

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2025**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at Fall River County Courthouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room August 14, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Ramon Bear Runner were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:26 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.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve July 10 & 21 & August 1, 2025, minutes.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for all Commissioners to attend SDACC conference in Pierre, SD on September 7, 8, & return 9, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for all Commissioners to attend the State Travel Opioid & Methamphetamine Prevention Summit in Pierre, November 6 & 7, 2025.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with Board to request purchase of a Skid Steer loader work tools, in the amount of \$5,571.99.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve purchase of a Caterpillar Model A41 Work Tool (12" and 16" auger bits and 6' telescoping extension) in the amount of \$5,571.99.

Bettelyoun then presented a Petition for private road maintenance from Lila Hutchison, located at 302 County Rd 9, Wounded Knee, SD with a payment of \$100.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the petition and approve the private road maintenance in the amount for Lyla Hutchison of \$100.00.

Bettelyoun provided updates to the board on roads and discussion was held on BIA road # 17.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve their attendance at the upcoming OST Land Committee to discuss BIA road # 17 and County Highway Road maintenance cost reimbursement.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept Bettelyoun's monthly report.

Daylon Black Bull, Sheriff, met with Board

Black Bull also presented his monthly report and provided updates. Black Bull spoke of possibly using the Central Square software through the State's Attorney office. Black Bull presented a letter from Pennington County that there will be an increase in the inmate housing by \$5.00 - \$10.00. Yellow Bull asked Black Bull to keep better track of his Expenditures. Insurance on the 2 side by sides was questioned., follow up will be brought back.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to pay Guardian Fleet to install 2 docking

stations and Movement Arms for the Tough Books in the amount of \$3,786.88.

Black Bull will purchase used sheriff vehicles, he will get trucks instead of Durango's next time we buy anything, the Durango's sit too low to the ground.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept Black Bull's monthly report.

Jerlene Arredondo, VSO, met with Board to present her monthly report and travel request.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Arredondo's travel to Sioux Falls for the VSO Conference on September 8-12, 2025 including lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to accept Arredondo's monthly report. The board also asked for a copy of the survey on veterans and statistics that was taken by all reservations in the state.

Takes the Shield joined the meeting by phone at 2:30pm.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with Board to present updates on Tax Deeds, undivided interest parcels and to present a Real Estate Tax Payment plan agreement from Travis Loafer for approval.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (DuBray), to approve a monthly tax payment plan in the amount of \$250.00 for Travis Loafer.

Pullen noted 27 tax deeds and 25 parcels with undivided interest and 27 regular tax deeds. Some go back to 1985 with only 6 paid in full. Pullen has been working with the Bureau of Land Management and the BIA. There are still legal questions, with the need for some to go through the court system, noting possible need for a Conflict Attorney. Once a tax deed is taken, the County has one year to sell the property. There is approximately \$118,000.00 in prior taxes.

Stacey Martin, GIS, met with Board to present a proposal to sell GIS data, noting that there was a policy that says that you can get data without needing a user agreement and a fee.

Propose \$75.00 for just the shape layer with the parcel number, with the additional table it'll be \$60 but for both, it'll be an extra \$50.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to allow the sale of GIS data - \$75.00 for Shape layer with parcel information; \$60.00 for table data, and an additional \$50.00 if they want both.

Commissioner Hopkins discussed an EAP (Employee Assistance Program), Employee Policy Manual, and the JAY Treaty. Hopkins also inquired about a fraudulent charge on the credit card.

Yellow Bull suggested that there should be a meeting with all the departments heads to discuss the matter.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to set a policy meeting date for August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to invite Chris Eagle Hawk to the meeting.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board to discuss drafting a letter to send to the US Department of the Interior to request an increase in PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) monies. The Board asked Russell to research the process for the county to become an organized County, rather than unorganized.

