

## **OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES APRIL 9, 2026**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 9, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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 with the following amendments – 2026 Highway Aggregate project and Jerlene Arrendondo, Veterans Service Officer.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the March 26, 2026 and April 2, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes.

Sealed Bids were opened for the 2026 Highway Aggregate project:

2026 Aggregate Production Project Bids:

- 63 Industries, \$490,400.00
- Western Construction, \$335,000.00
- Loiseau Construction, \$422,000.00

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the low bid from Western Construction in the amount of \$335,000.00 @ \$75.00 per ton contingent on Bid Bond review by Banner & Associates.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Discussion on magnesium chloride research liquid versus flake form. He advised that more time is needed for research. Update will be given later.

- Mag Chloride Dust control at 5600 gal per mile
  - \$1.85 per gallon pick up
  - \$1.95 per gallon delivered

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move Banner and Associates power point presentation regarding the new building and budget to the April 23, 2026 meeting.

Bettelyoun advised postponement on Banner & Associates Highway building project. Discussion on going forward with soil sample for building and septic system. Move to April 23, 2026, or another date if it works for all.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to authorize Bettelyoun to hire/fire employees for the fencing project. Names will need to be presented at a future meeting.

Art Hopkins, Commissioner, discussed surplus of older Sheriff vehicles.

- 3 Fords
- 1 Chevrolet
- Brown and black Interceptors

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to postpone discussion on surplus to the next meeting on April 23, 2026.

Anna Takes the Shield called in to the meeting 2:18

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran's Service Officer presented the March 2026 VSO Monthly report.

Report was reviewed. Recently two Veterans have passed away; assisted with 2 new claims that included medical enrollments; 9 existing claims; updating medical records and dependent information; GI Bill questions; 4 DD214 requests; 1 records inquiry; 1 burial benefit application and 2 requests for birth and marital documents. Arredondo noted that there is an Oglala Lakota Veterans Facebook Page. Discussion was held on access to files for deceased veterans

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept Veteran's Service Officers monthly report.

The Sheriff report was in the packet for review.

Connie Smith, Lakota Times, presented the E-editions for the Lakota Time Online paper information and pricing. Lakota Times Digital - \$5.99 is a monthly subscription. They can do notices, minutes and county information; Native Sun News does the legal publications.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to keep Lakota Times for publishing minutes, and to use Lakota Times' Facebook for stories and advertisements, but to publish in Native Sun News Today for printing of legal publications.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to enter into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and Legal SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 2:50 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:08 p.m.

Break was taken at 3:08p.m.

The meeting resumed at 3:21 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to continue the current Vacation Payout process in the employee handbook.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to have Roger Risty of Risty Benefits come back for more information on MASA insurance.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move the Makoce Agriculture Development's request for Opioid funding until April 23, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Commissioners to attend the Uranium Summit in Rapid City May 1, 2026.

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$70.00
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS SERVICES	\$204.20
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
WEST RIVER MH/FKA BMS	ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCA	\$8,500.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	XEROX/FAX CONTRACT I	\$300.83
FALL RIVER CO. TREASURER	REPAY FOR ELECT SUPP	\$35.97
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	TIRE REPAIR/WIPER BL	\$74.85
\$32.95 24 DODGE DUR FLAT REPAIR, \$41.90 " " WIPER BLADES X 2		
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$148.40
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$148.40
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING FOR HWY SHOR	\$210.00
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMM MTG SNACKS	\$73.00
\$8.58 PURIFIED DRINKING WATER X 2, \$9.99 CRAZY FRESH TACO DIP, \$6.69 SW PS CNDY BITE, \$1.99 MEDIUM CHEDDAR, \$3.79 CLUB CRACKERS, \$1.50 TORTILLA CHIPS, \$9.99 SUMMER SAUSAGE, \$8.99 VEGGIE TRAY, \$9.99 CRAZY FRESH TACO DIP, \$11.49 SW PS CHOCVAN CPCK 2		
NATIVE SUN NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$135.32
\$16.32 INV 21979 EXEMPT LIST/DOE, \$80.92 INV 21974 COMM MTG MIN 3/12/26, \$38.08 INV 21964 ANNUAL REPORT/COMM		
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PLATFORM	\$522.61
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING MARCH	\$3,410.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$17.97
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO RENT/APRIL 2026	\$100.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
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COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$134.40
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COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,203.20
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,906.93
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,913.95
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$417.50
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$28,503.19</b>

<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS SERVICES	\$96.05
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$196.22
\$43.46 INV 06PS0729120 ELEMENT-LUBE, \$144.72 " " SOCKET KIT, \$8.04 INV 06PS0729384 BUTTON PROBE		
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	TIRES	\$829.68
\$82568 INV 1-GS673530 LT27565R18X4, \$4.00 " " FUEL CHARGE		
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	ELECTRICITY	\$358.88
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING FOR HWY SHOR	\$210.00
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$889.76
\$58.75 INV 202068766 MOTORSP BATTERY, -\$3.00 " " MOTORSP BATTERY CORE RET, \$18.90 " " ENGINE OIL FILTER, \$39.82 " " ENGINE AIR FILTER, \$14.82 " " ENGINE OIL FILTER, \$657.14 INV 202070674 55 GAL PRIME YEL, \$21.11 " " 1/2 DR 6 PT IMPACT SET, \$7.07 " " CHEMICAL VULCANIZING, \$9.56 " " LUBE, \$9.39 " " UNIVERSAL PATCH, \$56.20 " " PROF BARREL		
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	\$92.73
\$18.75 INV 00724 PWRAD ORANGE X 3, \$12.50 " " PWRAD FR PUNCH X 2, \$6.25 " " PWRAD MT BLAST, \$6.25 " " PWRAD GRAPE, \$22.54 " " TOOLBOX 6PK BLUE TOWELS X 2, \$26.44 " " CHARMIN 24 MEGA ROLL		
NATIVE SUN NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$816.00
\$576.00 INV 21980 AGG PROJ BIDX2/HWY		
WESTCO	PROPANE	\$1,181.22
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$17,447.21
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$22,117.75</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 03/27 AND 04/09/2026</b>	<b>\$50,620.94</b>

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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

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