COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
January 6, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Weed Supt. Steve Gathman, Commissioner Elect John Steinkraus, Madison County Hwy Supt. Dick Johnson and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 23, 2024 were approved as printed.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the semi-annual statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer for July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Madison County Hwy Supt Dick Johnson was present to ask the Pierce County Board for a letter of support for the RAISED Grant being applied for which would help in the building a hard surface road from Hwy 275 south on 549th Road past the Willow Lake Recreation area to just west of Pierce.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Industrial Hwy Extension Letter of Support from Pierce County for the RAISED Grant Application being applied for by Madison County. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Purchase Agreement/Contract for the County to purchase the property next to the CH District 1 Shop. County Attorney Ted Lohrberg was going to make changes to contract and bring to next board meeting for approval.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Weed Report for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 3 Underground Crossings for Bauer Underground/Midstates Data Transport for fiberoptic line in and around Osmond (see map). Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the date of Tuesday, July 8, 2025 for the Scrap Tire Collection to be held at the Pierce County District 3 Shop, Pierce. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-January 2025 rent for PCED office in Osmond-$708.00; Christine Bahr-reimbursed travel expense-$247.76; Bishop Business-supplies-$87.44; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$47.59; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-$45.90; Cintas-supplies-$3.65; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-$1,874.25; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; LexisNexis-law software-$186.00; Jean Lubke-reimbursed travel expense-$19.08; Madison National Life-premiums-$43.36; Heather McWhorter-reimbursed travel expense-$22.78; Midamerica Adm. & Retire Solutions-1st quarter reimbursement costs-$16,600.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,239.34; MIPS- IT, website, microfilming-$2,837.18; NE NE News-ads-$324.54; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-$197.00; One Office Solution-supplies-$1,287.83; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,773.72; Plainview News-ads-$1.584.54; Prime Stop-gas-$246.54; Protex Central Inc-fire alarm testing-$270.00; Quill-supplies-$69.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,849.55; Brett Rix-reimbursed travel expense-$157.20; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-$701.95; Terminex-service-$107.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$543.10; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$463.75; Jacob Wostrel-reimbursed attire-$127.32; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed travel expense-$316.22; Payroll-$70,326.88.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bauer Built-supplies-$1,041.10; C & N Firewood & Tree Removal-tree trimming-$2,610.00; Cintas-supplies-$64.69; Dd Steel-supplies-$194.55; Farmers Pride-diesel-$4,190.73; Hoffart Machine Repair-repairs-$21.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$27,760.00; Lawson Products-repair parts-$167.51; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$104.86; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$3,078.03; Mid-American Research Chemical-supplies-$463.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,561.21; NE Power-utilities-$252.00; Pierce Telephone-service-$172.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,259.31; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-$666.93; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc-repair parts-$34.12; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$183.26; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$14.98; Payroll-$34,757.72.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-$351.12.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-$341.15.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman Pro Tem
Pierce County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting

of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 21, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Bullet Beaudette, Extension Agent Ann Fenton and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Chairman Tom Kuether was no longer a board member therefore a call for Chairman Pro Tem was made for the county board meeting.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

The minutes of January 6, 2025 were approved as printed.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton was present to update the Co. Board and present the 2024 Annual Report and asked for the approval for the appointment of Nan Kment and Terri Sudbeck to the extension board for a 3-year term.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the 2024 Annual Report as presented from the County Extension Office and to appoint Nan Kment (2nd term) and Terri Sudbeck (1st Term) to the Pierce County Extension Board for a 3-year term, January 2024 to January 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Purchase Agreement/Contract for the County to purchase the property next to the CH District 1 Shop. Purchase was unanimously agreed by all board members to purchase with a check of $500.00 to be approved at next meeting on Feb. 3, 2025 along with the Purchase Agreement at that time.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Authorize & Approve Chairman to sign Change Order #1 (less $37,921); Pay Application #3 for $235,906.20 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for Breslau North JEO Project #221895 and Pierce North JEO Project #230074. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve the Appointment of Tom Kuether to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board for 3 Year Term-January 2025 thru January 2028. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Viaero Fiber Networks LLC/Bauer Underground for 1.25" fiber optic line on the east side of 546 Ave, heading south, then east on 865 Rd to 548 Ave, all northside of Osmond. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve County Burial #2025-1 as submitted by Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointed boards for 2025 for the Pierce County Board Members.

This being the organizational meeting of the County Board, Chairman Pro Tem Martinson called for nominations or a motion for Chairman for 2025 for County Board of Commissioners' and County Board of Equalization.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to nominate Carl Martinson, as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Martinson presided.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to nominate Brad Albers as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Equalization for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Steinkraus as alternate to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency of Aging Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Region IV Mental Health Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to North Star Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Goldenrod Joint Housing Authority Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Juvenile Detention Center Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Steinkraus as alternate as the County Used Oil Contact person. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Martinson as alternate to North Central Public Health Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the Pierce County Economic Development Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Region 11 Emergency Management Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Elkhorn Valley LEPC Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Albers with Steinkraus as alternate to the Pierce County E911 Advisory Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the RC & D Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Osmond Republican, Plainview News and Pierce County Leader as the legal newspapers for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the County Web Page www.co.pierce.ne.us as an additional method of providing notice for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint LaVern Schroeder as the County Surveyor for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Brian McDonald, License No. S1132 Class A, as the County Highway Superintendent for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Lane Handke as County Physician and County Coroner Physician for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the appointments and pledged collateral of Midwest Bank, N.A., Pierce, Security Bank, Osmond, Midwest Bank, N.A., Plainview, Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Nebraska CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) and Elkhorn Valley Bank and Trust, Pierce as Pierce County Bank Depositories for county funds for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the machine hire rates for 2025 with the following stipulations: (1) that adjustments in rates may be made at a later date, depending on the cost of fuel. (2) that Pierce County set these rates and does machine work only on request for a small job and when it would be difficult and impractical for a private contractor to haul his machinery to a location for such a small job and the County is already in that location.

$250 per hour for Backhoe/Excavator with man;
$175 per hour for Motor Grader with man;
$250 per hour for Loader with man;
$200 per hour for Scraper with man;
$125 per hour for 10-yard Dump Truck with man
$150 per mile for mowing of roadway ditches (SS 39-1811)

Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter visited with the Board on the solar farm roads west of Pierce.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for December 2024; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon

Wragge, County Clerk for December 2024; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for December 2024 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $253,064.09 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-$1,541.65; Scott Alexander-prior service-$57.70; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-$1,530.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT-$3,719.11; Bishop Business-supplies-$409.44; BCBS-health premiums-$53,652.18; Charm-Tex-supplies-$45.90; Classic Rentals-service-$353.17; Dollar General-supplies-$22.65; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed attorney costs-$713.15; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$180.09; Harold Hansen-prior service-$23.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; Verlyn Luebbe-prior service-$46.16; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$446.14; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,109.07; MIPS-IT & support-$558.20; Motorola Solutions Inc-service-$360.00; NE Assn of County Assessors Assn-2025 dues-$100.00; City of Norfolk-2025 Region 11 costs-$21,944.00; One Office Solutions-office supplies-$215.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$265.01; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-$211.24; Pierce County Court-court costs-$102.00; Pierce County Economic Development-24/25 FY 2nd quarter dues-$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-$181.00; Prime Stop-gas-$117.38; Quill-office supplies-$511.88; Region IV Inc-quarterly costs-$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,704.78; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-$33.00; Sirchie-supplies-$98.00; Carol Sokol-prior service-$92.32; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-County Burial #2025-1-$2,435.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$585.54; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$592.13; U Save Pharmacy-prisoner medical-$137.73; US Postal Service-metered mail-$2,400.00; Verizon Wireless-service-$426.47; VISA-jail supplies-$187.67; Western Oil-gas-$195.63; Julie Wingert-prior service-$11.54; Payroll-$68,623.78.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App#3 for Breslau North & Pierce North Projects-$235,906.20; AKRS-repair parts-$74.40; Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-$536.49; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$64.94; Appeara-service-$100.40; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$882.89; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-$2,987.42; Cedar Beef LLC-freight-$909.60; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$1,123.62; Classic Carpet Care-service-$212.11; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-$276.26; Farmer Pride-diesel-$876.26; Fastwyre-service-$116.97; Kelly Supply Co-repair parts-$15.80; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$494.26; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$191.11; McLean Village-utilities-$75.60; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,564.93; N&B Gas Co-propane-$387.66; NE Machinery Co-repairs & parts-$22,873.43; NC PPD-utilities-$266.31; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$1,945.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$365.77; Paul's Welding-repairs-$65.40; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$102.50; Plainview City-utilities-$83.48; R & D Welding-repairs-$90.00; Randolph Farm Supply-repairs & parts-$643.09; RDO Truck Centers-repairs parts-$399.75; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,262.62; Schaefer Grain & Feed Inc-supplies-$17.40; Steinkraus Service-gas-$338.10; Tom's Service-gas-$416.56; True Ag & Turf-supplies-$332.93; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$36.55; Western Oil-gas-$171.05; Payroll-$34,806.56.

911 FUND: OPTK Networks-support-$1,058.80; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to 911 Wireless Fund-$332.88.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-service-$149.12; Plainview Telephone Co-service-$151.00.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding a possible litigation at 9:52 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to come out of executive session regarding a possible litigation at 10:12 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 3, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, NACO Rep. Judd Allen, Raquel Sabin, Tracy Golden, Matt Sorenson, Brian Hendorn, Sheryl Prince, Todd Kastanicek, Kelly Hodson and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advanced notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 21, 2025 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Hadar West-JEO Project #221896, Hadar East-JEO Project #241113 and for the Plainview South-JEO Project #241111. The bids were opened in the presence of all present.

The following three bids were received for Hadar East JEO Project 241113 & Plainview South JEO Project 241111 together: (1) Constructors Inc, Lincoln, NE, at a total cost of $2,411,025.00 with a start date of Spring 2025; (1) Graham Construction Inc, Omaha, NE at a total cost of $1,813,797.05 with a start date of July 7, 2025 and (1) A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of $1,621,840.90 with a start date of March 17, 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and accept the bid from A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of $1,621,840.90 with a start date of March 17, 2025, pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following four bids were received for Hadar West JEO Project 221896: (1) General Excavating LLC, Lincoln, NE, at a total cost of $673,035.00 with a start date of April 2025; (1) JMN Construction LLC, Valley, NE at a total cost of $635,880.50 with a start date of TBD; (1) Kea Constructors LLC, Milford, NE, at a total cost of $673,324.61 with a start date of July 2025 and (1) Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of $569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and accept the bid from Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of $569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025, pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on going out for bids for cracksealing.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2025-1 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-1

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION 2025-1

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS

Pierce County

Resolution No. 2025-1

Whereas: Pierce County and State entered into an agreement "Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads" (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2337 executed on October 2, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Pierce County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Pierce County:

(1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

APPROVED and ADOPTED at Pierce County, Nebraska this 3rd day of February, 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matt Sorensen and Tracy Golden with Northeast Power Public Power District and Kelly Hodson were present to talk with the county board about the construction and the county road maintenance plan for a solar farm north of Osmond. Zoning Board will approve the Conditional Use Permit and will then come before the county board in March 2025. Construction is planned to begin in Summer 2025.

NACO representative Judd Allen was present to update the Board on the NACO Group Health Insurance.

Discussion was held on the Purchase Agreement/Contract for the County to purchase the property next to the County Highway District 1 Shop in Plainview. Purchase was unanoumsly agreed at last board meeting with a check of $500.00 to be approved today along with the Purchase Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Purchase Agreement/Contract for the property located next to the County Highway District 1 Shop - legal of E ½ of Lot 8, Blk 11, IW Peed's 2nd Addition to Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for certain quantities of culverts, gravel, signs & blades with bids to be opened Monday, March 31, 2025 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Eastern NE Telephone co/Michels Underground Cable Inc for 1.25" fiber optic lines on approximately 13 miles of roads in Mills and Blaine Townships (see maps). Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Pierce County Energy Center LLC/Blattner Energy for electrical lines in Blaine Township (see maps) for the solar project. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Pierce Community Organization for an event on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Andrew Stech/Roger Timmerman for a 10" tile line in pt of the NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-February 2025 rent for PCED office in Osmond-$708.00; ACS-supplies-$129.80; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$35.99; Bishop Business-office supplies-$17.90; Black Hills Energy-service-$51.13; Cintas-supplies-$10.30; Eakes Office-supplies & contract fees-$352.87; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & supplies-$61.61; GBE-23/24 audit-$9,000.00; Kim Huwaldt-reimb. mileage-$25.40; Billy Joe Koeppe-reimb. mileage-$49.20; Mary Kruger-reimb. mileage-$63.20; Legion Lounge-County Govt Day meals-$920.00; Madison National Life-life ADD, LTD premiums-$43.36; Microfilm Imaging Services Inc-rent-$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,224.41; MIPS-support-$324.31; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-2025 dues-$75.00; NE HHS-December 2024 costs-$186.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center-training-$525.00; One Office Solution-supplies-$202.48; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-$11.98; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$76.00; Pierce City-utilities-$3,735.67; Prime Stop-gas-$305.31; Vickie Prince-reimb. travel-$277.39; Quill-supplies-$61.35; Radar Shop-repair parts-$175.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,810.07; State of Nebraska-network server fees-$747.95; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$457.23; Weston Torson-reimb. supplies-$96.29; Payroll-$70,131.49.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B's Enterprises-blades & signs-$1,272.00; Black Hills Energy-service-$761.57; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-physical-$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-$441.94; Cintas-supplies-$32.61; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-$752.50; Farmers Pride-diesel-$1,900.01; Scott Mattson-reimb. registration-$95.00; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$1,659.69; Menards-supplies-$64.96; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,553.91; NE Power-utilities-$247.00; Overhead Door-repair parts-$70.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$203.99; Pierce City-utilities-$209.57; Prince Auto Repair-repairs-$85.95; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair

parts-$1,103.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,252.90; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-$18.99; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-$75.33; Payroll-$34,662.53.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Financing-software support-$150.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Chilvers Abstract & Title Co Inc-purchase agreement down payment-$500.00.

