

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 SPLENDA, \$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



Banner Associates, Inc.
219 Founders Park Dr, Ste 1
Rapid City, SD 57702
Toll Free 855.323.6342

January 2, 2026

Mr. Lynx Bettelyoun
Oglala Lakota County Highway Department
PO Box 208
Batesland, SD 57716

Re: Letter of Contract - Engineering Services
2026 Oglala Lakota County Aggregate Production Project
Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Bettelyoun:

Banner Associates, Inc. ("Banner") is pleased to submit this letter of contract for Engineering Services for preparing bidding documents and providing bidding services for the 2026 Oglala Lakota County Aggregate Production Project.

Engineering Scope of Services:

1. Kick-off Meeting via conference call with Highway Superintendent
 - a. Banner to prepare agenda and meeting minutes
2. Prepare Bid Documents which will include:
 - a. Title Sheet
 - b. Estimate of Quantities and Notes
 - c. Specifications
 - d. Front End Documents (EJCDC Format) including
 - i. Advertisement
 - ii. Instructions to Bidders
 - iii. Payment and Performance Bond
 - iv. Bid Form
 - v. Notice of Award
 - vi. Agreement
 - vii. Notice to Proceed
 - viii. Certificate of Substantial Completion
 - ix. Waiver and Release of Lien
 - x. Standard General Conditions
 - xi. Supplementary Conditions of the Contract
 - xii. Quality Assurance Testing Agreement
3. Bidding Services which will include:
 - a. Preparing advertisement
 - i. Banner will submit advertisement to Highway Superintendent for publishing in official newspaper.
 - ii. Banner will advertise the project on the Banner Associates website.
 - iii. Banner will distribute to plan houses and other potential bidders.
 - b. Bid document production and distribution



- c. Answer bidder questions
- d. Prepare addenda if necessary
- e. Virtual attendance of bid opening at Fall River County Courthouse
- f. Review bids and Prepare bid tabulation (County Commission will award project with recommendation from Highway Superintendent)
4. Prepare Contract, Notice of Award, and Notice to Proceed
5. Prepare Certificate of Substantial Completion upon approval of the Highway Superintendent

Submittals:

Banner proposes to provide a bidding document draft for review by the Highway Superintendent in electronic form. Upon receipt of comments, Banner will address comments and provide final bidding documents in electronic form.

Exclusions:

Based on our understanding of the project, the following items are excluded from our Scope of Services:

- Geotechnical Investigation;
- Hazardous Materials;
- Aggregate Testing;
- Construction Staking, and;
- Construction Administration Services including:
 - Attendance and administration of pre-construction meeting;
 - Pay Request preparation;
 - Change order preparation; and
 - Punchlist preparation and final walk-through.

Client Obligations:

- Owner supplied data or documents
- Timely review of bidding documents
- Provide input on Quality Assurance Testing agreement for insertion into bid documents
- Plan holders list (Banner will add additional plan holders at discretion of Highway Superintendent)

Engineering Services Compensation:

We are proposing to complete the above-described Engineering Services for the lump sum amount including reimbursable expenses of \$7,200 plus applicable taxes. These fees do not include cost for any permits required by agencies for review. Any work that falls outside this scope will be billed separately based on our hourly rates in accordance with the attached fee schedule.

Time Schedule of Work:

It is our understanding the ultimate schedule is to bid the project in February of 2026 for production to be completed by October of 2026. Banner's schedule will be influenced by the following:

1. Timely review by the Owner



This Letter of Contract incorporates and includes Banner's Schedule of Labor Rates and Expenses and General Conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this contract, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Waylon Blasius". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Waylon Blasius, PE
Transportation Department Head

Enclosure:

1. Schedule of Labor Rates/General Conditions

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

Accepted this _____ day of _____

Client: _____

Business: Oglala Lakota County



Auditor Office <aud@frcounty.org>

OL commissioners meeting 1/22/2026

1 message

Teresa Pullen <Teresa.Pullen@frcounty.org>

Wed, Jan 14, 2026 at 11:20 AM

To: Arrow Bettelyoun <auditor.assistant@olcounty.org>

Approval for a Payment plan for Debra Black Crow parcel # 80000-00400-01600.

