

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SPECIAL UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 3RD 2026

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in special session at Fall River County Courthouse on March 3rd, 2026. Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Wendell Yellow Bull, Sue Ganje, County Auditor were present. Ramon Bear Runner was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 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 Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to amend the agenda to add a letter to the Forest Supervisor, Nebraska National Forest in reference to the Jinx Project Proposal.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield to appoint Donald Buffington, David E Cuny and Mark Donovan to appraise the Lynx tract, located in the NE1/4 of section 3, T35N, R43W, 6th p.m., Oglala Lakota county, South Dakota as per SDCL 7-12.

The board reviewed a letter addressing concerns on behalf of the county to protect the environment of the citizens of Oglala Lakota County and the ancestral home of the Lakota People.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield the Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the October Jinx Project #67625 Formal Comment, and formal opposition letter, and to further submit the letter to the Forest Supervisor to request that the Forest Service complete an Environmental Impact Statement, as the Commission believes that the National Environmental Policy Act Planning documents prepared by the Forest Service are inadequate and violate the act.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve Yellow Bull going to meet with the Badlands Conservation District on services provided to the county.

The board also discussed various items. Yellow Bull spoke on the need to have financial documents at the next meeting to prepare for the proposed land and building, including cash balances, expenses, revenues and cash designations. Hopkins spoke on the Oglala Lakota – Fall River County contract and presented his thoughts on the possibility of commissioners funding a scholarship program; discussion was also held on the need for a flashing speed limit sign on the tribal road where accidents/recent deaths have occurred. Yellow Bull spoke of the NaHa program, and the board discussed a possible fire truck and trained firefighters

Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 pm.

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

ATTEST:
/S/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, Auditor