The County Board tabled the courthouse and jail inspection.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:06 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 18, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy Sheriff Jacob Wostrel, Brian Moes, Matt Sorensen, Mandy Backer, Tracy Golden and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 3, 2025 were approved as printed.

Brian Moes was present to visit with the Board about road issues, dangerous intersections and tree removal on county roads. The Board then talked with him about removing his property from the county right-of-way in front of his farm in Plum Grove Township. The Board will look at the areas of problem roads brought to their attention and Moes will see to cleaning up the county right-of-way.

Matt Sorensen, Mandy Backer and Tracy Golden with Northeast Power Public Power District were present to visit with the Board about the construction and the county road maintenance plan for a solar farm north of Osmond. Zoning Board will approve the Conditional Use Permit and will then come before the county board in March 2025. Construction is planned to begin in Summer 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 2

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2024-2025 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of $2,200,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	$700,000.00
Total	$700,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 3

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners for Pierce County serves as the Governing Body for Pierce County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce has a responsibility for providing funds for county burials of indigent individuals, and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce desires to improve the application process for funds for county burials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners:

Section 1: That an Application for County Burial and Financial Affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized by a relative or concerned friend and will be used as a means to help determine whether an individual qualifies for county burial funds.

Section 2: Submitted application and affidavit must be remitted to the Pierce County Clerk's office for one or more members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners to review before approval is given.

Section 3: That no application for county burial funds be approved when the financial affidavit would indicate that the applicant has more than $3,500.00 in net worth and has not lived in Pierce County for at least 1 year.

Section 4: That no application for county burial funds be approved when the financial affidavit indicates that the applicant has monthly income which is $350.00 in excess of monthly expenses.

Section 5: Maximum amount of payment for cremation only services in Pierce County is to be $3,200.00, such payment is to include cremation fee and all necessary authorizations.

Section 6: This resolution shall take effect after its passage.

Passed and Adopted by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners at Pierce, Nebraska the 18th day of February, 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the 2025 Jail Standards Report; fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for January 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for January 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $4,228,020.19 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-$4,499.45; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-$4,091.60; Bishop Business-office supplies-$80.79; BCBS-

health premiums-$56,053.38; Classic Rentals-service-$235.99; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-$280.30; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$180.09; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-$1,279.39; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; LexisNexis-software-$186.00; Madison County District Court-court costs-$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-$30.41; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$10.99; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$4,940.86; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-$2,837.18; NACO-registration-$30.00; NE NE News Company-ads-$679.13; NE Assn of Co. Clerks-2025 dues-$50.00; NE Assn of Planning & Zoning-2025 dues & registration-$235.00; One Office Solution-office supplies-$1,854.78; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$126.76; Pierce County Court-court costs-$133.00; Pierce County Leader-ads & subscription-$692.03; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund-$700,000.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$36.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-$153.56; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$1,788.94; Plainview News Inc-ads-$218.32; Prime Stop-gas-$57.63; Quill-supplies-$195.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,534.56; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$698.69; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$1,523.72; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs & keys-$32.50; UNL Print & Copy Services-supplies-$188.77; Verizon-services-$426.47; Western Oil LLC-gas-$219.69; Payroll-$66,425.29.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts, LLC-repair parts-$84.39; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$9.99; Appeara-service-$125.50; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-$2,319.41; Cedar Beef LLC-rock-$3,619.20; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$165.51; Classic Carpet Care-service-$217.54; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-$43,510.86; Dd Steel-repairs-$152.77; Farmers Pride-diesel-$1,214.09; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$117.40; Filter Care of NE Inc-repairs-$27.00; Integrated Care-CDL drug/alcohol draws-$235.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$23,261.25; Kayton Intl-repairs-$334.95; Kimball Midwest-supplies-$86.76; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$736.90; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$54.97; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-repairs-$104.86; McLean-utilities-$78.30; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$903.86; Menards-supplies-$109.91; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,654.18; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-$36.35; NE Machinery LLC-repairs-$4,558.21; North Central Public Power-utilities-$276.21; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$380.36; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$169.12; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$100.30; Plainview City-utilities-$90.06; Randolph Farm Supply-gas-$193.20; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,367.74; Safety-Kleen-service-$299.81; Steinkraus Service-gas-$321.50; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$557.39; True Ag & Turf-chemicals-$4,089.40; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$11.98; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-$1,816.78; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-crushed concrete-$19,179.50; Western Oil-gas-$62.55; Payroll-$36,378.89.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: NE Regional Interoperability Network-service-$3,000.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-$351.12.

INHERITANCE FUND: Chilvers Abstract & Title Co Inc-down payment on Plainview property next to CH 1 Shop-$500.00.

Discussion was held on the trimming of trees along roadways and intersections.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Notice to Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar West JEO Project 221896 with Theisen Construction,

Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of $569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tabled was the approval of the Notice to Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar East JEO Project 241113 and Plainview South JEO Project 241111.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 3, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Zoning Adm. Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Eric Rossen, Jarrod Paulsen, Aaron Zimmerman, Ryan Zimmerman, Dewey Gubbels, Adam Venteicher, Kenny Venteicher and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 18, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-PCED rent-$708.00; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$87.40; Antelope Co sheriff-safekeeper-$1,395.00; Avera Medical Group-prisoner medical-$235.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$23.99; Black Hills Energy-service-$52.75; Cintas-supplies-$12.43; Dollar General-supplies-$25.95; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$146.52; Ann Fenton-reimburse expenses-$38.51; Gutter Monkeys-repairs-$250.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,075.50; MIPS-supplies-$75.00; NACO-registration-$30.00; National Sheriff Association-dues-$125.00; Nebr. Health & Human Services-services-$186.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-$266.00; Pierce City-utilities-$4,680.08; PIP Marketing-election supplies-$406.73; Prime Stop-gas-$151.99; Quill-supplies-$190.68; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,675.63; Secretary of State-election supplies-$20.00; State of NE-IT network server-$747.95; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transportation-$580.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson-court appointed attorney costs-$2,430.62; Terminex-service-$107.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$516.75; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$1,837.75; Payroll-$68,185.04.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bauer Built-tires-$3,385.54; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$740.81; Bomgaars-supplies-$251.73; Cintas-supplies-$71.08; Culligan-service-$5.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-$3,078.04; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$1,213.79; Lawson Products-supplies-$38.13; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$1,128.47; Menards-supplies-$161.28; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,675.60; NACO-registration-$30.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-$849.70; Pierce Auto Repair-service-$2,500.58; Pierce City-utilities-$226.02; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-$328.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,372.94; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$304.30; Wattier True Value-supplies-$67.47; Payroll-$36,455.97.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE-IT network server-$150.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Chilvers Abstract & Title-services-$388.50.

E911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Midwest Card & ID Solutions-renewal-$150.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-911 cost sharing-$149.12.

Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery and Erick Rossen with Blattner Energy presented the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce.

Discussion was held on conditions of the roads and Dewey Gubbels brought in a bucket of nails that he picked up with magnet on 849 Rd by the solar farm.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Group 2 of the Road Plan Maintenance Agreement for the Solar Farm west of Pierce. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the Salamander Program, 5 tracking apps that helps with tracking emergency workers if a disaster would happen. Pierce County will have 1 app and Pierce Fire will have 4 apps for a total cost of $750.00 split between the 2 entities, with Pierce Fire reimbursing Pierce County for their portion for 2025-2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NE-Pierce County EM Salamander Renewal Agreement for April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar East JEO Project 241113 and Plainview South JEO Project 241111. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve and authorize Chairman to sign final land agreement for the purchasing of the Plainview Property located next to the CH District 1 Shop-legal of E ½ of Lot 8, Blk 11, IW Peed's 2nd Addition to Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Underground Crossing for Gerry Krueger for an electrical line in pt 2/3 25-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Zimmermans asking if they can close road by solar farm and the procedure to close a county road that is a minimum maintenance road.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County

Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 17, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, EMS Bobbi Risor, Tom Kuether, Tracy Golden, Mandy Backer, Matt Sorenson, Ned Porter and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 3, 2025 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held by the Board on the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr notified Board that she sold a total of 8 tax sale certificates amounting to $27,602.17 as of Monday, March 17, 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. The Pierce County Treasurer's Office sold a total of 8 tax sale certificates amounting to $27,602.17 as of Monday, March 17, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussed with the Board the resolution to change the solar farm regulations and application of NE Public Power District for a 2.5-Megawatt solar Farm north of Osmond.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning an amendment to the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, Section 6.04.01 Solar Farm Definitions to include the definition of Landowner and Property Owner.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:12 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and answered questions the Board had. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:13 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-4 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 4

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE IN THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTIONS 23-114.01 THROUGH 223-114.05 AND 23-165 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF NEBRASKA, 1943.

WHEREAS, having received a recommendation for approval from the Pierce County Planning Commission and proper notice was published in, and public hearing held as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby amends the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolutions by amending the following language into the Zoning Regulations, specifically by amending Section 6.04.01 Solar Farm Definitions to include the definition of Landowner and Property owner to be added as follows:

6.04.01 Solar Farms

Definitions

The following definitions pertain specifically to this section of the Resolution.

Landowner: A person who owns land.

Property Owner: The owner of the lease agreement and property associated with the approved Conditional Use Permit such as solar equipment, maintenance structures, and other related appurtenances.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 17th day of March, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:12 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application for Northeast NE Public Power for a 2.5-Megawatt Solar Farm on property located in pt of the S ½ SE ¼ 19-28-2.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:12 a.m. public hearing at 9:14 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and the following NE NE Public Power employees: Tracy Golden, Mandy Backer, Matt Sorenson were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was else was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2025-5 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 5

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
4. The solar array will be 2.5 MW and be located on approximately 20 acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Northeast Public Power District for a 2.5-Megawatt Solar farm under Section 6.04 Solar Energy Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

A Tract of land located in the E ½ of the SE ¼ in Section19 Township 28 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska more particularly described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section 19, T28N, R2W; thence N 01°45'04" East on the East line of said Southeast ¼, 1326.99' to the Northeast corner of the South ½ of said Southeast ¼; thence S 88° 19'44" West on the North line of said South ½ , 656.75'; thence South 01° 45' 04" East and parallel to said East line, 1326.16' to a point on the South line of said Southeast ¼ ; thence N 88° 24' 08" East on said South line, 656.75' to the Point of Beginning, containing 20.00 acres more or less.

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows applicants to build a 2.5 MW Solar Farm.
2. Applicants must obtain necessary permits from the State of Nebraska and follow all local permitting as well.
3. Applicants must abide by regulations regarding signage, lighting and other applicable regulations as stated in the Pierce County Regulations.
4. A zoning permit must be obtained before beginning construction on the solar array.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 17th day of March, 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Pedersen—Schroder Addition in pt of the NW ¼ 9-25-2.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Pedersen-Schroder Addition in pt of the NW ¼ Section 9, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, spraying of weeds and trimming of trees.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and direct the Clerk to place a public notice into county newspapers and county social media that the county will not be mowing county roads in 2025, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, and owners need to spray weeds and trim trees on their property. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Shane Taylor dba The Whitehouse for the Zion Game Feed at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2023/2024 fiscal year county audit and single/federal audit which is now completed.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and accept the 2023/2024 fiscal year county audit and single/federal audit as presented. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Online Benefit Enrollment program being offered to counties by NACO Benefit Services/Alliant Services as an easier way to enroll county employees in the county benefit plans.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Online Benefit Enrollment program being offered to counties by NACO Benefit Services/Alliant Services as an easier way to enroll county employees in the county benefit plans. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Time and Attendance Program/Time Clock by MIPS/NACO for the County Employees. Clerk Wragge was directed to get new quotes from MIPS and/or see if a representative would come talk to Board about time clocks.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, Co Sheriff; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for February 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for February 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $1,012,063.62 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin Attorney-court appointed attorney costs-$194.75; Antelope County Sheriff-boarding costs-$1,260.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-$3,791.60; Avera Medical Group Pierce-prisoner medical-$235.00; Bishop Business-printers & office supplies-$5,827.49; BCBS-health premiums-$56,053.38; Charm-Tex-supplies-$331.60; Classic Rentals-service-$199.64; CVSOAN-dues-$60.00; Dollar General-supplies-$25.95; Ann Fenton-reimburse mileage-$130.20; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$154.09; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender & legal services-$5,333.83; LexisNexis-software-$186.00; Madison County District Court-court costs-$50.00; Madison Co Sheriff-paper service-$30.41; Magdanz-supplies-$86.48; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-$92.00; Midstates Organized Crime Info-dues-$100.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$4,917.00; MIPS-software support-$2,837.18; NACO-registration-$30.00; NE News Co-ads-$749.05; NE State Patrol-IT support-$187.50; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$129.12; Pierce Co Court-court costs-$112.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-$580.26; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$74.00; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,773.26; Plainview News-ads-$391.38; Pottawattamie Co Sheriff-paper service-$41.00; Prime Stop-gas-$109.28; Quill-office supplies-$77.76; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,510.47; Security Shredding-services-$120.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-$46.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC-court appointed attorney costs-$410.94; Thomas & Jensen Law Offices-court appointed attorney costs-$591.67; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$420.79; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$587.43; U Save Pharmacy-prisoner meds-$73.33; UNL Extension-hardware-$2,682.71; Verizon Wireless-service-$425.93; Western Oil-gas-$214.35; Payroll-$66,113.23.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Ag Heaters & Industrial Equipment-repair parts-$116.38; AKRS-repair parts-$98.00; AllStar Parts LLC-repair parts-$282.45; Altwine Hardware-supplies-$37.96; Appeara-service-$100.40; B's Enterprises-signs-$2,576.00; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-$2,984.55; Cedar Beef LLC-rock-$1,834.50; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$1,430.56; Classic Carpet Care-service-$217.54; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-$2,188.56; Farmers Pride-propane-$1,009.09; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$117.98; Filter Care of NE-repairs-$52.20; JEO-engineering-$12,820.00; Jerry's Hilltop Service-gas-$43.01; Kayton Intl -repair parts-$53.30; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$202.07; Matheson-supplies-$100.15; McLean Village-utilities-$87.15; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$6,295.03; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,583.72; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-$9.27; N&B Gas-propane-$594.83; NE NE News-ads-$68.80; NE Weed Control Assn-registration-$150.00; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-$7,413.53; NC PPD-utilities-$335.92; Northeast Glass-repairs-$610.00; NE Power-utilities-$261.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$771.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$712.26; Paul's

Welding-repairs-$116.98; Pierce County Leader-ads-$55.04; Pierce Telephone-service-$300.77; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$100.30; City of Plainview-utilities-$91.36; PowerPlan-repair parts-$803.08; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-$3,052.11; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,291.88; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-$256.50; Steinkraus Service-gas-$1,389.60; Bambinina Suckstorf-reimb. supplies-$37.61; Tom's Service-gas-$269.57; True Ag & Turf-supplies-$134.11; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$81.49; Western Oil-gas-$409.00; Payroll-$32,254.91.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software support-$351.12; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-$150.00.