Teresa Pullen

Treasurer for Fall River & Oglala Lakota County

[906 N River St.](#)

[Hot Springs SD 57747](#)

Phone: 605-745-5145

Fax: 605-745-3530

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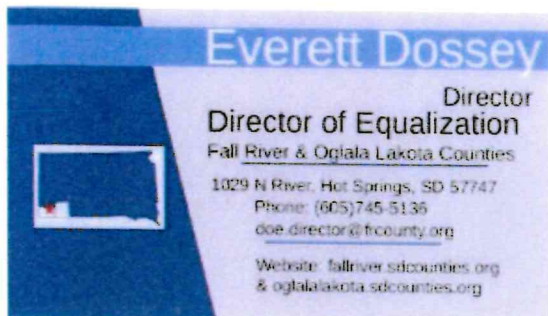
Everett Dossey <doe.dossey@frcounty.org>

Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 12:48 PM

To: agenda@frcounty.org

Good Afternoon,

Please add me to the agenda for FR and OLC. I would like to discuss a Public Information Campaign.



OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY VSO

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT ___ NOVEMBER 2025 ___

OFFICE VISITS APPOINTMENTS ___ 9 ___ WALK-INS 18 PHONE ___ 3 TOTAL ___ 30 ___

DEATHS TRIBAL MEMBERS ___ 2 ___ NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS ___

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

NEW CLAIMS ___ 2 ___ (PERSON ___ 2 ___ PHONE ___)

EXISTING CLAIMS ___ 9 ___ (PERSON 9 ___ PHONE ___)

NEW MEDICAL ENROLLMENT ___ 2 ___

DD214 REQUESTS ___ 3 ___ (OFFICE ___ 3 ___ OTHER ___)

HOME LOAN ___ 1 ___ VA STATE HOME ___ OTHER ___ 4 ___

SD STATE BENEFITS

VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY BONUS ___

BURIAL BENEFITS ___ 2 ___ EDUCATION ___ 2 ___ HEADSTONE/SET UP ___

RECORDS/OTHER ___ 3 ___ STATE PARKS ___

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES ___ LICENSE PLATES ___

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OTHER _____

VSO NAME ___ Jerlene Arredondo ___

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY VSO

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT ___ DECEMBER 2025 ___

OFFICE VISITS APPOINTMENTS ___ 7 ___ WALK-INS 14 PHONE ___ 5 TOTAL ___ 26 ___

DEATHS TRIBAL MEMBERS ___ 2 ___ NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS ___

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

NEW CLAIMS ___ 3 ___ (PERSON ___ 2 ___ PHONE ___)

EXISTING CLAIMS ___ 11 ___ (PERSON 9 ___ PHONE ___ 2 ___)

NEW MEDICAL ENROLLMENT ___ 2 ___

DD214 REQUESTS ___ 8 ___ (OFFICE ___ 8 ___ OTHER ___)

HOME LOAN ___ VA STATE HOME ___ 1 ___ OTHER ___ 2 ___

SD STATE BENEFITS

VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY BONUS ___

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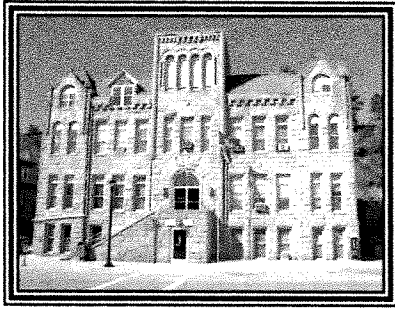
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VSO NAME ___ Jerlene Arredondo ___



OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
906 NORTH RIVER ST
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Glenn Blumhardt, Chair
Board of Minerals & Environment
Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources
523 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Honorable Chair,

Last spring, Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources (DANR) published notice of proposed uranium exploration (EXNI 453) in Fall River County, near Craven Canyon. Publication of the notice provided for public comment and petitions to intervene in the decision-making process. It also provided for a venue change request from an affected county.

In a letter dated May 14, the Oglala Lakota County Commission timely and properly submitted our request to hold the hearing in Pine Ridge, Hot Springs (their county seat), or Rapid City.

SDCL 45-6D-27 states, in part, "The board of county commissioners of a county containing affected land may request that the hearing on the application for a uranium exploration operation permit be held in that county."

At an August, 2025 pre-hearing on the matter, Board of Minerals & Environment Hearing Chair Bob Morris denied our request as improper because it did not come from the county in which the exploration would be sited. **However, SDCL 45-6D-27 states that the request may come from a county "affected" by the project, not simply the county in which the project is sited.**

As duly-elected commissioners of a county situated downwind and downstream from the proposed site, we are aware that our lands have been affected by previous exploration and mining activities in Fall River County. We believe that further exploration or mining activities will create further impacts.

The Fall River County Commission and Hot Springs City Council also wrote in support of our timely & proper venue change request. Those additional requests were also denied in a December 21st ruling from Hearing Chair Morris, citing the earlier deadline that Oglala Lakota County did, in fact, meet.