

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 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 1:16 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 with the amendment to add an agenda item for Teresa Pullen, Treasurer.

Ramon Bear Runner joined the meeting via telephone at 1:17 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the commission meeting minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the June and July of 2025 Auditors Account with the County Treasurer.

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 30th day of June 2025.

<b>Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:</b>	\$	607,774.75
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<b>Total Amount of Cash:</b>	\$	866.92
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<b>Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:</b>	\$	2,279.90
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<b>FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS</b>		
First Interstate, HS:	\$	2,569,883.21

<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>		
Schwab 2 year	\$	2,125,304.56

Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00
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<b>RETURNED CHECKS:</b>		
Deaton, Tyler	\$	110.10

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,306,234.44</b>
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Dated This 28th Day of August 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	\$	5,068,973.19
Held for other Entities	\$	155,272.81
Held in Trust	\$	81,988.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,306,234.44</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.

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 31st day of July 2025.

**Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank,  
HS:**

\$ 750,110.74

**Total Amount of Cash:**

\$ 595.30

**Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's  
Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:**

\$ 847.97

**FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS**

First Interstate, HS:

\$ 1,410,493.43

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:**

Schwab 2 year

\$ 3,131,803.45

Election Petty Cash:

\$ 15.00

**RETURNED CHECKS:**

Deaton, Tyler

\$ 110.10

**TOTAL \$ 5,293,975.99**

Dated This 28th Day of August 2025.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer

Auditor of Oglala  
Lakota County

of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	5,197,542.20
Held for other Entities	\$	18,566.77
Held in Trust	\$	77,867.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,293,975.99</b>

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Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

Hopkins noted that he did not receive his stipends in in July or August and requested a follow up on having 2 meetings each month.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) joined the meeting via telephone at 1:20 p.m.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to provide updates. There was discussion regarding MSHA training, and on keeping first aid kits in County vehicles and equipment. Bettelyoun will talk with his administrative assistant to clarify that the CPR recommendation is 30 chest compressions and 2 breaths. It was recommended that employees should take CPR training every 2 years.

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

Bettelyoun then requested to make changes to the Oglala Lakota County Policy Manual, addressing an annual leave payout if an employee is unable to use; transfer of sick leave hours to other employees, and payment of sick leave hours upon retirement. such as annual leave, Bettelyoun was requesting to have the sick leave hours being put back into the policy book, page 23.D.2.3. What if someone runs into trouble and they get sick, but they don't have enough hours to go to the hospital or to rest at home. Keep the required 120 hours to yourself. You can donate up to 22 hours /year.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to add to the policy the following: 1) Allow payment of annual leave if an employee is unable to use their full hours due to work emergency; 2) Allow donation of sick leave hours, up to 200.00 hours, to other employees, while retaining 120 hours for themselves; and Payout out Sick Leave up to 600 hours, upon retirement with letter from South Dakota Retirement Systems.

Bettelyoun then presented 2 Petitions for Private Road Maintenance.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept and approve the Petition for Private Road Maintenance from Felix Rodriquez, with payment in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept and approve the Petition for Private Road Maintenance from Ryan McDowell, with payment of \$70.00.

Discussion was held on 2 commission representatives to meet with the Land Committee to request reimbursement on maintenance costs for BIA Rd # 17, auditor to set this up. The board also asked a letter be sent to the FBI, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the BIA and the Department of Justice to share costs with the County Coroner for supplies used in her job.

Daylon Black Bull, Sherriff, met with the Board to present his monthly report.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Takes the Shield, to approve Black Bull's monthly report.

Discussion was held on activities on a typical day, and Hopkins asked for a written report on mileage to Oglala Lakota county and back to Box Elder when he is on duty. It was noted that PBT's were not admissible in court.