E911 FUND: Norfolk City-911 support-$130.48; Pierce Telephone-911 service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-911 service-$151.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Plainview Telephone-service-$151.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: CDS Inspections & Beyond Inc-asbestos inspection-$356.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Carl Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 31, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock, Sue Buckley, Bullet Beaudette, Matthew Jones, David Levy, Tim Braithwait, Dave Praeuner, William Montgomery, Hersel Hicks, Julian Avman, Steven Melnick and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 17, 2025 were approved as printed.

At 9:11 a.m. the legal was read for the opening of sealed bids for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel. The bids were opened in the presence of all present, read, copied and given to all present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to honor and accept all sealed bids as presented by each vendor for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year, with some of the bids only stating a 30-to-90-day acceptance cost from today. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Kay Hunt for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Randy Gansebom for an electrical line in pt of Sections 15/16 27-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing in County ROW for Aaron Zimmerman for a tile/drainage line in pt of NW ¼ 23-25-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Jason Aschoff for an electrical line in pt of SW ¼ 10-26-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for $305,962.37 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Projects with A & R Construction. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

David Levy, Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Julian Avman and Matthew Jones with Blattner Energy visited with the Board about the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce.

Steve Melnick with Colonial Life gave an update of what his company all has to offer to the county employees.

Discussion was held on the Time and Attendance Program/Time Clock by MIPS/NACO for the County Employees. Clerk Wragge had received new quotes from MIPS at last board meeting. The Board directed Clerk Wragge to move forward in the installation of the time clocks.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding a possible litigation at 9:50 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to come out of executive session regarding a possible litigation at 10:04 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald along with David Levy, Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Julian Avman and Matthew Jones with Blattner Energy discussed the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce and changes that Blattner Energy needs done. McDonald will review the plan and approve the changes.

Discussion held on the purchasing of a used dump truck and the bidding of a motor grader. No decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-rent for PCED at Osmond office-$708.00; Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-$4,499.45; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-$18.87; Cintas-supplies-$43.54; Crowne Plaza-lodging-$309.90; Wendy Cutting-court reporting-$108.90; Eakes Office Solutions-contract fee-$42.02; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed attorney costs-$1,182.90; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-$830.90; GBE-audit costs for 23/24 FY-$9,000.00; Hall County Treasurer-room rent-$50.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-court appointed attorney costs-$1,962.75; M&M Sanitation-service-$330.00; Jennie Martinez-reimbursed mileage & meals-$257.27; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA funding-$16,600.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,085.12; Model Electric Inc-repairs-$85.00; NACO-registration-$160.00;

NE NE News-ads-$695.39; NE Health & Human Services-housing-$159.00; Pierce Automotive-supplies-$23.96; Pierce County Petty Cash-postage, supplies & reimb. travel-$169.01; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$76.00; Pierce City-utilities-$4,352.92; Prime Stop-gas-$196.86; Vickie Prince-reimbursed travel-$860.07; Quill-supplies-$472.60; Region IV Behavioral Health System-4th quarter dues-$5,870.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,690.66; State of Nebraska-network server fees-$701.95; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC- court appointed attorney costs-$2,412.82; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$468.71; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$1,100.27; Payroll-$68,296.98.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App1for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-$305,962.37; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts & signs-$8,018.00; Bauer Built Tire-repair parts-$29.00; Black Hills Energy-utility-$919.73; Bomgaars-supplies-$106.93; Cintas-supplies-$68.77; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$17,073.75; Lawson Products-supplies-$37.61; M&M Sanitation-service-$105.00; Meisinger Oil-diesel-$1,502.33; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,573.12; NE NE News-ads-$68.80; Northeast Power-utilities-$289.00; Osmond City-garbage fee-$141.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-$129.60; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$1,733.17; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimb. CDL-$60.00; Pierce City-utilities-$224.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,260.58; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$266.93; True Ag & Turf-supplies-$477.95; Wattier True Value-supplies-$68.91; Payroll-$35,116.12.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: NE NE News Co-ad-$7.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

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/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 14, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Walter Aschoff, Paul Koehler, Justin Sindelar, Bonita Lederer and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 31, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize Clerk to advertise for cracksealing on hard surface roads in Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Koehler Land and Cattle, LLC for 5000 feeder cattle on property located in pt of the SW ¼ and the W ½ of the SE ¼ 28-28-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:12 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Paul Koehler were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution 2025-6 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 6

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application of Aaron Stech:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
4. The permit is for up to 5,000 feeder cattle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Koehler Land and Cattle, LLC (Koehler Farms) for a Livestock Feeding operation expansion to a Large Livestock Feeding Operation of up to 5,000 feeder cattle under Section 402, Subsection B, Part 29, "A-1" Primary Agricultural District, Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision, on the following described land:

SW ¼ & the W ½ of the SE ¼ Section 28, Township 28 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

1. This is a Large Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for an operation of up to 5,000 feeder cattle.
2. All manure shall be applied on property as shown on the manure management plan developed by the applicant in accordance with Nebraska Title 130.
3. This conditional use permit shall be for a period of twenty years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution and will be renewed automatically with no verifiable complaints pending.
4. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.

5. This conditional use permit shall become invalid if the application with Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy is not approved within one year of adoption of this resolution.
6. The permit may be transferred to a new owner, provided the Zoning Administrator is notified at least 30 days prior to closing.
7. A zoning permit must be obtained before beginning construction on any buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 14th day of April, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:12 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of four Aces Dairy, LLC for a total of 1000 dairy cows on property located in pt of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ (Walter Aschoff's Lot Split) 27-28-2.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:12 a.m. public hearing at 9:15 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Walter Aschoff were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-7 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 7

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application of Aaron Stech:

5. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
6. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
7. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
8. The permit is for up to 1,000 dairy cows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Four Aces Dairy, LLC for a Livestock Feeding operation expansion to a Large Livestock Feeding Operation of up to 1,000 dairy cows under Section 402, Subsection B, Part 29, "A-1" Primary Agricultural District, Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision, on the following described land:

Part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ (WALTER ASCHOFF'S LOT SPLIT) of Section 27, Township 28 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska (see attached)

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

8. This is a Large Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for an operation of up to 1,000 dairy cows.
9. All manure shall be applied on property as shown on the manure management plan developed by the applicant in accordance with Nebraska Title 130.
10. This conditional use permit shall be for a period of twenty years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution and will be renewed automatically with no verifiable complaints pending.
11. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
12. This conditional use permit shall become invalid if the application with Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy is not approved within one year of adoption of this resolution.

13. The permit may be transferred to a new owner, provided the Zoning Administrator is notified at least 30 days prior to closing.
14. A zoning permit must be obtained before beginning construction on any buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 14th day of April, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the Moes Lot Split, Brodersen Lot Split and the Schmit Lot Split.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Moes Lot Split, 5.28 acres in pt of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Brodersen Lot Split, 13.67 acres in pt of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ Section 17, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Schmit Lot Split, 7.13 acres in pt of the NE ¼ Section 22, Township 28 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing Application for Greg Robinson for an electrical line in pt of SE ¼ 14-27-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Plainview Chamber of Commerce Bull Riding event at the address of 86384 537 Ave, Plainview, on Friday, June 6, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a Hwy Supt and on the Bridge Inspector position for 2025 but because Randy Stromberg was unable to attend today's meeting, no decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for March 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for March 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $823,305.62 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$42.59; Antelope County Sheriff-inmate housing-$2,250.00; Bishop Business-office supplies-$263.22; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$90.54; BCBS-health premiums-$57,244.98; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-$38.13; Classic Rentals-service-$241.41; Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co-supplies-$61.00; Ann Fenton-reimbursed registration-$575.00; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$154.09; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$159.94; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-$435.20; Johnson's Inc-repairs-$243.20; Tom Kuether-reimb. premium-$31.84; LexisNexis-law library software-$186.00; Magdanz-supplies-$478.52; Menards-supplies-$319.92; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$4,960.02; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-$2,837.18; NE Assoc. of Co. Assessors-registration-$125.00; NE NE News Co-ads-$7.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-$268.22; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$140.04; Pierce County Court-court cost-$136.00; Pierce County Sheriff-paper service-$174.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$36.00; Pierce Telephone-services-$1,781.63; Plainview News-ads-$563.17; Prime Stop-gas-$98.06; Quill-supplies-$635.92; Region IV-quarterly support-$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,551.00; Schroeder Land Surveying-surveying-$600.00; Steinkraus Service-gas-$85.50; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$660.32; U Save

Pharmacy-prisoner meds-$145.25; Verizon-service-$426.72; VISA-supplies-$58.85; Western Oil LLC-gas-$473.30; Payroll-$66,661.93.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts, LLC-repair parts-$67.77; Appeara-uniforms-$100.40; B's Enterprises-culverts & blades-$14,688.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$7,848.66; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$2,516.43; Car Shop-repairs-$20.00; Classic Rentals-service-$251.72; Farmer's Pride-diesel & propane-$1,434.22; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$118.90; Filtercare-repairs-$67.35; GI Trailer Inc-repairs-$318.64; Gary Hamilton-reimb. premium-$19.24; Kayton Intl-repair parts-$7.86; Kimball Midwest-supplies-$927.37; Lawson Products-supplies-$101.64; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$722.74; Magdanz-supplies-$177.17; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$109.60; McLean Village-utilities-$84.00; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$4,446.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,789.42; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-$15.09; NMC-repair parts-$205.43; North Central Public Power-utilities-$234.15; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$413.84; Pierce Telephone-services-$236.31; Plainview Telephone- services-$100.33; City of Plainview-utilities-$99.22; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-$2,964.82; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair parts-$1,004.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,437.71; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-$677.65; Steinkraus Service-gas-$1,017.85; True Ag & Turf-supplies-$12.09; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$92.53; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete-crushed concrete-$1,788.60; Western Oil-gas-$330.69; Payroll-$37,943.45.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-$300.00; Growing Small Town NE Podcast-grant-$500.00; Village of Hadar-grant-$350.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-grant-$500.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-$750.00; Pierce Wrestling Organizations-grant-$500.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Osmond City-grant-$500.00; Plainview Klown Doll Museum-grant-$1,000.00.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-IT services-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-services-$130.48; Pierce Telephone-services-$341.15; Plainview Telephone-services-$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-$351.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 28, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 14, 2025, were approved as printed.

Luke Bonkiewicz with NACO was unable to be present and was rescheduled for next board meeting.

Discussion was held on applying for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2026 with NE DEQ.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to authorize the Clerk to apply for grant funds for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2026 with Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division, with the project to be held at the Pierce Shop if granted. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Northeast Power for an electrical line between the SE ¼ SE ¼ 19-28-2 and the NE ¼ NE ¼ 30-28-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of special designated liquor licenses for 2025 for the following dates for Pierce Community Organization at the Pierce Fairgrounds Sand Volleyball Court: May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10 and 17 from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve 2 electric Underground Crossings for Gabriel Gubbels between Sections 14/15 & 13/14 – 27-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve a fiber optic Underground Crossing for Viaero Fiber for 11 miles in Plum Grove, Thompson and North Dry Creek along 866 Rd. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A call was placed to Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald with questions on the Hadar East/Plainview South Project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Pay Application #2 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of $774,017.56. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg visited with the County Board on the changes for doing routine bridge inspections and the cost per bridge for the inspections.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve Randy Stromberg to inspect the routine county bridges that need to be done in 2025 at a cost of $125.00 per bridge with the option of increase if fuel costs rise. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-$8,807.91; Bishop Business-supplies-$41.31; Cintas-supplies-$6.19; Dollar General-supplies-$1.50; Eakes-supplies-$335.00; Elite Office Products-supplies-$274.00; Howard's Gunsmithing & Sales LLC-supplies-$500.00; Kate M. Jorgensen, PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; Kuether Ranch-remodeling-$850.00; MidAmerica Adm. & Retirement Solutions-4th quarter adm. Costs-$372.00; Midstates Organized Crime Info-support-$100.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,114.79; Jamie Miller Legal Services LLC-court reporting-$9,165.89; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-$180.00; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-$2,750.00; Pierce County Economic Development-3rd quarter support-$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-$919.33; Prime Stop-gas-$243.85; Quill-supplies-$157.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,581.59; Brett Rix-mileage & meals-$89.08; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-$280.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-$33.00; St of NE-network server-$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$175.45;

Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$1,482.27; US Postal Service-meter postage-$800.00; Payroll-$66,860.00.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-repair parts-$31.64; Black Hills Energy-service-$293.91; Bomgaars-supplies-$43.96; Cintas-supplies-$65.91; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$23,975.00; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$6,911.66; Midwest Bank-co share-$3,052.87; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$2,553.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-$55.04; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,587.81; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-$143.75; Steinkraus Service-gas-$1,389.60; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$515.13; True Ag & Turf-supplies-$90.69; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$83.52; Payroll-$39,906.81.

FEDERAL AID RD/BRIDGE FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App 2 for Hadar East/Plv South Project-$774,017.56.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Pierce County Leader-ad-$6.50.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE-network server-$150.00.

