

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 12, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull Ramon Bear Runner and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was 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 Bear Runner, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve January 22nd, 2026, meeting minutes.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the monthly report for January 2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve moving the D-Ware software agreement to a future meeting so the States Attorney can review it.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Lynx Bettelyoun to attend the 2026 SDACHS Short Course in Deadwood SD on the dates of March 17-19, 2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, to approve the quote from fence from Fence Busters in the amount of \$48,386.00 for fencing materials. With no second, motion failed.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to have Bettelyoun solicit another quote and bring both back to a special meeting on February 17th for a decision.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veterans Service Officer, met with the board. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve VSO Monthly reports for the months of November and December 2025 and January 2026.

Arredondo's updates included a new requirement for doing monthly training online, which she is doing. She also advised of a new annual GDX – a report to include the annual dollars per category issued for pensions, benefits, compensations, burial insurance, etc., that the Veterans in county receive. She will bring that to the next meeting on February 26, 2026. Brief discussion was held on a transport situation.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to table Sheriff items to the end of meeting.

The time being 1:30 p.m., the Private Road Hearing was conducted. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins to continue approving private road work for residents at the county equipment hourly rate per hour as follows: Motor Grader - \$100.00; Dump Truck - \$80.00 per

hour; Loader -\$80.00; Semi/Belly Dump – 145.00; Mower Tractor - \$70.00 and Water Truck - \$80.00.

Melody Engebretson, Register of Deeds, (presenting for Jeffrey Janis, Longbranch Civil Engineering) met with the board.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the following plat:

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-04

**A PLAT OF LOT LYNX TRACT, LOCATED IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 3, T35N,
R43W, 6TH P.M., OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota, the within plat of the above described lands, and it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and section lines of the county; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed; now and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2026.

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

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

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with the Board. Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the 2026 Combined Election Agreements between Oglala Lakota County and Oglala Lakota County School District #65-1; Election rental agreements with the Holy Rosary Mission Churches – Sacred Heart (Pine Ridge) for Early voting on April 19 – Jun 1, 2026 and for Early Voting on September 17- November 2, 2026, and June 2 and November 3, 2026. FR Pauly Hall for June 2 and November 3, 2026. Also, Brother Rene for June 2 and November 3, 2026. Also, Wounded Knee District School for June 2 and November 3, 2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the following abatements and/or refunds:

Reitz, Bernard & Carol, Re: Missed the sale to an Exempt Entity - Parcel #80000-00000-009-99, abatements for '22 pay '23, amt of \$332.40; 'abatement for 23 pay '24, amount of \$372.34; '24 pay '25, amt of \$422.30 and '25 pay '26, amount of \$422.54,

Kelly, Benjamine, Re: Missed Tax Reduction program - Parcel #13000-03645-052-00, abatement for '23 pay '24, amt of \$1,034.76.

Native American Mission Fund Ministries, Re: Tax Exempt not updated in the system - Parcel #09000-03641-304-20, refund for '23 pay '24, amt of \$7,712.97, refund for '24 pay '25, amt of \$6,995.84 and abatement for '25 pay '26, amt of \$6,559.74.

Treaty Total Immersion Education Endowment Fund, Inc, Re: Tax Exempt not updated in system - Parcel #26000-03842-302-20,'23 pay '24, refund of \$1,227.30; '24 pay '25, refund of \$1167.78 and '25 pay '26, abatement in the amount of \$1,170.96.

SD District Council of the Assemblies of God, Re: Tax Exempt not updated in the system - Parcel #22000-03746-104-40, '23 pay '24, refund of \$560.40, '24 pay '25, refund of \$586.13, '25 pay '26, refund in of \$607.18.

Sweeney, Kirby, Re: Mh moved out of county in '23 - Parcel # 90000-02016-000-20, '25 pay '26, abatement in the amount of \$1,273.14.

Bear Runner left meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer, met with the board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to reinstate delinquent payment plan for Travis Loafer, payments of \$250.00 a month.

Hopkins spoke about increasing the monthly stipend.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull to increase the stipend for attendance from \$50.00 per meeting to \$150.00 per meeting.

