

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2026**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 14, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Wendell Yellow Bull, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Art Hopkins and Ramon Bear Runner were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 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 Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the Commissioners and Board of Equalization meeting minutes April 23rd, 2026, and the Commissioners Special Meeting minutes April 28th, 2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to surplus to junk the Canon MP 11DX calculator, asset tag # 00524 from the Treasurer's office.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran Service Officer, updated the Board on the 2025 Veteran memorial recognition service at the Akicita Owicaha Lakota Freedom Veterans Cemetery in Kyle. The board then discussed difficulties contacting the VSO via phone. Arredondo acknowledged the phone was not working properly and was fixed yesterday.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve getting quotes for an Oglala Lakota County Veterans Office sign to include the phone number.

Motion made by Takes the Shield (Dubray), seconded by Yellow Bull, to accept the Veteran Service Officer's April monthly report.

Dar Coy, Oglala Lakota Emergency Manager, discussed the Oglala Lakota County Local Emergency Planning Committee funding, which requires an active LEPC to meet quarterly and have by-laws which centers around hazardous materials.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to put together a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, provided an update on the chain link fencing project at the new County Building site. Employment applications are still being accepted.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to hire Darion Plenty Arrows, part-time temporary Highway Laborer at \$17.25/hr., effective 05/11/2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to authorize Highway Superintendent Bettelyoun to sign 2026 Aggregate Production Project Notice of Award to Western Construction, INC. with Banner Associates, Inc. as engineer.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to accept the quote for SS Extreme Mag Flake, quantity 44,000/lbs., and shipping for a total cost of \$9,933.71.

Dave Lorang, Banner Associated, INC., Structural Engineers, and Luke Malsom, Mechanical Engineering, Element Consulting Engineers LLC, provided critical and professional recommendations and updates on the heating, electrical and ventilation systems to the new County Building.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, presented the Annual Report for 2025. Two Opioid requests were received. After the review, the Board asked that the auditor contact the requesting parties to provide additional information to better define the connection to opioid settlement funds. This will be moved to the next commission meeting, or as soon as the additional information is received.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, presented information on an upcoming Tax Deed Sale. Lance Russell, State’s Attorney was also present. Pullen spoke of the tax deeds that are ready to be advertised, along with the issue of the parcels with undivided interest.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to move discussion of the Tax Deed Sale to the May 28, 2026, meeting

Lynx Bettelyoun discussed the vehicle surplus sale. 3 appraisers who are property owners must give estimated values. All vehicles sold as is. Will advertise twice and open sealed bids on June 18, 2026.

- 2014 Ford Explorer SUV
- 2014 Ford Explorer SUV
- 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Quad S’ Pickup with snowplow
- 1991 Ford F15 PU
- 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve the surplus sale of the vehicles listed above with the sale to be held on June 18, 2026.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve paying the bills as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$70.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES/HOT SPOT	\$322.38
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM SP MTG	\$119.05

BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM RC URANIUM	\$134.40
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID/DID NOT ATTEND	-\$91.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPY MACH LEASE/USAGE	\$548.13
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$70.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT	ELECTION SUPPLIES	\$1,638.05
\$215.00 INV CD2148300 TEST DECK CREATION, \$210.00 " " PUBLICATION BALLOT CREATION, \$77.60 " " LAYOUT CHGS X 2, \$58.20 INV CD2148627 CONTEST/ISSX3, \$9.95 " " PRECINCTS X 1, \$66.40 " " CANDIDATE/RESPONSES X 8, \$555.00 " " CENTRAL TABULATOR, \$35.60 " " BALLOT FACES X 2, \$166.50 " " BALLOT TYPES X 2, \$213.75 " " MEDIA BURN/PREC X 15, \$30.05 " " FREIGHT		
HOLY ROSARY MISSION CH	ELEC SCHOOL TRAINING	\$75.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM SP MTG	\$148.40
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE/PER DIEM CUSTER	\$162.40
JANIS, BOBBIE	MEAL PER DIEM/TRAINING	\$94.00
KAREN PAIGE HUNT PROF LLC	MENTAL ILLNESS FEES	\$158.60
KARPEL SOLUTIONS	PBK ANNUAL MAINT	\$850.00
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$300.18
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$164.88
ERICKSON, MORGAN	PER DIEM MEALS/TRAINING	\$80.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE & UPDATES	\$60.00
MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY	ABSENTEE BALLOT SETS	\$271.04
NATIVE SUN NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$179.36
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE APRIL 2026	\$282.55
PAYLOCITY	PAYROLL PLATFORM	\$468.01
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$110.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	CAT LEGAL EXP REL PR	\$309.00
SD ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	REGISTRATION FOR SPRING WKSP	\$200.00
SDAAO	2026 SDAAO CONFERENCE	\$300.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	APRIL 2026 REMITTANCE	\$1,380.03
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	\$275.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE LAW SOFTWARE	\$342.66
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM SP MTG	\$147.10
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE/PERDIEM CUSTER	\$148.40
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM SP MTG	\$162.45
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE/PER DIEM CUSTER	\$174.30
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$134.40
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,557.30
ELECTION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$684.12
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$568.26

VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,906.93
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,018.37
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$419.75
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$24,125.50</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES/HOT SPOT	\$96.03
BANNER ASSOCIATES, INC.	INV 48038 PROF SERVICE	\$3,600.00
BETTELYOUN, LYNX	REIMB CDL RENEWAL FEE	\$43.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	TOOLS/SUPPLIES	\$462.24
\$19.47 INV 49787273 TAPE MEASURE X 3, \$19.98 " " SPRAYPAINT X 2, \$23.99 " " ROUND POINT SHOVEL, \$14.99 " " GARDEN HOE, \$49.99 " " POST HOLE DIGGER, \$42.99 " " BAR, SAN ANGELO, \$21.99 " " LEVEL, \$19.99 " " STR JAW T, \$11.99 " " STRING LINER, \$10.99 " " STRING LINER REFILL, \$15.99 " " HAMMER CROSS PEIN, \$209.88 " " DCOMBO KIT 4-TOOL		
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT REPAIR/SERV	\$11,002.81
\$410.00 INV 06WO0234083 TRBLSH CONTROL, \$328.47 " " SENSOR GP, \$210.68 " " HARNESS ASSEMBLY, \$513.00 " " LABOR, \$855.00 " " SERVICE CALL Z9 X 6, \$308.00 INV 06WO0234011 TRBLS IN SOLX6, \$272.16 " " QUILL ASSEMBLY X 6, \$3,611.22 " " INJ GP F G X 6, \$36.24 " " BOLT-SOCKET X 6, \$101.88 " " NUT-QUILL, \$171.93 " " TUBE AS-FUEL, \$71.07 " " KIT F INJ, \$153.06 " " KIT F INJ X 2, \$1,743.00 " " LABOR, \$43.46 " " ELEMENT-LUBE, \$58.38 " " 10W30 DEO 1 GAL X 3, \$97.26 " " 10W30 DEO ULS 2.5 X 2, \$308.00 " " LABOR, \$855.00 " " SERVICE CALL Z9, \$855.00 " " SERVICE CALL Z9		
CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER	\$20.85
FERGUSON, KELLY	CDL DR LICENSE RENEW	\$43.00
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$500.30
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	ELECTRICITY	\$417.92
MENARDS	SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$294.66
\$12.99 INV 1723 10"X11" MAG TRAY, \$22.99 " " 1" ID X 10" VINYL TUBING, \$169.98 " " 2"X20' SUCTION HOSE ASS X2, \$23.99 " " MF-HEX IMPSKT SET 7PC MM, \$32.58 " " 3/4"X24" JIMMY PRY BAR X 2, \$5.28 " " 28OZ CLR REMOVER, \$21.99 " " 128OZ CLR ENHANCED FORMULA, \$4.86 " " 3/4"X5" SCH40 PVC		
SCOTTS MANUFACTURERS	SUPPLIES/CONST WOOD	\$167.80
TIME EQUIPMENT RENTAL	EQUIPMENT	\$687.90
\$499.00 INV 133932 BED COVER '01 FORD, \$169.00 " " LED LIGHT BAR '24 FORD, \$19.90 " " MAG MNT PLATE X 2 '24 FORD		
WHITE FACE, DAVID	REIMB CDL LIC FEE	\$43.00
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$22,984.94
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$40,364.45</b>

	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 04/24 &amp; 05/14/2026</b>	<b>\$64,489.95</b>

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve a change to the Compensation Payday Policy for monthly employees to be paid the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month.

Norma Rendon, with the Where All Women Are Honored organization, met with the to request available funding for Domestic Abuse. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to approve disbursement of of available funds in the amount of \$3,100.00. This will be for the Pine Ridge Reservation Domestic Shelter to fund emergency crisis response, survivor safety, and cultural healing programs.

Public Comments Everett Dossey, Director of Equalization, discussed concerns with the mobile home transfers from Fall River County, and taking them out to Oglala Lakota County.

Daylon Black Bull, Oglala Lakota Sheriff, reported he is Certified NCIC (National Crime Information Center), and is waiting on the state’s final update.

Motion made by Takes the Shield, seconded by Yellow Bull, to go into Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel, 1-25-2 (3) Legal at 4:07p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:15p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Takes the Shield (Dubray), to adjourn the meeting at 4:17p.m.

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

ATTEST:  
/S/ Sue Ganje  
 Sue Ganje, Auditor