Noah McWhorter was present to visit with the Board about the Hwy Supt. Position for Pierce County. No decision was made.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:52 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 12, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Kim Rowley Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Bonita Lederer, Luke Bonkiewicz and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 28, 2025, were approved as printed.

Luke Bonkiewicz with NACO was present to give the Board updates on NACO programs and answer questions the Board had.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Kimberly Rowley Lohrberg for occasional warehousing pop up events on property located in pt of the SW ¼ 10-25-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:15 a.m. public hearing at 9:26 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Kimberly Rowley Lohrberg and Ted Lohrberg were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:31 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-9 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 9

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan and the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
2. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
3. The property has a permanent conditional use permit for a residence.
4. Pop up events are held every 4-6 weeks for a two-hour period on a weekend.
5. A permit has been provided by the Fire Marshall that limits 160 customers inside the building at one time.
6. Parking is regulated during events to prevent parking along the road by the owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Kimberly Rowley Lohrberg for occasional warehousing pop up events on property described as:

Part of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 10 Township 25 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County, Nebraska (see below)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
A tract of land lying wholly in the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the South 1/16th corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 10; thence West, on section line, on an assumed bearing of South 87 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West 466.70 feet; thence North 02 degrees 24 minutes 19 seconds West, parallel to the 1/16th line, 466.70 feet; thence North 87 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East, parallel to said section line, 466.70 feet to a point on the 1/16th line; thence South 02 degrees 24 minutes 19 seconds East, on said 1/16th line, 466.70 feet to the point of beginning.

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

1. This Conditional Use Permit shall be for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of this resolution and will be renewed automatically without verifiable complaints.
2. A zoning permit must be approved by the zoning administrator prior to the construction of any structures on the property.
3. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and should be constructed to meet both groups.
4. Must contact NDOT regarding signage that indicates Event Ahead in both directions on the day of a sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 12th day of May, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present. Bids for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 were opened and read aloud. The following bids were received: 0 Bids Received. Discussion was held on not receiving bids for said project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve Hwy Supt Brian McDonald to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of Pierce County for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Solar Farm west of Pierce and the appropriate roads to be used per road agreement with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC as the county board has received numerous complaints from area farmers on the haulers bringing supplies for the project, getting stuck, and on private property. Hwy Supt Brian McDonald will get a map made of the only roads haulers can use.

Numerous County employees were present for the discussion held on the 2025-2026 premium rates and plans for the NACO health and dental insurance.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize the Clerk to sign the NACO Sub-Group Application for the 2025/2026 fiscal year for the county health/dental insurance plan year with the following: Dental PPO BC/BS of NE dental plan with a paid premium for the employee only on dental at $27.29 and Medical PPO BC/BS of NE Health Insurance plan with a $2,600.00 deductible with a paid premium for the employee at $1,164.31, for the employee/spouse or children at $2,137.18 and for family at $2,373.91 and approve a Funded Health Reimbursement Arrangement (Funded HRA) for active participating county employees in the health plan with the county contributing $1,200 for single plan or $2,800 for employee/spouse/children/family plan; all effective July 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2025-8 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-8

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska consent and agree that the following resolution was made and approved on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Pierce County Commissioners Meeting Room during a regular scheduled board meeting.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Pierce County consent to adoption of Cash-In-Lieu as an option to our group medical insurance available to the elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, those elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska electing to participate in the Cash-In-Lieu option, after presenting notice of Proof of Coverage and submitting a signed Affidavit of Other Coverage to the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska be eligible for said cash-in-lieu benefits in the amount of $550.00 monthly.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Cash-In-Lieu Option offered by Pierce County be offered to those elected officials and full-time Pierce County employees wishing to participate according to the

above requirements. Said Cash-In-Lieu payment shall be addressed as monthly income and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly.
This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2025

Dated this 12th day of May, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for events on the Saturdays of May 24 and 31, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on County Attorney Ted Lohrberg to get county credit for county attorney office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg to apply for a county credit card on behalf of him and his office. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground Crossing/ROW of a county road for Viaero Fiber on the east side of 546 Ave and south to 865 Rd and then east 2 miles to 548 Ave in pt of Sections 30/29, Township 28 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground Crossing of a county road for Zimmerman's Inc for 1 electrical and 1 water line undercrossing 544 Ave between Sections 22/23, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff, for March & April 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for April 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for April 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $4,268,678.63 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-May 2025 office rent for PCED-$708.00; Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-$1,927.75; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$12.99; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-$400.00; Applied Connective Technologies-service & software-$3,927.90; Bishop Business-maintenance agreement & supplies-$256.85; Black Hills Energy-service-$52.11; Ann Fenton-mileage-$54.00; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$179.17; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$200.88; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-$5,929.34; LexisNexis-law software-$186.00; Madison County District Court-court costs-$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-$30.41; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$337.31; Marshall & Swift/Boeckh-software-$393.95; Heather McWhorter-mileage-$47.60; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,191.29; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-$2,837.18; NE NE News-publishing-$847.26; Pierce Co Court-court cost-$392.00; Pierce Telephone-telephone-$1,907.18; Pierce City-utilities-$2,750.43; Primestop-gas-$77.38; Quill-supplies-$501.94; R & S Technologies-supplies-$500.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,774.24; State of NE Central Financing-service-$701.95; Terminex-service-$938.39; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$576.30; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$1,485.33; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs-$203.00; Tyler Technologies-supplies-$3.00; US Postal Service-CMRS-FP-postage-$2,500.00; Payroll-$69,684.91.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-$531.10; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$27.64; Appeara-uniforms-$125.50; B's Enterprises-culverts & blades-$34,310.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$74,486.52; Bauer Built-repair parts-$73.00; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-$4,357.30; Carlson Home & Auto Inc-propane-$727.81; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$1,273.78; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-$893.83; Dd Steel-repair parts-$588.81; Dinkel's-repair parts-$299.15; Farmers Pride-diesel-$8,455.64; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$117.18; Filtercare-repairs-$257.25; GI Trailer Inc-repair parts-$318.64; Lawson Products-supplies-$355.56; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$98.82; Magdanz Inc-

supplies-$180.65; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$106.45; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$4,063.49; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,756.88; NMC Exchange LLC-repair parts-$3,526.47; North Central Public Power-utilities-$207.56; Northeast Public Power-utilities-$238.00; Pierce Telephone-services-$237.14; Pierce City-utilities-$212.22; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$100.33; Plainview City-utilities-$94.68; Power Plan-repair parts-$6,443.99; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$266.23; R & D Welding-repairs-$129.99; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas & diesel-$579.05; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,391.57; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-$316.21; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$527.91; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-$514.03; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$35.16; Payroll-$37,315.59.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-$351.12.

E911 FUND: Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-180.00; OPTK Networks-service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-services-$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-$151.00.

BOND FUND: BOK Financial-principal & interest payment-$262,735.00.

Tabled was the quarterly courthouse and jail inspection

Commissioner Brad Albers was the only board member planning to attend the Active Shooter Training in the Pierce County Courtroom from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. put on by the Pierce County Courthouse Safety Committee and Bobbi Risor, Region 11 Emergency Manager.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 27, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr and News Reporter Randee Falter.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 12, 2025 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Bonta Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ 22-26-4 (6.5 acres).

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Bonta Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE (6.5 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for events on the Saturdays of June 14 and 21, 2025, both from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-10 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 10

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2024-2025 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of $2,200,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	$300,000.00
Total	$300,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on bid quotes to be received for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 which were to be opened and read aloud on May 12th meeting. 0 Bids were received so Board authorized and approve Hwy Supt Brian McDonald to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of Pierce County for the said project. McDonald was still waiting to hear back from contractors.

Discussion was held on the Solar Farm west of Pierce and the appropriate roads to be used per road agreement with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC as the county board has received numerous complaints from area farmers on the haulers bringing supplies for the project, getting stuck, and on private property.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve and Add to Rd Agreement of 1 mile of Solar Farm Road Improvements within the ROW on 849 Rd between 542/543 Ave with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 11

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated beginning July 1, 2014, regular funding or set aside funds can be used to pay salaries and consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software pursuant to wireless ratio.

THEREFORE, Pierce County is directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to transfer $18,874.84 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, direct the Pierce County Treasurer to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

$18,874.84 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100)

Dated this 27th day of May, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Pay Application #3 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of $535,530.31. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr visited with the Board about the Pledging of additional Collateral with Security Bank, Osmond.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve the County Treasurer to Pledge Additional Single Pooled Collateral with Security Bank, Osmond. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-$1,466.30; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$76.55; BCBS-health premiums-$56,035.38; Bishop Business-office supplies-$44.95; Brogan Lammli PC LLO-court appointed attorney-$937.25; Cintas-supplies-$20.48; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-$232.19; Dollar General-supplies-$34.50; Fairfield Inn & Suites-lodging-$398.85; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$338.94; Kate M. Jorgensen-public defender-$4,583.33; Brittany Kolterman-reimbursed mileage-$64.40; Linda Mattson-reimbursed flowers-$198.05; Maximus-cost allocation-$919.60; Midwest Bank-co share-$4,970.83; NE Assessors Assn-2025 dues-$25.00; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-$180.00; NE Sheriff Assn-2025 dues-$200.00; One Office Solution-supplies-$598.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$202.26; Pierce Co Leader-ads-$534.33; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to RB-$300,00.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$146.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-$14.22; Pierce City-utilities-$5,135.71; Plainview News-ads-$1,153.46; Quill-supplies-$292.63; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,567.85; State of NE Central Finance-support-$46.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney-$283.50; Terminex-service-$113.12; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$626.05; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$712.84; Verizon Wireless-service-$426.47; VISA-supplies-$71.88; Western Oil Inc-gas-$410.37; Payroll-$66,803.21.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A&R Construction-Pay App 3 for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-$222,059.26; AKRS Equipment Solutions-repair parts-$728.54; Bishop Business-supplies-$187.24; Black Hills Energy-gas-$87.96; Cintas-supplies-$106.89; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-$248.46; Jerrys Hilltop Service-gas-$284.84; Kelly Supply Co-repair parts-$8.48; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$754.73; Lawson Products-supplies-$29.93; McLean-utilities-$88.05; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$4,276.43; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,825.87; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$366.20; Pierce City-utilities-$434.86; Plainview News-ads-$110.08; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$73.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,440.45; Steinkraus Service-gas-$280.71; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$162.74; Truck Center Companies-repairs-$217.18; Van Diest Supply Co-repair parts-$2,235.80; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$66.58; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-$127.63; Western Oil Inc-gas-$348.24; Payroll-$38,217.39.

FEDERAL AID ROADS FUND: A&R Construction-Pay App 3 for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-$313,471.05.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-support-$130.48; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to General Fund-$18,874.84.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Finance-support-$150.00.

The Board did the quarterly jail and courthouse inspection and all three returned.

Ron Paulsen was present to discuss the appropriate roads to be used per road agreement with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC for the hauling into solar farm sites.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting;

that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 9, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Custodian Linda Mattson, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Veterans Service Officer Brett Rix, Extension Agent Ann Fenton, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Michelle Reikofski, Jennifer Thomsen, Alex Haase and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 27, 2025 were approved as printed.

Jennifer Thomsen with Pierce Library was present and submitted a request for all 3 libraries (Plainview and Osmond Librarians were unable to be present). Discussion was held on the three local city library budget requests for 2025-2026 fiscal years. They had received $32,136.00 or $10,712 per library for the 24/25 fiscal year and they submitted a request for an increase of $288.00 per library (2.7 % increase) increase for the 25/26 fiscal year. The Board will take this into consideration when working on the county budget.

Discussion was held on political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority and they shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, who is responsible for levying such taxes, on or before August 1st (SS 77-3443). The County Board will then determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivision on or before September 1st. No political subdivisions were present.

The following County Officials and Dept. Heads were present to meet with the Board on budget expectations and allowed increases for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year: Shannon Wragge, Jean Lubke, Christine Bahr, Brett Rix, Linda Mattson, Rick Eberhardt, Ann Fenton, Vickie Prince and Ted Lohrberg. The County Board would like everyone to keep their budget to no more than a 3% increase for the 25/26 fiscal year.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Krueger's Lot Split, 5.5 acres in pt SE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground Crossing/ROW Application for Pierce Telephone Co Inc for burying fiber optic lines on 849 Rd on southside of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on LB644, directing of the joint budget hearings for the counties, cities, villages, schools and colleges for the 25/26 fiscal year budgets.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to designate MIPS as the county vendor for the printing of the LB644 postcards for the joint budget hearings. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Custodian Linda Mattson was present and is waiting on quotes from Kuether Construction to add an enclosed garage on the NW corner of the courthouse as the garage is full and being shared by Sheriffs and Custodian departments. Mattson also visited with the Board to hire a part-time person in the custodian department for around 10 to 20 hours a week. The Board gave approval for a permanent part-time person and Clerk Wragge is directed to place an ad in the local newspapers, website and Indeed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for May 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for May 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $628,205.49 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-PCED rent in Osmond-$708.00; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-$425.00; Applied Connective-IT services-$3,805.80; Bishop Business-supplies-$4,452.88; Black Hills Energy-service-$51.67; Central Plains Valuation LLC-support-$1,787.50; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland PC-court appointed attorney-$9,819.50; Elite Court Reporting Service Inc-court reporting-$98.00; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-$60.60; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-$500.91; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-$29.60; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$499.59; Mary Kruger-mileage-$21.20; LexisNexis-software-$186.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$32.46; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,258.52; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-$2,837.18; NE NE News Company-ads-$372.92; NE County Attorneys Assn-dues-$550.00; NIRMA-25/26 FY liability insurance-$157,716.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$45.98; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-dues-$75.00; Pierce County Court-court costs-$117.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$108.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-$1,865.34; Primestop-gas-$258.21; Vickie Prince-mileage-$184.78; Quill-supplies-$144.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,837.88; Security Shredding Services-service-$120.00; State of NE Central Finance-network services-$701.95; Melinda Stelling-mileage-$22.80; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney-$2,608.58; Terri Sudbeck-mileage-$22.60; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$603.96; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs-$200.00; Dan Unseld-mileage-$31.00; Payroll-$70,421.82.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-service-$100.40; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-$185.90; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-$182.31; Dinkel's-repair parts-$220.70; Farmers Pride-diesel-$1,230.37; Filter Care-repairs-$33.10; Kayton Intl-repair parts-$174.30; Kimball Midwest-supplies-$76.53; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$36.43; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-supplies-$109.60; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$3,391.10; Midwest Bank-co share-$3,006.66; NE Machinery Co-repair parts-$28.20; North Central PPD-service-$189.13; Northeast Power-service-$247.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$2,028.76; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies & repair parts-$870.18; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-$262.97; Plainview Telephone Co-service-$100.49; Plainview City-utilities-$91.28; Powerplan-repair parts-$619.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,581.85; Sapp Bros Inc-supplies-$256.50; Wattier True Value-supplies-$20.58; West-Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-$13.98; Payroll-$40,540.41.