Hopkins expressed concern regarding paying \$3,000.00 on the Badlands Conservative District.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, for Yellow Bull to speak with the Badlands Conservation District regarding services provided in Oglala Lakota County.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to determine what is needed for the Sheriff to run Pistol Permits.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to submit a letter to the Land Committee to speak about changing the speed limit on County Road 16, aka BIA 17.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, for Takes the Shield to go to the Uranium meeting (Change of Venue) in Pierre on the 19th of February at 10:00 a.m. central time.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the SDPAA agreement.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to have States Attorney to present the open meeting laws on the 2/26 meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	VSO TO/FROM MEETING	\$70.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICES	\$204.00
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	MENTAL HEALTH CONSULT	\$504.30
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	COMM TO/FROM MEETING	\$91.00
CLINICAL LABORATORY OF	AUTOPSY SERVICES	\$11,548.00
HOLY ROSARY MISSION CH	ELECTION VENUE RENTALS	\$3,515.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	COMM TO/FROM MEETING	\$148.40
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION COSTS	\$138.24
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMMISSION MEETING SNACKS	\$26.45
\$2.79 MED CHEESE, \$3.99 24PK PURIFIED WATER, \$8.99 VEG TRAY, \$5.19 FIESTA FRESH SALSA, \$5.49 CHOC CHIP COOKIES		
MASTEL, BRUCE	MONTHLY HOST DATABASE	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS	\$347.76
Gen \$365.50 COMFORT INN/HOPKINS 12/18-20, \$43.72 PIZZA HUT/COMM MTG FOOD, \$18.99 ROD AMAZON WIRELESS MOUSE, \$96.76 SHERIFF TAKE 5 OIL CHANGE, \$24.28		
NATIVE SUN NEWS	ANNUAL SUB & PUBLICATIONS	\$318.38
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	METERED POSTAGE	\$198.69
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PLATFORM	\$468.01
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$110.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL	WORKSHOP LODGING	\$151.00
SD ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	2026 COUNTY WEBSITE	\$150.00
SDACHS	SHORT CS REG/2026 DUES	\$200.00
BADLANDS CONSERVATION	ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOTMONT	\$3,000.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	JANUARY 2026 REMITTANCE	\$120.00
SOFTWARE SERVICES	ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	\$443.76
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	VSO ANNUAL VETRASPEC	\$475.94
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	FEBRUARY 2026 RENT/VSO	\$100.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	COMM TO/FROM MEETING	\$91.00

COMER, ALLYSSA	COMM TO/FROM MEETING	\$134.40
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,476.79
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,882.96
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,496.18
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,721.67
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$35,735.19
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICES	\$96.05
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$1,347.43
\$549.99 INV 46768160 TANK TRANS NARROW, \$24.99 " " UTILITY JUG, \$24.99 " " UTILITY JUG, \$114.99 " " BATTERY, \$7.49 " " CORE EXCHANGE FEE, \$64.99 " " PTO PIN, \$559.99 " " FUEL PUMP		
BOOT BARN INC.	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$2,915.61
<p>Kelly Ferguson: \$166.49 220169 6CT RU, \$10.79 " WHT, \$10.79 " ", \$26.95 " HAWX GRO, \$31.49 " BLK MIDWE, \$35.99 " BLK MIDWEI, \$58.49 " REG FIT JEANS, \$58.49 " " ", \$62.99 " YL HOODIE, \$58.49 " REG FIT JEANS, \$46.79 " BLUE PRE WASHED JEANS; Audrey Martinez: \$55.79 220171 MID NEWT, \$67.49 " ZIP SWTSH, \$26.99 " L/S LOG TEE, \$22.49 " SS PKT T, \$17.99 " SS PKT TEE, \$17.99 " SS PKT TEE, \$44.95 " RUST ARIAT, \$49.49 " BLU COWBOY, \$53.99 " SLIM FIT JEANS, \$67.45 " WMS REAL PE, \$67.49 " RETRO MAE, \$67.49 " VINT MDW HIR, \$58.49 " LOGO HOODIE, -\$18.09" CASH PD BY MARTINEZ; Sam White Face: \$10.79 220170 M BRN HEAVYWE, \$10.79 " M BRN HEAVYWE, \$14.39 " M GRY MIDWEIGHT, \$16.19 " MWHT MIDWEIGHT, \$44.99 " BLK MIDWEIGHT, \$26.99 " YL SS TEE, \$26.99 " YL SS TEE, \$116.99 " DKB OC293 MS, \$46.79 " BLU PRE WASHED JEANS, \$35.99 " BLU COWBOY C, \$35.99 " BLU COWBOY C, \$57.49 " 2 ENFORCER BROWN, \$56.69 " MAVS PCC COOL, \$49.79 " BLU PRE WASHED JEANS; Doreen Ferguson: \$40.49 210567 MDW DNM WS, \$31.49 " YL LS TEE, \$40.49 " BLU WRANGLER, \$62.99 " DKW HRISE, \$62.99 " DKW MID RISE, \$134.99 " TROOPER, \$17.99 " 211 W LSEFIT, \$17.99 " RD3 W LSEFIT, \$62.99 211256 DKW HRISE, \$67.49 " SADIE HEAV, \$67.49 " RETRO MAE, \$12.27 " TAX, -\$19.66 " CA PD BY D FERGUSON; Lynx Bettelyoun: \$166.49 220168 LTT 6 CT, \$16.19 " LP HVY DUTY, \$154.45 " MEN'S HIKER, \$26.95 " HAWX GRO, \$35.99 " BLK MIDWEIGHT, \$46.79 210566 PREW IND, \$116.95 " FR M7 DURAS, \$100.82 " BLK SHERPA, -\$67.63 " CA PD BY BETTELYOUN</p>		
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/SUPPLIES/LABOR	\$3,798.94