Black Bull reported that the MOU (allows for cross deputization between the county and the Oglala Sioux Tribal Chief of Police, Kevin Racher of the OST Police Department. Yellow Bull recommended Black Bull to meet with the State's Attorney, Lance Russell, to review the proposed MOU, Russell also has additional recommendations.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to continue working on the MOU between the county and the tribe.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield, to approve travel for Deputy Sheriff Derek Rojo to attend the 2025 Sheriff's Association Fall Training Conference in Watertown, September for the dates of September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Sheriff Black Bull advised he passed the exam to move to a 5-day Reciprocity training in Pierre on 9-29 – 10-3, 2025 training rather than attending the full academy training.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve Lexipol Master Service agreement between the county and Lexipol, with a 001 PoliceOne Annual Subscription of \$206.00 (\$103.00 per Officer), and P1A Account set up fee in the amount of \$355.00 Also, 002 Cordico Annual Subscription in the amount of \$999.00 for 2 Wellness Apps.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve Deputy Rojo to work at the Black Hills Powwow association for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual He Sapa Wacipi in Rapid City on dates of October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m., October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to request approval for payment plans.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept a payment plan for Phinet Red Owl in the amount of \$400.00 per month for delinquent Real Estate Tax.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept a payment plan for Leah and Dorothy Brown Bear in amount of \$200.00 per month for delinquent Real Estate Tax.

Commissioners discussed the payroll in September from Bi-weekly to Monthly, the Commissioners want to double check on whether they can do both Bi-weekly and monthly just to make it fair for both sides.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to change the payroll to Bi-weekly and monthly.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to rescind motion and move it to the September 16, 2025, Special meeting at 1:00p.m.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with the Board to review the annual budget and resolution for

taxes.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to review and approve the 2026 Annual budget and Tax Levy Resolution. The following changes were made from the published Annual Budget:

**General Fund:**

Cash Balance Applied from \$353,175 to \$451,879; Subtotal from \$888,339 to \$987,043;

County Road and Bridge Fund: Cash Balance Applied from \$119,934 to \$179,310;

Subtotal from \$1,068,759 to \$1,187,511; Less 5% from (59,376) to \$0.00

Fire Fund: Cash Balance Applied from (1,133) to (501); Subtotal from \$5,684 to 6,316

**Appendix D4: Adopted Budget Levies & Resolution**

**ANNUAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SD**

For the Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026

Tax Levy in

**RESOLUTION**

<b>COUNTY TAX LEVIES</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$'s/1,000</b>
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes	355,314.00	4.771
(10-12-9)		
Library		
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) -		
SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	355,314.00	4.771
County Snow Removal Fund		
(34-5-2)		
County Road and Bridge		
(10-12-13)		
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg.		
(7-25-1)		
Bond Interest Sinking		
(7-24-18)		
Ag Building		
(7-27-1)		

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR OGLALA LAKOTA County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, this 11th day of September 2025. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection

UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL	-	
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED		
LEVY - SUB-TOTAL	355,314.00	4.771
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76)		
(31-12-27)		
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	6,697.00	0.090
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	362,011.00	4.861

\* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

As of 09/11/2025 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Oglala Lakota, County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Oglala Lakota County for the year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Vice-Chairwoman  
/S/ Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray)

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman  
/S/ Allyssa Comer

Art Hopkins, Commissioner  
/S/ Art Hopkins

Ramon Bear Runner, Commissioner  
/S/ Ramon Bear Runner

Wendell Yellow Bull, Commissioner  
/S/ Wendell Yellow Bull

ATTEST Sue Ganje Auditor  
/S/ Sue Ganje

Lance Russell, States Attorney, met with the Board to report on the procedure to organize Oglala Lakota County. Shannon County's Home Rule Charter started in 1982, and prior to 1982, the Fall River County Commissioners acted on behalf of Shannon County. The Charter was amended a few times after that, and can amend it in the future if needed. Russell would like to draft something that can go on to the next General Election ballot to change the form of government. Russell will come back next month after he has gathered more information to share with the Commissioners.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move Connections EAP (Employee Assistance Program) draft policy to the next meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve paying the bills between 08/15 and 09/11/2025 as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	ADV TRAVEL EXP SDVSO	\$641.20
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$202.71

AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	NON-TRIBAL MH CONSULTING	\$581.77
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM POLICY MTG	\$87.10
CEDAR SHORES RESORT	LODGING	\$306.18
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER LEASE/USE	\$377.19
COLBATH & SPERLICH LAW	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$600.00
CUSTER LAWYER, PLLC	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$149.80
DEPARTMENT OF LEG. AUDIT	AUDIT OF FISCAL AFF	\$20,304.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE & PER DIEM FOR CONV	\$334.10
EAGLE HAWK, CHRISTOPHER W	CONSULTATION FEE & MILEAGE	\$167.00
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING AUG 2025	\$2,985.36
GOVERNOR'S INN	LODGING 09-07 THRU 09-10-2025	\$872.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM POLICY MTG	\$142.04
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE & PER DIEM F	\$273.80
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM MTG	\$142.04
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$480.60
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$150.09
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LAKOTA TIMES	NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING	\$1,018.36
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMMISSIONER SNACKS	\$15.05
ERICKSON, MORGAN	MEAL PER DIEM FOR TRAVEL TRAIN	\$66.00
MARTINEZ, AUDREY	MILEAGE TO/FROM POLICY MTG	\$67.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	WEB HOST & DATABASE	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$4,457.58
\$16.00 BUREAU OF LAND MGMT-PATENTS201 TREAS,\$71.44 FUEL 23.051 GAL X 3.099/SHER, \$143.67 LODGING 1 NI/MINN INST TOUGHBOOK, \$52.27 FUEL 18.944 GAL X 2.759/SHER, \$66.46 FUEL 21.16 GAL X 2.999/SHER, \$40.00 FUEL 14.497 GAL X 2.759/SHER, \$40.00 FUEL OYATE GEN STORE/SHER, \$10.50 POSTAGE FOR EVIDENCE/SHER, \$44.60 DISC TIRE/WARRANTIED REP/SHER, \$49.86 DISC TIRE/WARRANTIED REP/SHER, \$114.65 SUPER LUBE/FULL VEHICLE SERV, \$119.80 AMAZON POSTCARD LABELS/ELECT, \$15.90 " 9X12 CLASP ENVELOPES/AUD, \$15.89 " 15" EXTENSION WRENCH/HWY, \$3672.43 RUGGED COMPUTER/TOUGHBOOKS/SHER		
MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR	NON-TRIBAL MH SERVICES	\$36.00
JACKIE NELSON PBT (ASCP)	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
NORTON, TINA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PROFESSIONAL	\$468.01
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PROFESSIONAL	\$468.01
PAYLOCITY	VOID, INCORRECT AMT	-\$468.01
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$420.00
OL COUNTY REG OF DEEDS	ACH FROM SDDOJ	\$20.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	COUNTY CONVENTION REGIST	\$1,100.00
SDVSOA	SDVSOA CONFERENCE FEE	\$50.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE REMITTANCE AUG	\$120.00
STEELE, DANIELLE	REPLACEMENT CK FOR VOIDED CK	\$41.00
STEELE, DANIELLE	VOID CK/LOST-REWRITTEN	-\$41.00
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	MONTHLY VSO RENTAL FEE	\$100.00
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO OFFICE RENTAL AUG & JUL	\$200.00

YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM POLICY MTG	\$87.10
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE FOR CONV & PER DIEM	\$402.44
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM MTG	\$87.10
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM POLICY MTG	\$128.64
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE & PER DIEM FOR CONV	\$300.60
COMER, ALLYSSA	MEETING MILEAGE	\$128.64
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,110.71
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,608.05
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,177.92
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$57,869.53</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$217.20
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$95.22
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLIES/PARTS/SERVICE	\$28.08
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	INV 06WO0225747	\$1,430.99
CULLIGAN	DRINKING WATER/SUPPLIES	\$20.85
DIAMOND MOWERS	MOWER PARTS/SERVICE	\$378.42
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	PHONE/INTERNET	\$222.34
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE-10290443 DENT-1	\$250.15
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE 10290443 DENT 1	\$250.15
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$273.41
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$272.19
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$95.41
HWY \$15.80 SHOP SUPPLIES/HWY, \$63.72 GATORADE X 60/HWY		
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$54.11
MENARDS	SUPPLIES/PARTS/TOOLS	\$238.39
\$57.99 INV 66191 FISKAR PRO SHRP, \$24.95 " " 2 PK RETRACT TIEDOWNS 549 " " 5/8" RPS MNDR HOSE REPAIR, \$4.97 " " COLGATE 3 PK (RODENT CONTROL)		
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,290.18
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$29,117.09</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 08/15 AND 09/11/2025</b>	<b>\$86,986.62</b>

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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

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