911 FUND: Optk Neworks-support & service-$529.40; Page My Cell-service-$600.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone Co-service-$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software support-$351.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 23, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Jennie Martinez, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Dennis Thelen and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 9, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Thelen Lot Split, 5.27 acres in pt S ½ NE ¼ Section 11, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the Hadar East/Plainview South Project Change Order #1 and bid quotes received for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 which were to be opened and read aloud on May 12th meeting. 0 Bids were received so the Board authorized and approved Hwy Supt Brian McDonald to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of Pierce County for the said project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Change Order #1 (increase $258,722.00 for changes in quantities) and Approve Pay Application #4 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of $148,355.31. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the upcoming 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the bid quote for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 with Midwest Coatings Company LLC, Modale, IA, for $10,700.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on budgets of the county offices and road/bridge depts that were submitted and all were kept around a 3% increase.

Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract Agreement which is due by August 31, 2025. The current Public Defender agreed to a 3% increase for the 25/26 FY and a 3% increase for the 26/27 FY. Contract Agreement will be prepared with the increases and approved at the July 7, 2025 board meeting.

Discussion was held on the County Burial 2025-2.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Deny County Burial 2025-2 because decedent has only lived in Pierce County for 3 months and they need to be a resident for at least 1 year. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for an event on Saturday July 19, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Amazon-supplies-$163.29; American Legion Emblem Sales-markers-$322.85; Applied Connective Technologies-IT Services-$3,776.00; Joe Aschoff-mileage-$113.16; Bishop Business-maint. Agreement-$20.00; BCBS of NE-premiums-$54,486.04; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$1,180.00; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-$443.70; Cintas-supplies-$25.10; Classic Carpet Care-service-$195.30; Comfort Inn-lodging-$269.90; Dollar Store-supplies-$23.80; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$42.02; Rick Eberhardt-uniform allowance reimbursement-$305.25; Guy Ellsworth-mileage-$91.01; Farm & Home Publishers-plat books-$270.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. travel-$51.64; FP Finance Program-meter lease-$154.09; Gworks-software & support-$21,127.00; Dwaine Hoffman-mileage-$142.62; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$396.19; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-$1,594.27; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; Justice Date Solutions Inc-software & support-$3,200.00; Gerry Krueger-mileage-$29.97; Tom Kuether-mileage-$25.40; Bonita Lederer-mileage-$81.60; Marcia Mahon-mileage-$90.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,095.38; NACO-registration-$50.00; Thomas Nathan-mileage-$82.06; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-$763.03; One Office Solutions-supplies-$3,321.95; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$81.89; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-$612.42; Pierce County Economic Development-4th quarter dues for 24/25 FY-$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-$1,240.58; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-$35.53; PIP Marketing-election envelopes-$590.33; Prime Stop-gas-$296.94; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies & travel expense-$1,319.01; Quill-office supplies-$2,767.28; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,646.10; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-$1,506.32; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-$1,138.33; Larry Schaefer-mileage-$169.76; Secretary of State-election supplies-$30.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$396.55; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-$1,057.26; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-$11,400.00; Verizon Wireless-service-$426.47; VISA-supplies-$132.77; Western Oil Inc-gas-$211.47; Shannon Wragge-travel expense-$327.14; Ryan Zimmerman-mileage-$47.52; Payroll-$68,298.38.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #4 for Hadar East & Plainview South Projects-$148,355.31; All Star Parts LLC-repair parts-$541.80; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$68,012.68; Bazile

Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$23,914.93; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$54.11; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-DOT physical-$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-$77.94; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$3,108.36; Cintas-supplies-$81.61; Classic Carpet Care-service-$205.06; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-$1,444.50; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$117.18; Heartland Fire Protection Co-fire extinguisher testing-$2,047.25; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$41,286.25; Lawson Products-supplies-$197.68; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$139.90; McLean-utilities-$86.70; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$1,878.30; Mid-American Research Chemical-chemicals-$836.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,800.15; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$2,479.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$157.43; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$476.61; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas-$3,202.41; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-$91.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,409.52; Steinkraus Service-gas & repairs-$324.81; Tom's Service LLC-repairs & gas-$766.68; Wattier True Value-repair parts-$99.29; Western Oil Inc-gas-$290.13; Payroll-$37,840.45.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: NE Central Finance-support-$150.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-share cost for 911-$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 7, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Jennie Martinez, Lee Homan, Alfred Homan, Shelli Meyer, Susan Buckley, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Tom Kuether, Mike Pommer and News Reporter Randee Falter.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 23, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-May 2025 office rent for PCED-$708.00; Mark Albin, Atty-court appointed attorney-$1,446.25; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-$3,817.80; Bishop Business-supplies-$43.70; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$52.90; Eagley,Fullner,Montage,Morland-court appointed attorney-$257.48; Election Systems & Software Inc-Pierce School Bond Election ballots, software & support-$2,239.48; Ann Fenton-reimbursed supplies & mileage-$140.56; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-$786.55; Gworks-software & support-$7,593.00; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-$163.30; LexisNexis-law library-$186.00; M & M Sanitation Service-service-$330.00; Madison Natl Life-insurance premiums-$48.78; Magdanz-supplies-$495.43; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-$46.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA contribution for 1st qtr-$15,800.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,312.22; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-$2,944.43; NE NE News Company-ads-$583.18; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-$114.00; One Office Solution-supplies-$561.58; Pierce Co. Court-court costs-$101.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-$72.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-$1,840.55; Pierce City-utilities-$215.61; Prime Stop-gas-$225.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,838.17; St of NE Adm Serv Central Financing-IT service-$701.95; Terminix Processing Center-services-$113.12; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$381.04; Tom's Service-gas/repairs-$903.92; Payroll-$71,071.20.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-service-$102.80; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-$193.40; Farmers Pride-diesel-$9,200.59; Integrated Care-services-$60.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$19,005.00; M & M Sanitation Services-service-$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-fuel-$106.45; Meisinger Oil Co-fuel-$4,302.78; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,742.22; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repair parts-$32.50; Northeast Power-services-$249.00; Osmond City-garbage service-$141.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$459.51; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$246.43; RDO Truck Centers-repairs-$455.88; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,370.74; Safety-Kleen Protective Serv.-supplies-$700.56; Tom's Service-gas-$430.54; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co.-supplies-$39.97; Payroll-$37,083.47.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software & support-$361.88.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$341.15.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract with Kate Jorgensen that is due Sept. 1, 2025 for renewal. Jorgensen would like an increase of 3% per year, said Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to accept and approve the public defender contract agreement with the current firm of Kate M. Jorgensen Law Office P.C., Wayne, NE, as Pierce County's Public Defender at a salary of $56,650.00 per year for 25/26 fiscal year and a salary of $58,350.00 per year for the 26/27 fiscal year, for minimum of one year and maximum of two years. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a special designated liquor license for the Pierce County Ag Society for the 2025 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 23 thru July 27, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a special designated liquor license for Jerry's Hilltop for an event on Saturday August 2, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

CPA Mike Pommer was present and discussion was held on the 25/26 fiscal year budget numbers submitted to Pommer.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Devon Unseld Lot Split, 13.61 acres in pt of the S ½ SW ¼ Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the application for Jarrod Paulsen for the under crossing of a county road with an electric line approximately 1,130' south of 848 Road and undercrossing 539 Ave between Sections 25/26, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the application for Elkhorn Rural PPD for the under crossing of a county road with an electric line approximately 1,936' south of 847 Rd and undercrossing 553 Ave between Sections 31/32, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the submitted emergency plan for the 2025 Pierce County Fair. Steve Dolesh and Rich Lutz were unable to be present but submitted plan for approval to Board.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2025 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Shelli Meyer with BoldNebraska.org was present and gave each Board member a book on Landowner & County Leader Guide to Carbon Pipeline Risks.

Tom Kuether was present and gave the Board a bid quote on building a 14'x18' garage in back of courthouse for the Sheriffs Office use at a cost of $20,000 to $25,000. Approval of said bid quote will be added to the next agenda.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 21, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Zoning Jennie Martinez, Susan Buckley, Alfred Homan, Leola Homan and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 7, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Hintz's Lot Split, 7.15 acres in pt of the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the 3 applications for Pierce Telephone Co for the under crossing/row of a county road with fiber optic lines in pts of Sections 22/27, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion events on Saturday August 16 and Saturday, August 30, 2025, both from 2:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Uncollected Taxes Report.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Uncollected Tax Report as presented by the County Treasurer. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Distress Warrant Report to be submitted by County Sheriff to County Treasurer by August 1. The 31 Distress Warrants were submitted to Treasurer by the Sheriff and 5 are still outstanding and needing to be collected. The Board unanimously approved the submitted Distress Warrant Report.

Discussion was held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreements allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork for fiscal year 2025/2026.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2025-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-12

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County officers in public contracts, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work, and

WHEREAS, members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners wish to enter into a contract with Pierce County to provide such services for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that:

1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2025/2026 fiscal year for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioner.
2. Such commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01, et seq.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2025/2026 employment contracts between Pierce County and John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of $17.00 an hour, not to exceed $17.00 for roadwork. Dated this 21st day of July, 2025 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 25/26 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2025 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted except for Osmond & McLean Shops. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for May and June 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for June 2025; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $325,936.24 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-$2,610.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$200.00; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-$53,723.69; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-$51.04; Cintas-supplies-$11.49; Classic Carpet Care-service-$260.40; CVSOAN-registration-$60.00; Dollar General-supplies-$24.70; Election Systems & Software-election costs for Pierce School Bond-$115.00; FP Finance-meter rent-$154.09; Heartland Fire Protection Company-inspections-$488.25; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$99.99; Madison County Treasurer-24/25 FY Zoning Costs-$64,307.66; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-$46.00; MidAmerica Adm Solutions-1st quarter admin fees-$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,393.25; One Office Solutions-supplies & equipment-$3,449.76; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$115.75; Pieper & Story-court appointed costs-$632.20; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$1,298.89; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage & supplies-$187.93; Prime Stop-gas-$326.99; Vickie Prince-reimb. Supplies-$31.99; Protex Central Inc-inspections-$300.00; Quill-office supplies-$360.34; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,889.82; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-$33.00; State of NE-computer service-$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$595.42; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$674.31; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs & new hardware-$2,575.00; Verizon Wireless-service-$427.02; VISA-supplies-$190.69; Western Oil Inc-gas-$192.16; Payroll-$72,130.85 - As per statute SS 23-122: 3 County Commissioners-$3,515.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-$5,858.33/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-$4,393.75/Mo.; 2 County Deputies-$4,686.67/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-$4,042.25/Mo.; 1 County Official-$6,850.00/Mo.; 1 County Official-$6,408.33/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-$33.10/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-$31.10/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-$29.43/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-$28.27/Hr.; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-$20.00/hr; 1 FT Custodian-$20.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$26.90/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$22.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$20.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$20.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$18.25/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$16.25/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$18.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$17.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-$16.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-$22.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-$17.00/hr; 2 PT Clerical-$13.50/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-$23.15/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-$21.80/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-$21.65/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-$18.00/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-$22.75/hr.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App 5 Hadar East/Plv South Projects-$116,497.35; Allstar Parts LLC-repairs-$716.82; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$9.99; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$81,556.78; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$40,281.24; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$54.10; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-$3,273.38; Cintas-supplies-$124.09; Classic Carpet Care-service-$207.78; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-$582.37; Fastwyre-telephone-$116.96; Filtercare-repairs-$258.05; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$486.01; McLean-utilities-$86.70; Meisinger Oil-diesel-$4,336.37; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,838.96; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-$21.41; NMC Exchange-repair parts-$17,772.89; North Central PPD-utilities-$189.40; Northeast Glass-repairs-$695.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$304.75; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-services-$100.26; City of Plainview-utilities-$90.49; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$93.83; R & D Welding-repairs-$196.59; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-$2,927.87; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,434.20; Steinkraus Service-gas & supplies-$585.14; Tom's Service-gas $454.96; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-$6.59; Western Oil-gasoline-$288.25; Payroll-$38,348.14 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-$100.00/Mo.; 1 FT Mechanic-$31.20/hr; 5 FT Road Workers-$25.85/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-$24.80/hr; 6 FT Road Worker-$23.65/hr; 2 PT Road Workers-$22.50/hr; 1 PT Weed Supervisor-$22.90/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-$20.30/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-$16.10/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-$125.00/bridge.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: St of NE Adm Central Financing-computer expense-$150.00.

911 FUND: OPTK Networks-internet IT-$529.40.

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-cost share 911-$130.48; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-911 services-$151.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 4, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Kristy Hallock, Randy Stromberg, Extension Agent Ann Fenton, Amy Topp, Hailey Meis, Mike Pommer, Heidi Borg, Linda Mattson, Tom Kuether, Jim Wachter, Al Homan, Leola Homan and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 21, 2025 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for fiscal year 2025/2026.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg was present to visit with the County Board and Hwy Superintendent McDonald about the new procedures for the 2025 Bridge Inspections to be done. McDonald and Stromberg were to discuss the plan outside the meeting.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Authorize the Chairman to sign the 2025 Crack Sealing Agreement JEO Project 251011 with Midwest Coatings Company, Modale, IA, at a total cost of $195,470.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Heidi Borg with Adrian Smith's office was present to give an update to the County Board.