Yellow Bull spoke about getting officials elected in Oglala Lakota County, rather than having contracted officials, and to slowly pull away from Fall River County. Russell spoke briefly about the court system, and how the existing contract benefits both counties. Russell will come back to the next meeting to provide more information on being an organized County. Russell will also investigate the Jay Treaty of 1700 between the US and Canada.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with the Board to present documents (budgets, taxes, etc.) for the 2026 Provisional budget.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the 2026 Provisional Budget for publication. The official budget hearing will be held at the first meeting in September.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$67.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PH SERV 287	\$369.59
CROSS DOG, JOHN	REPLACE LOST CK #535	\$99.50
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/USE	\$577.06
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$67.00
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$1,680.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$142.04
HORN LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC	MIL COURT APPT ATTY	\$246.10
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	COURT APPT ATTY SERV	\$1,461.82
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER SERVICE	\$14.70
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$150.09
LAKOTA TIMES	NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING	\$536.76
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	LYNNS DAKOTAMART	\$69.87
MARTINEZ, AUDREY	MILEAGE TO/FROM AUD	\$67.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	MASTERCARD CREDIT CARD	\$433.93
Sheriff - \$79.99 OIL CHANGE, \$5.99 OIL FILTER, \$23.98 SYN 0W20 OIL X 7, \$3.99 SHOP SUPPLIES, \$35.99 AIR FILTER, \$8.92 SALES TAX, Comm - \$29.99 PHONE VOLUME AMPLIFIER SOUND, Auditor - \$5.72 MEDIUM BINDER CLIPS, ROD- \$122.54 SECURITY SELF SEAL ENV X 2, Treasurer - \$20.00 FUEL CORNER PANTRY, IT - \$47.79 DOMAIN NAMES FOR COUNTY (ANNUAL)		
MONUMENT HEALTH	HC MORGUE UNLIST AUTOPSY	\$500.00
PAYLOCITY	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$468.01
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PROFESSIONAL	\$486.01
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$105.00

PENNINGTON COUNTY	MI HEARING	\$36.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	CATASTROPHIC LEGAL EXPENSE	\$408.00
SDPAA	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$12,140.53
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$0.23
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE REMITTANCE	\$120.00
SIOUX FUNERAL HOME	CORONER SUPPLIES	\$1,471.00
\$720.00 ADULT EZ-LOAD BODY BAGS X 36, \$40.00 SHOE COVERS 100 CT, \$675.00 DISASTER POUCHES X 9, \$36.00 XL GLOVES X 2		
SOFTWARE SERVICES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$800.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE SOFTWARE SUBSCR	\$326.34
TREASURER - EXPENSES	TREASURER	\$30.00
YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	MI HEARING	\$163.25
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$87.10
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$128.64
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,592.46
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,632.02
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,773.63
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$42,853.94</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PH SERV 287	\$95.22
BLACK HILLS TRUCK	INV BH70904 LEVELING	\$245.88
LEE RANCH TRUCKING LLC	GRAVEL HAULING	\$40,000.00
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/SERVICE/REPAIR	\$7,763.79
\$5571.99 SKID STEER LOADER WORK TOOLS, \$400.00 INV 06WO0224929 REPLACE HYD SY, \$696.80 INV 06PS0712264 PUMP GP WTR, \$818.88 " " CORE CHARGE, \$7.87 " " SEAL-O-RING, \$414.66 INV 06PS0712360 MIRROR X 2, -\$7.87 INV 06CS0069384 SEAL-O-RING, -\$818.88 INV 06CS0069385 CORE CREDIT, \$680.34 INV 06PS0713258 CUTTING EDGE		
CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER	\$27.80
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	CUSTOMER #1110	\$378.72
\$22.99 INV 245935/1 TWIST NYLON ROPE, \$13.77 " " SPRING SNP ZNC .63" X 3, \$11.99 " " FIXED SINGLE PULLEY 2" HD, \$15.99 " " FIXED DOUBLE PULLEY 1.5, \$299.00 INV 245850/1 DEWALT CL GREASE, \$5.99 " " MARKER PAINT MED WHITE, \$8.99 " " WHIP HOSE STANDARD 12"		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	PHONE/INTERNET	\$222.34
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$250.15
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$282.11
MASTERCARD	MASTERCARD CREDIT CARD	\$132.21
\$132.21 2004 RYNO ATV REPAIR		
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$54.89
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	\$220.98

\$52.96 INV 71728 CHARMIN 24 PK, \$15.99 " " SCOTT PAPER TOWEL 15 PK, \$19.99 " " 75W A19 BW CL TW DLED-4, \$8.76 " " 84 CT COTTONELLE WIPES, \$6.97 " " LYSOL FRESH AIR 10 OZ, \$6.97 " " LYSOL BREEZE AIR SAN 10, \$6.97 " " LYSOL LINEN AIR SAN 10 OZ, \$5.49 " " 10 OZ WHITE LITHIUM GREAS, \$7.49 " " 16 OZ CARB CLEANER, \$11.98 " " LUCAS RED TACK SPRAY 11, \$7.99 LUCAS CHAIN LUBE AEROSOL, \$36.45 25LB BAG OIL DRY, \$32.97 TOOLBOX 6 PK BLUE TOWELS		
SDPAA	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$10,451.16
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$27,836.99
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$87,962.24</b>
<b>M &amp; P RELIEF FUND</b>		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$75.00
		<b>\$75.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 07/11 AND 08/14/2025</b>	<b>\$130,891.18</b>

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

/s/Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman  
Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor