

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES MARCH 26, 2026

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 26, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Ramon Bear Runner, Wendell Yellow Bull, and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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 Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve the March 12th, and March 16th, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion made by Bear Runner seconded by Hopkins, to approve the auditors account for February.

Discussion regarding carryover Leave Time and the policy manual. Current policy states: unused vacation time of 120 hours is allowed to be carried over on employee's anniversary date, or it may be paid out on their paycheck. Request to get paid for the 120 hours of vacation time at the end of the year and any remaining balance instead of losing it.

Motion made by Bear Runner, seconded by Hopkins, to carry over 120 hours and pay out the remainder of 144 hours. Actual terminology of policy to be discussed at next regular meeting April 9, 2026.

Discussion regarding Lakota Times' request to publish online non legal ads was had.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner to move to next agenda.

Yellow Bull joined the meeting by phone at 2:35.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, presented his monthly report.

Discussion regarding the fencing budget for the new Highway shop location and the current status of the 2 side-by-sides occurred.

Motion by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull to authorize Bettelyoun to take the 2 side-by-sides to Martin Auto for repairs.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull to approve hiring for the Fencing Project for the new Oglala Lakota County Highway Department as follows:

Consultant: 24 hours @ 125.00 per hour =\$3,000.00

Laborers: 160 hours @ 17.25 per hour =\$2,760.00

2760.00 x 3 = \$8,280.00

Grand total: \$11,280.00

Motion to rescind motion regarding Lakota Times by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve using Lakota Times for digital advertising. The Board would like to invite Connie Smith as a representative from the Lakota Times to come to their next meeting.

Discussion on Banner for solar electricity. Move to discuss for meeting on April 9th, 2026.

Discussion on roads and the need for dust control and water department's role.

Special meeting for 4-2-26 for discussion on land project.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner to rescind the motion to have Lakota Times do digital advertising digitally. Yellow Bull wants digital and paper for public notice. Bear Runner will contact Connie Smith for presentation for 4-9-2026 meeting.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve paying the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND		
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MI & PER DIEM URANIUM MTG	\$258.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$148.40
KOLLER, JOAN	REFUND OF OVERPYMNT ON CNTY LIEN	\$140.94
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$150.09
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMMISSION MTG SNACK	\$46.14
\$2.99 FD CLB MILD CHEDDAR, \$7.49 CLUB CRAX, \$9.99 HUNTERS SAUS, \$8.99 VEG DIP TRAY, \$9.99 TACO DIP, \$6.69 CANDY BITE CUPCAKES		
MEANS, MICHELE	PROP TAX REFUND '23	\$807.62
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PURCHASE	\$39.18
NATIVE AMER MISSION FUND	PROP TAX REFUND '23	\$4,853.24
NATIVE SUN NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$73.44
SDDC OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	PROP TAX REFUND '23,	\$590.28
SDML WORKER'S COMP. FUND	WORKERMAN'S COMP ANNUAL	\$654.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	COURT APPT ATTY FEES	\$1,072.64
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MI & PER DIEM URANIU	\$301.40
COMER, ALLYSSA	MI & PER DIEM URANIU	\$286.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM MTG	\$134.40
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$649.90
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,906.94
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,902.34
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,771.67
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$19,786.62
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
BLACK HILLS TRUCK	PARTS	\$268.15
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$222.74
LONGBRANCH CIVIL ENGINEER	LAND SURVEYOR OFF CA	\$840.00

LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$250.15
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/TOOLS/SUPPLIES	\$427.08
\$136.15 INV 202069997 BATTERY, \$11.58 " " OIL FILTERS X 2, -\$16.50 " " BATTERY CORE RETURN, \$98.34 " " QT 5W50 ATV/UTV SYNT X 6, \$138.09 " " 7 PC RACHETING, \$59.42 " " AIR FILTER POLARIS X 2		
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PURCHASE	\$4.06
\$1.99 CLOUD STORAGE CELL PHONE, \$2.07 GOOGLE ONE		
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$54.80
MENARDS	SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$134.49
\$50.00 INV 98024 POWERADE X 8, \$2.99 " " 2PC KNOT WIRE WHEEL BRUSH, \$35.74 " " ENERGIZER MAX AA X 2, \$7.49 " " CARB CLEANER, \$4.99 " " BLASTER PENETRANT, \$17.29 " " BOUNTY ESS 12DR, \$15.99 " " SCOTT PAPER TOWEL		
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,090.09
TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		\$13,291.56
FIRE PROTECTION FUND		
MEANS, MICHELE	PROP TAX REFUND '23	\$15.20
NATIVE AMER MISSION FUND	PROP TAX REFUND '23	\$91.34
SDDC OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	PROP TAX REFUND '23, '24 & '25	\$11.11
TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND		\$117.65
TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 03/13 AND 03/26/2026		\$30,994.36

There was no public comment.

There was no Executive Session.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 3:17p.m.