Tom Kuether was present to discuss with the County Board a bid quote to place an attached garage to the northside of the courthouse to house either custodian or sheriff equipment. No bid submitted at this time until more details on type of structure will be needed.

Discussion was held on the leaking courthouse roof above elevator. Custodian Linda Mattson was calling the company that had sprayed foam on other parts of the courthouse and fixed those leaks.

Deputy County Clerk Susan Peters and Accountant Mike Pommer were present and discussion was held on the 25/26 fiscal year budget and on the levy allocations for the subdivisions. The levy allocation for the subdivisions will be approved on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. at the Commissioner Meeting because no valuations from the Assessors have been received yet.

Discussion was held on the Joint Public Budget Postcard hearing date and Clerk Wragge has tentatively set the public hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. at the Plainview Public Library.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to set the Joint Public Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. at the Plainview Public Library for the Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Deputy Dan Hallock updated the Board on the NRIN Agreement that needs to be approved.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) and Resolution 2025-13 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 13

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska (Neb.Rev.Stat. 13-801 et.seq. and all amendments thereto) enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage to provide for joint undertakings, services and facilities.

WHEREAS, Pierce County (county, municipality or other public agency), Nebraska believes it is in the best interest of its citizens to join with other Nebraska Public Agencies participating in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network is established by Public Agencies for the benefit of Nebraska citizens and allows information to be shared among emergency and communications centers on a real time, on demand, basis to help mitigate an emergency that threatens any location.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pierce County Board hereby:

1. Approves the document entitled "Agreement", and
2. Enters into the Agreement for the formation and participation in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network until the Board of the Public Agency terminates the Agreement, and
3. The Chair of the Board of the public agency is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Public Agency following passage and approval of this Resolution.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 4th day of August, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the application for Vaero for the under crossing/row of a county road with fiber optic lines in on east road of Section 33, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE (9th Street in Plainview). Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the application for Northeast Power PPD for the under crossing/row of a county road with an electric line in pt of N ½ Section 4, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the 2025 Inventories for Pierce County McLean & Osmond Shops. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Alice Albers Lot Split, 5 acres in pt of NE ¼ NE ¼ Section 4, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Martinson; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jim Wachter was present to ask the Board to look at a large tree in the Elkhorn River in South Branch Township. If water flow increases from rains it may move tree in to bridge. Commissioner Albers was going to look at it.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-PCED office rent-$708.00; Mark D. Albin-court appt atty costs-$635.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$38.92; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$51.84; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$370.11; ES & S-Pierce Bond Election costs-$50.67; Susan Fehringer-Pierce School Bond Election work-$263.50; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLC-Public Defender-$4,583.33; Madison County Treasurer-24/25 FY Probation Office costs-$7,433.99; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,160.59; NACO-registration-$120.00; NE NE News-ads-$845.16; NE HHSS-June 2025 Boarding-$90.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-$107.98; Pierce City-utilities-$1,656.40; Plainview News-ads-$472.09; Prime Stop-gas-$58.50; Quill-supplies-$41.99; Region IV Inc-1st quarter 25/26 FY-$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,676.02; Snider Memorial Funeral Home LLC-removal-$325.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-$701.95; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-removal-$650.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$433.26; Tom's Service-gas-$634.00; Lori Wragge-Pierce School Bond Election Work-$272.00; Payroll-$69,089.48.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment Solutions-repair parts-$49.70; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC- gravel-$20,294.02; Big John Mfg Co Inc-repair parts-$20.00; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-physicals-$150.00; Cintas-supplies-$1,204.83; Farmers Pride-diesel-$6,861.58; Kimball Midwest-supplies-$1,322.93; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$7,164.81; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,753.99; NE Power-service-$263.00; Osmond Farm Service-diesel-$2,484.00; Pierce City-utilities-$195.26; Prince Auto Repair-repairs-$306.58; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-$245.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,391.43; Safety-Kleen-service-$591.67; Tom's Service-gas-$357.79; True AG & Turf-repairs-$1,375.20; Wattier True Value-repair parts-$77.71; Payroll-$37,237.53.

GRANT FUND: Butler County Landfill Inc-2025 Scrap Tire Collection-$43,800.01.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
August 18, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Mike Pommer, Dale Clipston, Jim Wachter, Kenny Venteicher, Michelle Reikofski, Brian Moes, Jolene Moes, Jim Schmit and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 4, 2025 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held on levy allocation for the fire districts and agricultural society. The Board stated that since they tried to keep a 3% increase for the County Offices and Road Fund Budgets, they should follow suit with the levy allocations for the Ag Society and Fire Districts. The MFO agreement between the county fire districts states all parties agreed to a levy of .270 mill so therefore that is the max levy the County Board can approve for the fire districts and statute states that rural MFO fire districts need that same levy 1 in 3 years and the first year of the new MFO for the county rural fire districts is 25/26 fiscal year.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-14 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 14

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the following Fire District Subdivisions in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, all Fire Districts are given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions (per $100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivisions for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year be limited to and is approved as follows:

SUBDIVISION	FUND	REQUEST	APPROVED	LEVY
Pierce Rural Fire	General	$162,896.00	$162,896.56	2.1104 cents
Plainview Rural Fire	General/Sinking	$175,000.00	$152,389.53	2.1508 cents
Osmond Rural Fire	General	$153,818.50	$144,030.05	2.1065 cents
Hadar Rural Fire	General	$45,000.00	$46,013.19	2.1921 cents

Dated this 18th day of August, 2025, at Pierce County, Nebraska.
Chairman of the Board of Equalization
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ Brad Albers
/s/ John Steinkraus
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk
Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution #2025-15 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 15

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the Pierce County Agricultural Society Subdivision in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, the Ag Society is to be given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions and may be given an additional 3.5 cents for capital construction and maintenance of county fairgrounds per Nebraska State Statutes 2-257 and 2-259 (per $100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivision for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year be limited to .4512 cents for General is approved as follows:

SUBDIVISION	FUND	REQUEST	APPROVED
Pierce County Ag. Society	General	$190,000.00	$132,616.62

Dated this 18th day of August, 2025, at Pierce County, Nebraska.
Chairman of the Board of Equalization
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ Brad Albers
/s/ John Steinkraus
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk
Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

CPA Mike Pommer discussed with the County Board the 25/26 FY budget request and the budget hearings. Because of the possible legislative changes coming for 2025/2026 FY for the counties the board decided to keep the levy the same as last year and to add additional money to cash reserve for 25/26 FY. The County will have to be part of the joint public budget meeting planned for Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. at the Plainview Public Library meeting room.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Authorize Clerk to advertise and set the county public hearing date for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to receive input regarding 2025/2026 fiscal year budget, followed by a second public hearing at 11:15 a.m. for the adoption of property tax at an amount different than prior fiscal year (per SS 148). Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Jerid Starkel were present and discussion held on the Starkel's Second Subdivision in pt NW ¼ and pt W ½ 1-25-2, 16.37 acres.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Starkel's Second Subdivision, a replat of Lot 4 Starkel's Subdivision in pt NW ¼ and pt W ½ of Section 1, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, 16.37 acres. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald discussed the Solar Farm Roads and the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan with the Board. Kenny Venteicher was present and also talked with the Board about the Solar Farm Roads.

Brian & Jolene Moes were present to discuss the road conditions of roads by their farm. Commissioner Albers and Steinkraus were going to look at these roads and intersections.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for Saturday September 6, 2025, both from 4:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin, Atty-court appt costs-$1,453.25; Amazon Capital Serv-supplies-$1,081.04; Antelope Co Sheriff-inmate housing-$2,900.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-$3,853.80; Jennifer Bedwell-Funston-refund premium-$261.37; Bishop Business-supplies-$20.00; BCBS of NE-premiums-$56,632.51; Chad's Tire Serv.-repairs-$108.80; Classic Rentals-service-$412.31; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland Easland-court appointed costs-$296.46; FP Finance Program-lease postage meter-$180.09; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-$515.00; Heartland Fire Protection -service-$92.50; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-$45.89; Jenkins Electric – repairs-$995.07; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,583.33; LexisNexis-software-$186.00; Madison County Sheriff-court costs-$36.41; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$226.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-$138.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,030.69; MIPS-Website, software & support-$2,944.43; NACO-registration-$30.00; NE NE News Co-publication costs-$293.06; One Office Solution-supplies-$3.79; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$111.20; Pierce County Court-court costs-$88.00; Pierce County Leader-publication costs costs-$1,070.53; Pierce District Court-court costs-$194.28; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$1,901.88; Prime Stop-gas-$146.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,622.47; Steinkraus Service-gas-$79.50; Stratton,DeLay,Doele,Carlson-court appointed costs-$4,001.80; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$348.86; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$538.59; Verizon-telephone-$457.64; Western Oil Inc-gas-$384.15; Payroll-$67,391.54.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-$49.70; Allstar Parts-repair parts-$674.20; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$18.99; Appeara-service-$128.74; B's Enterprises-blades, supplies-$1,999.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$67,505.23; Black Hills Energy-service-$52.40; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$284.09; Classic Rentals-service-$284.83; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-$40.69; Farmers Pride-tank lease-$46.88; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$113.93; Filtercare of NE-repairs-$128.15; JEO Consultant Group-service-$26,521.25; Kayton International-supplies-$9,362.52; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$92.12; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$61.66; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-gas-$109.60; McLean Village-utilities-$83.55; MidAmerican Research Chemical-supplies-$3,106.24; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,720.64; NE Machinery Co-repair parts-$2,290.58; North Central Public Power-utilities-$197.57; Northeast Glass-repairs-$366.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$397.19; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$821.24; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$238.67; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$100.42; Plainview City-utilities-$182.36; Power Plan-repair parts-$1,302.33; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-$3,004.53; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,360.26; Sapp Bros Norfolk-supplies-$123.75; Ronald Schwanebeck-refund premium-$61.37; Steinkraus Service-gas-$136.00; Tom's

Service-gas-$385.55; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-$193.14; Wattier True Value-repair parts-$359.99; Western Oil Inc-gas-$411.66; Payroll-$36,801.34

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: North Central District Health Dept-Miles of Smiles-$3,220.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-$361.88.

E911 FUND: Geocomm-mapping-$5,015.00; Optk Networks-service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-911 service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-911 service-$151.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 2, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy County Clerk Susan Peters, Leola Homan and Accountant Mike Pommer were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried

Chairman Martinson opened the 11:00 A.M. 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:01 a.m. for the Presentation of the Budget Summary to set the Tax Request different than prior fiscal year. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2025/2026 FY budget to the Board and all those present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2025/2026 FY budget. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 11:10 a.m.

The 2025/2026 Budget will be approved on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 9:11 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 2, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 18, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, found at Neb. Rev. SS 13-801, between Pierce County and the following for levy allocation and support pursuant to Neb. Rev. SS 77-3442(8): Pierce City, Plainview City, Osmond City, Pierce County Agricultural Society, Pierce Rural Fire, Plainview Rural Fire, Osmond Rural Fire and Hadar Rural Fire. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Jerry's Hilltop for Saturday October 4, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Martinson; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a new motor grader.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a new motor grader. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution 2025-16 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY ADOPTING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE PREPARED BY LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT & LEWIS AND CLARK NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act requires proactive pre-disaster planning as a condition of receiving certain financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Act.

WHEREAS, the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District, in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act, has prepared a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation plan identifies the hazards for the communities within the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District, including Pierce County.

WHEREAS, the LHMP includes a plan for monitoring, evaluating, and future updates.

WHEREAS, the LHMP was developed through engaging the partners in the process and soliciting input on the existing risks in each community.

WHEREAS, the LHMP is a way to reduce or alleviate the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage that can result from a disaster through long- and short-term strategies.

WHEREAS, the LHMP prepared by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District will be reviewed and approved by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Upon motion duly made, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, that Pierce County to adopt the LHMP prepared by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District & Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District.

RESOLVED, that Pierce County will use the adopted and approved portions of the LHMP to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

RESOLVED, that Pierce County will coordinate the strategies identified in the LHMP with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.

RESOLVED, that Pierce County will continue with its support of the Steering Committee and continue to participate in the Planning Partnership as described by the LHMP.

RESOLVED, that Pierce County will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all LHMP Planning Partners.
PASSED and adopted by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, by the following vote:
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ Brad Albers
/s/ John Steinkraus
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk
Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for July 2025; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for July 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $503,957.39 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-office rent-$708.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$17.15; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$56.37; Bomgaars Supply-equipment-$1,599.99; Cintas-supplies-$4.79; Department of Revenue Property Assessment-registration-$715.00; Nancy Dolesh-election-$93.50; Dollar General-supplies-$46.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple-court appointed attorney-$1,570.10; FP Finance-postage meter rent-$310.05; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-$29.60; Lexington Regional Health Center-inmate medical-$1,869.48; Madison National Life-premiums-$43.36; Mattson Garage-repairs-$140.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,355.70; Jamie Miller Legal Services-court appointed attorney-$1,476.70; MIPS-IT support-$2,944.43; NACO-registration-$60.00; NE Nebr News-publications-$819.96; Nebr Health & Human Services-housing-$93.00; One Office Supply-supplies-$1,026.98; Pierce City-utilities-$2,687.09; Pommer Accounting-service-$3,000.00; LuAnn Prahl-election-$204.00; Prime Stop-gas-$86.62; Quill-supplies-$142.97; Radiology Associates-inmate medical-$35.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,983.76; Leanne Silhacek-election-$110.50; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-$46.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-$701.95; Melinda Stelling-mileage-$11.40; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-service-$675.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$937.72; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-$504.92; U Save Pharmacy-inmate meds-$36.42; VISA-travel, supplies-$64.51; Payroll-$71,640.28.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-$13,934.32; Bomgaars-supplies-$157.67; Cintas-supplies-$182.02; Culligan -service fee-$5.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-$5,103.55; Heartland Fire Protection Co-inspections-$289.50; Lammers Trailer Repair-repairs-$909.70; Meisinger Oil Co-oil, diesel-$9,883.09; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,704.27; NE Power-utilities-$259.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center-diesel-$2,484.00; Pierce City-utilities-$214.47; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-$181.41; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,348.57; Tom's Service-gas-$342.30; Wattier True Value-repair parts-$13.18; Payroll-$36,587.32.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: MIPS-IT support-$361.88; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-$150.00.

WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: City of Norfolk-911 support service-$130.48.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing presentation meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk
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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 15, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Jennie Martinez, EMS Bobbi Risor, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Chad Anderson, Arlan Mozer, Rylie Suhr, Christian Suhr, Brent Albers and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 2, 2025 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Michele & Brent Albers to construct a home on less than 40 acres on the Alice Albers Lotsplit in pt of the NE ¼ NE ¼ 4-27-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:12 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Brent Albers were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:13 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2025-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 18

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, having given proper notice and holding a public hearing as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the 2003 Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

Findings of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive and meets the density requirements of the zoning district, will be the second home on the quarter section.
2. There is access to an improved county road.
3. This application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Map

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Brent and Michelle to build a home on less than 40 acres on the following described land:

Alice Albers Lotsplit a Tract in the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 4 Township 27 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the below-listed conditions must be complied with by all current and future owners of the property described above and failure to comply with said conditions may result in forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows a Single-Family Home of less than 40 acres.
2. This Conditional Use Permit is permanent and may be transferred between owners.
3. With the passage of this permit, the applicant realizes that the new residence is going to be subject to livestock odors, dust, and general nuisance. This does not, however, mean that the applicant is giving up the right to be protected by Pierce County and the State of Nebraska.
4. The applicant should be aware it is his responsibility to remove any Nebraska Noxious Weeds found on the property at any time after the approval of this application by the County board of Commissioners.
5. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.
6. A zoning permit must be approved before construction of the home begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown of the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 15th day of September, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Martinson; Albers Abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:12 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Christian Suhr to construct a home on less than 40 acres on Christian Suhr's Lotsplit in pt of the SW ¼ 10-25-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:12 a.m. public hearing at 9:13 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Christian & Rylie Suhr were present and answered questions the Board had on the application and the lotsplit. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-19 as follows and to approve the Christian Suhr's Lot Split in pt of the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 19

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, having given proper notice and holding a public hearing as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the 2003 Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

Findings of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive and meets the density requirements of the zoning district, will be the second home on the quarter section.
2. There is access to an improved county road.
3. This application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Map

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Christian Suhr to build a home on less than 40 acres on the following described land:

Christian Suhr's Lotsplit, A Tract located in the N ½ NW ¼ & PT NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 1 Township 25 North, Range 4 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the below-listed conditions must be complied with by all current and future owners of the property described above and failure to comply with said conditions may result in forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

7. This Conditional Use Permit allows a Single-Family Home on less than 40 acres.
8. This Conditional Use Permit is permanent and may be transferred between owners.
9. With the passage of this permit, the applicant realizes that the new residence is going to be subject to livestock odors, dust, and general nuisance. This does not, however, mean that the applicant is giving up the right to be protected by Pierce County and the State of Nebraska.
10. The applicant should be aware it is his responsibility to remove any Nebraska Noxious Weeds found on the property at any time after the approval of this application by the County board of Commissioners.
11. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.
12. A zoning permit must be approved before construction of the home begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown of the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this 15th day of September, 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the problem roads the haulers are using to get to the solar farm and on 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Clerk Wragge had been authorized to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan for 25/26 FY with a hearing date planned for Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:11 a.m. but date needs to be changed due to a conflict for Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to amend, approve and authorize Clerk to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing date to be held on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize Chairman Martinson and Hwy Supt. McDonald to sign, approve and adopt Resolution #2025-20, the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form for 2025 for Public Roads Classifications & Standards. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the Distress Warrant Report which was submitted by County Sheriff, the list of past delinquent taxes and asked for authorization to have a county tax sale and to strike property taxes from the active list.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr list of past delinquent taxes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2025-17, a request for permission to proceed with a County Tax Sales on the delinquent real estate taxes listed for real estate property taxes from the active list, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-17

PARCEL #	NAME	YEARS DELINQUENT	AMOUNT(Principal Only)
700009562	Joe Grof/Paul Blanchard	2017-2024	$171.52
700006797	Dawn M Howard	2015-2024	$790.04
700004333	Norris G. Leamer	2021-2024	$261.66
700009555	Pinnacle Telemarketing	2017-2024	$3,037.10
700035782	Krista Schluns	2019-2024	$6,627.92

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 15, 2025, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.
/s/ Carl Martinson, Board Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk
Whereas the originals are on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Arlan Moser was present to discuss with the county board the conditions of the roads in and around the solar farm and the route trucks are using for hauling in supplies. Sheriffs office deputies will be talked to about policing better in and around the solar farm.

Ryan Poots with Eagleview was present to present to the County Board and County Assessor Jean Lubke the Pictometry Software Program for the Assessor's Office and many different costs depending on the pixel size and how often updated. No decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for July 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for August 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for August 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $309,725.16 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope Co Sheriff-prisoner housing-$2,270.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-$3,320.08; Bishop Business-supplies-$38.48; BCBS-health premiums-$57,886.40; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland-court appointed attorney-$608.98; Elite Court Reporting Service-services-$769.13; GBE-audit services-$4,500.00; Kay Hoffmann-reimburse expenses-$268.14; Jack's Uniforms-uniform serviced-$59.69; Jenkins Electric-repairs-$612.48; LexisNexis-law library-$196.00; Ted Lohrberg-reimbursed expenses-$54.80; Magdanz-supplies-$242.27; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning rent-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,125.80; NE NE News-ads-$155.84; One Office Solution-supplies-$41.97; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$162.08; Overhead Door-repairs-$2,766.00; Pierce Auto Repair-repairs-$141.42; Pierce Co Court-court costs-$34.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-1,074.39; Pierce Dental Office-prisoner medical-$376.00; Telephone-service-$1,878.74; Prime Stop-gas-$207.00; Vickie Prince-reimbursed supplies-$160.54; Quill-supplies-$149.62; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,720.65; Rices Body Shop-repairs-$4,572.28; Sanne Repair-repairs-$169.37; Schindler Elevator Corp-inspection-$1,990.390; Terminex Processing-service-$113.12; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$1,023.46; Verizon-service-$398.63; Visa-meals, gas-$184.63; Western Oil LLC-gas-$438.76; Payroll-$68,644.92; Jury fees and mileage-$2,942.80.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-$419.14; Allstar Parts-repair parts-$406.62; Appeara-uniforms-$103.76; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$107,79.60; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-$8,266.44; C&N Firewood & Tree Removal-service-$350.00; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-$610.43; Chad's Tire

Service-tires and repairs-$44.00; Farmers Pride-supplies-$93.75; Fastwyre-service-$113.93; JEO Consulting-enginering-$23,638.75; Magdanz-supplies-$45.16; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$109.60; McLean Village-water, sewer, garbage-$82.20; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$1,825.84; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,609.75; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-$23.65; NE NE News Co-ads-$110.08; NMC Cat-repair parts-$4,567.96 North Central Public Power-utilities- $213.37; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-$2,410.80; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$219.50; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$251.21; Pierce Co Leader-ads-$96.32; Pierce Telephone-service-$237.82; Plainview Telephone-service-$100.42; Power Plan-repair parts-$126.43; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-$3,024.86; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,258.27; Steinkraus Service-gas-$381.20; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-$330.00; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-$414.31; West Hodson Lumber-supplies-$84.01; Western Oil-gas-$149.25; Payroll-$35,351.68.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-monthly 911 internet-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-$151.00

GRANTS FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-SLCT grant-$11,992.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 29, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Veterans Service Officer Brett Rix, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Gary Ronspies and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 15, 2025, were approved as printed.

Discussion was held on the presented 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget. There were no written comments for or against the 2025/2026 FY budget and no one from the public was present, only county employees.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and adopt the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Pierce County Budget as submitted, approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority and approve Resolution #2025-21 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 – 21

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the County of Pierce passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Pierce that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Pierce, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at $5,600,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be .17266 per $100 of assessed value
4. The County of Pierce proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.190521 per $100 of assessed value
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of County of Pierce will decrease last years by 0.10%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2025.

*Does not apply to miscellaneous subdivisions that request levy authority from a county or municipality.

NOTE: The Property Tax Request per the Budget Document is reported in total. If you need separate levies for separate funds your resolution should identify the tax request by fund.

Dated this 29th day of September 2025.
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk
Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for an event on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Clerk and Treasurer to place weed and tree notices into the 2025 tax statements. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Pay Application #1 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of $121,387.98. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on inclement weather, who calls it to close the courthouse, vacation of first year employees and sick time.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve new hires to receive 5 days of vacation time after their 90 Day Probationary Period with it to be used in their first year of employment (from 91 days to 365 days), effective immediately. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Gary Ronspies presented the Gary R. Ronspies Lot Split, 5.32 in pt of the SW ¼ SW ¼ 27-27-1 and discussion was held.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Gary R. Ronpsies Lot Split, 5.32 acres in pt SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 27, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Assessor Jean Lubke and Deputy Assessor Bailey Backer were present to discuss with the Board, Eagleview, a Pictometry Software Program for the Assessor's Office at many different costs depending on the pixel size and how often updated. Assessor would like to have a contract with Eagleview for arial photos. No decision was made.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-rent for PCED office space in Osmond-$708.00; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$149.03; Antelope County Sheriff-paper service-$135.00; Bailey Backer-mileage-$105.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$14.14; Buffalo County Sheriff-paper service-$22.96; Cintas-supplies-$16.70; Classic Carpet-service-$304.88; Dollar General-supplies-$51.20; Eakes Office-supplies-$45.71; Elite Court Reporting-service-$100.00; FP Finance Program-meter rent-$202.06; Johnson's Inc-repairs-$2,725.24; Lacy Kimes-mental health board

costs-$121.00; Mid America Admin. & Retirement Solutions-quarterly costs-$16,100.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,030.76; NE NE News Company-publishing-$785.54; NE State Fire Marshal Agency-inspections-$120.00; NE HHSS-August 2025 housing-$93.00; NE State Treasurer-unclaimed property-$229.23; Overhead Door-repairs-$60.00; Pierce City-utilities-$2,594.81; PIP Marketing-election envelopes-$1,566.72; Plainview News Inc-publishing-$596.94; Prime Stop-gas-$98.12; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies-$284.89; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,620.80; Brett Rix-reimb. travel-$543.15; RRJ-supplies-$101.89; Secretary of State-election training registration-$60.00; State of NE DAS Central Finance-services-$747.95; Ryan Stover-health board costs-$121.00; Daniel Sturgis-health board costs-$121.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-$1,109.64; Tom's Service-repairs & gas-$2,317.35; NBS/Wahltex-supplies-$3,837.75; Payroll-$67,396.83.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B's Enterprises-blades-$1,820.00; Bauer Built Inc-repair parts-$535.96; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$24,606.54; Black Hills Energy-service-$59.31; Cintas-supplies-$57.01; Classic Carpet Care-service-$190.43; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-$829.97; Filter Care-repairs-$106.75; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$597.30; Lawson Products-supplies-$594.76; Meisinger Oil Co-supplies-$5,424.15; MidAmerican Research Chemicals-supplies-$699.91; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,721.48; NE State Treasurer-unclaimed property-$625.80; NE Power-utilities-$248.00; Osmond City-utilities-$141.00; Overhead Door-repairs-$1,098.35; Pierce City-utilities-$211.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,361.79; Safety Kleen-repairs-$423.93; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay App 1 for Hadar West Project-$121,387.98; Tom's Service-gas-$550.68; Van Diest Supply Co-repair parts-$1,094.00; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-$30.96; Payroll-$36,771.89.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: NE NE News Company-publishing-$7.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: NE Central Finance-support-$150.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: NE State Treasurer-unclaimed property-$6,723.65.

911 FUND: GeoComm Inc-service-$4,750.00.

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-cost share 911-$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge

Pierce County Clerk*

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 14, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Jennie Martinez, Eddie Bomar. Ken Beaudette Jr., Tom Kuether and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Carl Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 29, 2025 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. opening of sealed bids for one new motor grader less the trade-in of equipment #105, 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307. The bids were opened in the presence of all present. Four bids were received from two companies: Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2025 Cat 140 15B AWD Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of $399,000.00 less $41,500.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of $357,500.00 with delivery date in 16 to 19 weeks and 5 years/5000 hours full warranty or 7 years/7000 hours full warranty (add $11,000) and $18,500.00 parts credit; Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2026 Cat 140LVR 16A AWD T4 Motor Grader w/steering wheel, 0 hours, cost of $421,000.00 less $41,500.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of $379,500.00 with delivery date in 16 to 19 weeks and 5 years/5000 hours full warranty or 7 years/57000 hours full warranty (add $11,000) and $17,000.00 parts credit; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 772GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of $450,800.00 less $98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of $352,800.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 672GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of $438,440.00 less $98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of $340,440.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty.

