

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Fall River County Courthouse, 3rd floor meeting room on November 26, 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 1:07 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 as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Commission meeting minutes of November 13, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the October 2025 Auditors Account with the Treasurer as follows:

Office of the Oglala Lakota County Auditor

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor

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Hot Springs SD 57747

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DATE: November 21, 2025

TO: Oglala Lakota County Board of Commissioners

From: Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor

Auditor's Account of the Treasurer

Per SDCL 7-10-3 Monthly verification of treasurer's accounts - Report to county commissioners

To the Oglala Lakota Board of Commissioners; I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer as of October 31, 2025

Total Balances of Checking/Savings Accounts	2,100,648.96
Total Outstanding Deposits	16,834.92
Schwab Treasury	3,132,502.14
NSF Checks:	
Deaton, Tyler	110.10
Total Treasurer's Change Fund	15.00
TOTAL	5,250,111.12

Audited By: Stacy Schmidt

Oglala Lakota Co Auditors Office

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to set hearing for contingency transfers and cash supplements for 2:00 p.m. on December 11th, 2025.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to amend the motion to change the pay date to the 19th of December 2025, instead of December 30th, 2025, to pay the employee appreciation bonus before Christmas.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, along with "Butch" Divan, met with the Board to talk about a possible land sale of 12 acres from Divan. Discussion was held on the existing building on the proposed property (50'x 100'), and the need for Divan to build a new replacement building on his own property, which would be included in the sale price. There is electricity to the property line. Divan also asked to store his existing equipment in the existing building until spring. The board inquired about additional acres. Divan invited the Commissioners to come out and look at the property.

Daylon Black Bull, County Sheriff, met with the Board, reporting on calls of service, arrests and a possible contract between Oglala Lakota Sheriff and Fall River County for housing prisoners. Black Bull will meet with the OST Chief of Police on certain reports. Cattle theft of 43 missing cattle was noted, which has been turned over to the DCI and SD Brand Investigator. The Board also spoke on a request for daily activity reports, mileage and fuel costs. The proposed MOU

with the OST is not progressing, and the need for Bullet proof vests.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Comer, to approve travel for Black Bull to attend the Canksa Yuha Training for Sex Trafficking, Exploiting and MMIW Conference in Rapid City, SD on December 17th-20th 2025, to include per diem and lodging along with the cost of \$500.00 for registration.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the quote for the purchase of equipment from Angel Body Armor in the amount of \$4,725.00, upon receipt of the Law Enforcement Inventory and upon contract with Fall River County Sheriff.

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

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move the report by Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, to the next meeting.

VSO Jerlene Arredondo was unable to attend but will be at the next meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept VSO report.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to audit the Sheriff Deputy's fuel reimbursements.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Request for State Aid for Salary of County Veterans Service Officer State Aid to assist with the VSO salary, and authorize the Chairwoman to sign.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to have the VSO supply candy bags for veterans, details yet to be determined.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the MOU agreement with DSU and the County for Cyber Security through the SecureSD program, and authorize the auditor to sign.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to amend the previous motion on travel to include Commissioner Hopkins to attend the Missing and Murdered Conference in Rapid City, SD on December 17th-20th 2025, to include per diem and lodging along with the cost of \$500.00 for registration.

Lance Russell, States Attorney, Met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Wounded Knee Massacre Resolution, authorize the Chairwoman sign it, and to be sent to President Trump, Senators Mike Rounds and Representative Dusty Johnson.

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 09

A RESOLUTION, In support of revoking the Medals of Honor given to the United States soldiers who participated in the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890.

WHEREAS, the United States's highest honor for valor is the Medal of Honor, and Congress established that, in order to obtain the Medal of Honor, the deed of the person must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes the soldier's gallantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery; and

WHEREAS, allowing honor to the Seventh Cavalry for acts in the Wounded Knee Massacre dishonors the Medal of Honor and is an implication of hostility and genocide against the Great Sioux Nation and the persons who were killed by the United States at Wounded Knee; and

WHEREAS, Chief Big Foot and his band were impeded by Major Whiteside on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at Porcupine Butte, where surrender took place unconditionally under a white flag of truce, causing Chief Big Foot and his band to be led to Wounded Knee Creek, where Colonel James W. Forsyth assumed command; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Cavalry stripped the Lakotas of all belongings and disarmed them of weapons of any kind; a shot was then heard, and the cavalry opened fire indiscriminately while discharging Hotchkiss cannons, resulting in the killing and wounding of no less than three hundred unarmed men, women, children, and elderly Lakotas; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Cavalry was recognized to have killed a sizeable number of women and children by Major General Nelson Miles who said, "a wholesale massacre occurred and I have never heard of a more brutal, cold-blooded massacre than that at Wounded Knee;" and