\$10.33 INV 06WO0230973 PLUG KIT-CON, \$394.31 " " SENSOR GP-PO, \$450.00 " " LABOR, \$37.72 " " 30W TRANS 1 GAL X 2, \$950.00 " " TRAVEL TO/FROM MACHINE, \$450.00 " " TRAV/TRBLSHOOT FAULT CODE, \$13.62 " " SOCKET X 6, \$93.60 INV 06PS0725234 CM SEAL-BULK, \$567.90 INV 06SS0005293 BIT, AUGER 9", \$831.46 INV 06PS0724969 BATTERY X 2		
CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER	\$13.90
BUCHE HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$477.88
\$9.18 INV 249899/1 MALE ADAPTER X 2, \$7.18 " " 90 DG ELBW GALV X 2, \$3.99 " " NIPPLE GALV, \$8.99 " " PIPE JOINT COMPOUND 4 OZ, \$359.00 " " DEEP CUT BAND SAW, \$16.99 INV 250896/1 WEDGE TOOL 12", \$24.99 " " IMPCT MGNTC DRV GD ST 6", \$19.99 " " DW SEMNT DIAMOND 4.5", \$6.59 " " STAPLE NM PLSTC 3/4" BG50, \$7.99 " " NIPPLE GALV, \$12.99 " " COUPLING GLV 2X2"		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE AND INTERNET	\$222.86
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	RECAP/CASING TIRES	\$10,270.00
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	ELECTRICITY	\$543.62
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES/PARTS/TOOLS	\$695.27
\$5.41 INV 202066294 1/4 20 TAP #7, \$8.21 " " 5/16 18 TAP F DRILL, \$4.25 " " GRADE 8 BOLT, \$112.40 INV 202066016 PROF BARREL X 2, \$247.50 " " 55 DEF, -\$35.00 " " CORE RETURN, \$160.00 INV 202066754 LABOR X 2, \$85.46 " " CHAIN PAIL 5/16X20, \$57.87 " " 5/16 CLEVIS SAFETY L X 3, \$18.50 " " SWIVEL SLIP HOOK, \$3.47 " " 3/8 IN GRADE 30 REP, \$27.20 " " SB 72 CT SCRUBS		
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS	\$443.53
\$47.35 HINNS SEALER, \$3.10 " SALES TAX, \$156.00 COUNTRY INN/L BETTELYOUN, \$137.00 CHADRON MOTOR CO SIDEXSIDE IGN, \$30.53 " " SPECIAL HANDLING ING, \$64.59 SAM'S EPS T232, \$4.00 " SALES TAX		
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$55.53
MENARDS	SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$235.61
\$10.17 INV 92665 POWERADE MT BLASTX2, \$10.17 " " POWERADE ORANGE X 2, \$10.17 " " POWERADE GRAPE X 2, \$10.17 " " POWERADE FRUIT PUNCH X 2, \$10.98 INV 93386 BLASTER PENETRANT X2, \$8.99 " " 6"X2" MARGIN TROWEL, \$174.96 " " PRO- RIB 96" WHITE X 6		
MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CO.	REPAIRS	\$69.05
\$61.61 INV S27847 MIRROR PART, \$7.44 " " LABOR FOR MIRROR		
SDACHS	SHORT CS REG/2026 DUES	\$800.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	T® VIN 1FTFW3LD3F	\$28.70
WESTCO	PROPANE AND FUEL	\$6,091.87
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$19,164.50

	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$118,740.73
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 01/23 & 02/12/2026	\$154,475.92

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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

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