2263 (HOME) or 605 441-6405 (CELL)

Dated this 8th day of January, 2026

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

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

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to set the Private Road Work Hearing for February 12th 2026 at 1:30 p.m. as per SDCL 31-11-41 through 31-11-45.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to accept Bettelyoun's monthly report.

Bettelyoun gave updates on the new land purchase for the highway shop and services that would be completed by Banner Associates.

Bear Runner left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer, met with the board, to discuss the designation of banks, distress warrants for delinquent mobile home/ building on leased site taxes, public liability report for 2026, and tax certificates issued for delinquent's real property taxes. 42 properties owe back taxes; 17 properties have unclaimed interest.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with the board, to discuss HB 1057 Indigent Legal Service Reimbursements noting expenses paid by Oglala Lakota County in the amount of \$ 3145.84 and reimbursement to the county in the amount \$368.51. Ganje asked the board to set a supplement hearing for the County Treasures supply budget.

Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to set the Supplement hearing to January 22nd, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners discussed employee incentives, and will continue that discussion at upcoming meetings.

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

GENERAL FUND		
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$91.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPY MACHINE LEASE/USAGE	\$277.11
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$70.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$148.40
J D POWER	RESOURCE/MULTI-STATE RESOURCE	\$293.50
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATIONS	\$1,737.36
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMM MTG SNACKS & VSO GOODY BAGS	\$310.67
Lynn's - \$2.79 MED CHED CHEESE, \$2.89 COFFEE FILTERS, \$2.99 NAPKINS, \$6.99 CUTLERY, \$2.65 8OZ STYRO CUPS, \$4.39 PAPER PLATES, \$5.69 CLUB CRACKERS, \$15.99 COFFEE, \$2.29 TORTILLA CHIPS, \$5.69 SPLENDIA, \$9.98 SUMMER SAUSAGE X 2, \$8.99 VEG TRAY, \$9.99 TACO DIP, \$6.29 SMORES COOKIES, \$3.25 GIANT LUNCH BAGS/50CT, \$17.79 HERSHEY KISS CANDY, \$22.99 MINI CANDY CANES, \$8.55 BUTTERSCOTCH CANDIES, \$8.49 TOOTSIE FRUIT CHEWS, \$11.99 ASSORTED CANDIES, \$48.00 PEANUTS, \$42.00 APPLES, \$60.00 ORANGES		
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$105.00
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING	\$575.00
TTECH TRANSCENDENT TECH.	SOFTWARE LAND REC/HOSTING	\$4,058.00
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	MONTHLY LEASE FOR VSO	\$100.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$91.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$134.40
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$7,991.44
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	BROKEN WINDOW REPAIR	\$2,322.61
CULLIGAN	WATER SERVICES	\$20.85
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$222.86
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	ELECTRICITY/UTILITY	\$470.40
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,036.72
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 12/31/2025 AND 01/08/2026	\$11,028.16

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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

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