WHEREAS, Lakota Holy Man, Black Elk, described Wounded Knee as follows, "I did not know then how much was ended. When I look back now from this high hill of my old age, I can still see the butchered women and children lying heaped and scattered all along the crooked gulch as plain as when I saw them with eyes still young. And I can see that something else died there in the bloody mud and was buried in the blizzard. A people's dream died there. It was a beautiful dream. And I, to whom so great a vision was given in my youth, you see now a pitiful old man who has done nothing, for the

nation's hoop is broken and scattered. There is no center any longer, and the sacred tree is dead;" and

WHEREAS, Medal of Honor recipients are under an obligation, through their actions, to exemplify courage to those who are serving in the Armed Forces and to those who are planning to serve; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Medal of Honor has been bestowed only three thousand five hundred twenty-two times, including one hundred twenty-six instances for World War I, one hundred forty-five instances for the Korean War, twenty-three instances throughout the Global War on Terror, and twenty times for the Wounded Knee Massacre; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken at the federal level to correct this injustice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oglala Lakota County Commission, that

the Commission hereby requests that efforts be made to investigate each Medal of Honor awarded to the United States Army members who acted at Wounded Knee Creek, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota on December 29, 1890; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Lakota County Commission requests support in this effort from Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds and Representative Dusty Johnson, with support from President Trump, the Commander in Chief, to do so; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is requested that upon congressional passage the name of each person awarded the Medal of Honor for the acts noted above be removed from the Medal of Honor Roll enabled under section 1134a of title 10 of the United States Code.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2025, at Hot Springs, Fall River County, South Dakota.

/s/ Allyssa Comer
 Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje
 Sue Ganje, Auditor

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to pay the following bills:

GENERAL FUND		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	\$202.22
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$148.40
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER SERVICE	\$25.50
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE 10290443 DENT INSURANCE	\$150.09
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATIONS COSTS	\$126.00
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMMISSION MTG SNACK	\$26.96
\$1.69 CHED CHEESE, \$8.99 VEG TRAY, \$9.99 TACO DIP, \$6.29 SMORES COOKIES		
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PURCHASE	\$227.26
\$45.18 BOOK BOUND DEP SLIPS/TREAS, \$81.50 HANG FILE FOLDER FRAMES/AUD, \$32.57 FUEL-TRAVEL PIERRE TRAIN/AUD, \$12.00 CAR WASH/SHERIFF		
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL SERVICE & FEES	\$468.01
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE ASSISTANCE	\$125.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
BETTELYOUN, ARROW	TRAV PER DIEM/TRAIN	\$54.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$134.40
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,918.94
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,136.50

VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,384.26
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$7,290.65
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$18,509.19
COUNTY HIGHWAY ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERV	\$94.99
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$164.22
\$31.99 INV 49754949 TRASH BAG CONTRACT, \$34.99 " " FLEX SHAFT, \$1.84 " " BULK BOLTS, \$.99 " " UTILITY BOX COVER, \$.99 " " UTILITY BOX COVER, \$1.79 " " HANDY BOX, \$1.79 " " HANDY BOX, \$1.58 " " DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, \$9.29 " " BATTERY, \$64.99 " " BUILDING WIRE, \$13.98 " " PVC CONDUIT		
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$63.63
\$35.96 INV 249161/1 X-TRA GREASE 14.5, \$6.59 " " ORANGE PAINT MARKER, \$6.59 " " YELLOW PAINT MARKER, \$14.49 " " HP OIL 2.6 OZ 6 PK		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	TELEPHONE SERVICES	\$222.86
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE 10290443 DENT INSURANCE	\$250.15
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$300.28
\$247.50 INV 202062667 55/1 DEF BLADES, \$10.46 " " COMP QL1362-8R, \$7.03 " " COMP QL1362-4R, \$8.09 " " COMP QL1362-6R, \$27.20 " " SB 72 CT SCRUBS		
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PURCHASE	\$282.64
\$1.99 PUWELL CLOUD TECH UNL/HWY, \$79.65 DEWALT DRILL/HWY, \$125.49 PRINTER INK/HWY, \$75.00 SAFETY BENEFITS REGIST/HWY		
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$55.89
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$18,962.36
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$20,397.02
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 11/14 AND 11/26/2025	\$38,906.21

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

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

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