Discussion was held on the motor grader bids received.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and accept the bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 772GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of $450,800.00 less $98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of $352,800.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Attorney Ted Lohrberg and County Assesssor Jean Lubke asked the Board for approval to hire Attorney Ron Temple as outside counsel to assist and represent Pierce County for the TERC Hearing with Husker Ag.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the hire of Attorney Ron Temple as outside counsel to assist and represent Pierce County for the upcoming TERC Hearing with Husker Ag. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennie Martinez with Planning and Zoning presented and discussion was held on the Pebbles Lot Split, Hilkemann's Lot Split and Von Rentzell Lot Split.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Peebles Lot Split, 5 acres in pt NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Hilkemann's Lot Split, 5.79 acres in pt E ½ NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Von Rentzell Lot Split, 5 acres in pt NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cost allocation plan with Maximus.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman and Clerk to sign Cost Allocation Plan for 25/26 FY with Maximus. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve and appoint Kelly Hodson, Robert Wehrer and Brook Curtiss (new on board and taking Julie Newman's position) to a 4 year (Jan 2026 to Jan 2030) term to the Pierce County Visitor Bureau Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff, for August 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for September 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for September 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $271,660.36 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D Albin, Attorney-court appointed costs-$627.25; Amazon Capital Services-yearly fee-$111.17; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-$2,790.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT support-$3,327.10; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-$59,113.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$63.71; Black Hills Energy-service-$83.86; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-$136.27; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-$313.80; Cintas-supplies-$7.42; Ann Fenton-travel expenses-$82.67; Hampton Inn & Suites-lodging-$321.00; Heartland Vet Clinic-service-$288.50; Lexis Nexis-software-$196.00; Ted Lohrberg-travel expenses-$386.70; M & M Sanitation-service-$330.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-$18.50; Magdanz-supplies-$187.63; Mattson Garage-repairs-$649.67; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$92.00; MidAmerica Adm. & Retirement Solutions-adm. costs-$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,134.74; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-$2,944.43; NACO-registration and 25/26 dues-$2,692.78; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-25/26 FY support-$4,803.00; NE NE Economic Development District-25/26 FY support-$925.00; NE NE RC & D-25/26 FY support-$3,000.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$68.22; Osmond City-25/26 library support-$11,000.00; Pierce Co Court-

court costs-$320.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$248.58; Pierce County District Court-court costs-$65.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-$19.71; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,814.20; Pierce City-25/26 library support-$11,000.00; Plainview City-25/26 FY library support-$11,000.00; Police Officers Assn of NE-dues-$79.00; Prime Stop-gas-$99.08; Quill-supplies-$76.79; Region IV Inc-quarterly cost-$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,713.72; Schroeder Land Surveying-surveying-$115.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$1,000.28; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$696.75; Verizon-service-$399.38; Western Oil LLC-gas-$301.12; Payroll-$68,756.42.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-$427.01; Altwine Hardware-supplies-$679.00; Appeara-uniforms-$103.76; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$72,742.49; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel & rock-$10,922.59; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$828.00; Cintas-supplies-$29.98; Farmer's Pride-diesel-$5,009.71; Fastywyre-service-$114.72; Filtercare of NE-services-$102.45; Loren Gerdes-reimb. CDL-$60.00; JEO Consulting Group-engineering-$14,745.00; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$326.63; David Kruse-reimb. CDL-$60.00; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$69.31; M & M Sanitation Service-service-$105.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$137.54; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$106.45; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-$499.37; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,846.45; NACO-registration-$160.00; NMC Cat-repair parts-$559.22; North Central Public Power-utilities-$195.65; NE Glass-repairs-$280.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-fuel-$2,255.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$123.37; Overhead Door-repairs-$1,358.00; Paul's Welding-repairs-$5.25; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$706.75; Pierce Telephone-service-$2,699.62; Plainview Telephone-service-$100.94; Plainview City-utilities-$89.74; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$93.09; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-$3,541.44; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-$93.61; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,449.50; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-$192.00; Sapp Bros Norfolk-gas-$371.25; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-$326.70; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$458.44; Western Oil-gas-$231.07; Payroll-$38,405.75.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-$361.88.

INHERITANCE FUND: Estate of Mary Lou Thompson-refund CS PR 24-6-$196.54.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-$300.00; Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau-grant-$1,500.00; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-grant-$500.00; Pierce Co Leader-publishing-$6.50; St John's Lutheran Church-grant-$400.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Osmond Senior Center-grant-$1,000.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-$1,000.00; Pierce Historical Society-grant-$1,000.00; Plainview Klown Doll Museum-grant-$350.00.

Discussion was held on PCED and on the waiting of informal bids for replacing cement around courthouse.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

Board of Commissioners

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
October 27, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Deputy Co. Assessor and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 14, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to open the 9:11 a.m. public hearing of the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Pierce County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Martinson opened the public hearing at 9:12 a.m. There were no written comments or objections from the public and no one was present for said public hearing. Discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan projects and Hwy Supt. McDonald answered questions the Board had on the plan.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to close the public hearing at 9:23 a.m. of the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Pierce County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and adopt Resolution #2025-22, the One and Six Year County Road Plan for Pierce County for 2025/2026 FY as presented by Brian McDonald, Hwy Superintendent. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Assessor Jean Lubke and Deputy Assessor Bailey Backer were present to discuss with the Board, Eagleview, a Pictometry Software Program for the Assessor's Office at many different costs depending on the pixel size and how often updated. Assessor would like to have a contract with Eagleview for arial photos for 2026. No decision was made and will be placed on the December 8, 2025 agenda.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Change Order #1 (add $6,125.00 addl pilings needed) and Pay Application #2 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of $98,192.61. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign the 2025 Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form which determines incentive state and federal funds for highway allocations as submitted and Resolution # 2025-23, authorizing the signing of the Year End Certification by the County Board Chairperson. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2025-24 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 24

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2025-2026 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of $2,650,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	$1,000,000.00
Total	$1,000,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Roger Woslager for the under crossing of a county road, with an electrical line approximately 1,350' west of 546 Ave and undercrossing 853 Rd between Sections 25/36, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Jean Dole % John Halsey for the under crossing of a county road, with an electrical line approximately 1,300' north of 867 Rd and undercrossing 540 Ave in pt of the SE ¼ of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-$989.00; Avera Medical Group-prisoner medical-$150.00; Bishop Business-supplies-$567.06; Bob Barker Company Inc-supplies-$108.98; Cintas-supplies-$11.33; Classic Carpet Care-service-$195.30; Copple Rocky Schlecht PC-court appointed attorney costs-$781.00; Dollar General-jail supplies-$101.25; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$558.16; Rick Eberhardt-reimbursed travel-$415.85; Ann Fenton-reimbursed travel-$151.07; FP Finance Program-meter lease-$171.05; Intoximeters-supplies-$358.75; Kate Jorgensen PC-public defender-$9,441.66; Laquinta Inns & Suites-lodging-$344.85; Caitlin Macke-reimbursed travel-$180.31; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-$22.96; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$811.45; Maximus Inc-service-$500.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,430.38; Miller Law-court appointed attorney costs-$1,323.86; NE Juvenile Services Inc-annual

assessment & boarding-$2,954.25; NE Health & Human Services-Sept. boarding-$90.00; One Office-supplies-$239.02; Dixie Pelc-reimbursed travel-$55.39; Physicians Laboratory PC-testing-$3,175.00; Pierce County Economic Development-2nd quarter dues for 25/26 FY-$16,641.25; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer of funds from General to Road Bridge-$1,000,000.00; Pierce City-utilities-$2,220.45; Plainview News-publishing-$810.88; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,979.86; Security Shredding-services-$120.00; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-$251.66; Schroeder Land Surveying-surveying-$160.00; State of NE-network charges-$46.00; Stratton Delay Doele Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney costs-$135.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$57.60; VISA-jail supplies-$57.60; Payroll-$71,820.97.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-rd repairs-$1,266.61; AKRS-repair parts-$25.48; Black Hills Energy-service-$63.13; Bomgaars-supplies-$71.95; Cintas-supplies-$103.14; Classic Carpet Care-service-$241.44; Farmers Pride-diesel-$284.45; Fischer Tree Central Inc-tree trimming-$2,500.00; Jerry's Hilltop Service-gas-$266.85; Magdanz Inc-supplies-$131.76; McLean-utilities-$84.00; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-$587.85; Midwest Bank-co share-$2,806.78; NE Power-utilities-$222.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$2,488.25; Pierce City-utilities-$213.72; Plainview News-publishing-$96.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,463.05; Safety Kleen-repairs-$329.76; Sapp Bros-repair parts-$340.00; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay App 2 for Hadar West Project-$98,192.61;Wattiers True Value-supplies-$55.55; Payroll-$38,495.85.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Plainview News Inc-publishing-$6.50.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Financing-online services-$150.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-911 services-$130.48.

David Hood was present for an interview for the Full-Time Hwy Superintendent position.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding personnel (interviewing for a possible Hwy Supt.) at 9:35 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to come out of executive session regarding personnel (interviewing for a possible Hwy Supt.) at 10:20 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
November 10, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co Assessor Jean Lubke, Sara & Michael Dewey, Alex & Hannah Haase, Michelle Reikofski and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 27, 2025, were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Ryan Brodersen for a medium swine facility on property located in pt of the W ½ NW ¼ 17-27-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:12 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter answered questions the Board had on the application. Ryan Brodersen was unable to be present. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:13 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution 2025-25 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 25

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
4. There are no homes inside the ¼ mile setback.
5. Permit is for up to 2,400 (960) H.E.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Ryan Brodersen to operate a medium hog operation of up to 1200 swine under Section 402, Subsection B, Part 29, "A-1" Primary Agricultural District, Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

W ½ NW ¼ located in Section 17, Township 27 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska.

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

1. This is a Medium Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for an operation of up to 2,400 swine (960 head equivalent)
2. All manure shall be applied on property as shown on the manure management plan developed by the applicant in accordance with Nebraska Title 130.
3. The barns and manure application must be setback at least 150 from the county road right of way and manure application cannot occur within 1,320 feet from the cemetery located to the west of the property.
4. This conditional use permit shall be for a period of twenty years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
5. The permit may be transferred to a new owner, provided the Zoning Administrator is notified at least 30 days prior to closing.
6. A zoning permit must be obtained before beginning construction on any buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska on this 10th day of November 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:12 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Sara & Michael Dewey to open a facility offering general daycare services on property located in pt of the NE ¼ NE ¼ 21-26-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:12 a.m. public hearing at 9:13 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Sarah & Michael Dewey were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-26 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 26

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, having given proper notice and holding a public hearing as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the 2003 Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

Findings of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive.
2. This application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Map

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Sara & Michael Dewey to operate a daycare on the following described land:

A Tract located in the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 21 Township 26 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County (Beginning at a point 723.2 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Section 21;thence continuing West 494.5 feet; thence South at a deflection angle of 89 degrees 56 minutes left, 255.7 feet; thence East at a deflection angel of 89 degrees 23 minutes left, 493.9 feet; thence North at a deflection angle of 89 degrees 14 minutes left, 250.8 feet to the point of beginning)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the below-listed conditions must be complied with by all current and future owners of the property described above and failure to comply with said conditions may result in forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

Recommended Conditions:

1. This Conditional Use Permit is to operate a facility offering general daycare services.
2. Applicant must follow all local, state and federal laws regarding the licensing of a daycare business.
3. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the County Register of Deeds office by applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown of the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska on this 10th day of November 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:13 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Alex and Hannah Haase to construct a home on less than 40 acres on property located in pt of the SE ¼ NE ¼ 14-25-1.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:13 a.m. public hearing at 9:15 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Alex and Hannah Haase were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution 2025-27 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 27

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, having given proper notice and holding a public hearing as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the 2003 Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

Findings of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive and meets the density requirements of the zoning district, it will be the first home on the quarter section.
2. There is access to an improved county road.
3. This application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Map

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Alex and Hannah Haase to build a home on less than 40 acres on the following described land:

KRUEGER'S LOTSPLIT a Part of the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County, Nebraska (see attached)

Legal Description:
A tract of land lying wholly in the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the East ¼ corner of said Section 14; thence S 88°06'10" W, on the ¼ line (for this legal description I have assumed the section line to bear S 02°06'52" E), a distance of 57.43 feet to the point of beginning;
thence continuing S 88°06'10" W, on the ¼ line, a distance of 814.47 feet to a point on a 1400.00 foot radius curve, the center of which bears N 23°06'55" W;
thence in a Northeasterly direction, on said curve, with an arc length of 1104.57 feet, with a chord bearing of N 44°16'55" E, with a chord length of 1076.15 feet;
thence N 87°53'08" E a distance of 37.82 feet to a point on the approximate centerline of existing County Road;
thence S 01°54'46" E, on said approximate centerline of existing County Road, a distance of 745.27 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.50 acres more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the below-listed conditions must be complied with by all current and future owners of the property described above and failure to comply with said conditions may result in forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows a Single-Family Home on less than 40 acres.
2. This Conditional Use Permit is permanent and may be transferred between owners.
3. With the passage of this permit, the applicant realizes that the new residence is going to be subject to livestock odors, dust, and general nuisance. This does not, however, mean that the applicant is giving up the right to be protected by Pierce County and the State of Nebraska.
4. The applicant should be aware it is his responsibility to remove any Nebraska Noxious Weeds found on the property at any time after the approval of this application by the County board of Commissioners.
5. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.
6. A zoning permit must be approved before construction of the home begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown of the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska on this 10th day of November 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman
/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application by Pierce Community Golf Course regarding the Amended Application to allow a New Manager at the address of 85428 548 Ave, Pierce, on property located in pt of the SW ¼ 21-26-2.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:15 a.m. public hearing at 9:24 a.m. Clerk Wragge explained the application and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:25 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application for the Pierce Community Golf Course regarding the Amended Application to allow New Manager, Dennis Montgomery, at the address of 85428 548 Ave, Pierce, on property located in pt of the SW ¼ Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Whereas the original appplication is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Pierce Telephone for the under crossing of a county road with a fiber optic line approximately 1,200' south of 852 Rd and undercrossing 539 Ave in pt of the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Bob Wingert % John Halsey for the under crossing of a county road, with an electrical line approximately 1,300' south of 868 Rd and undercrossing 546 Ave in pt of the NE ¼ of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Shane Taylor dba The Whitehouse for a Zion Lutheran Church event at the Pierce Pavilion on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Certification of Distress Warrants that have been delivered to the County Sheriff. After Distress Warrants are delivered to the Sheriff, the Sheriff then has 9 months or until August 1st to submit a report to the County Board for the amount collected and/or uncollected.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Notice that 23 Distress Warrants at a total of $33,891.36 were delivered to the Pierce County Sheriff. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Assessor Jean Lubke and Deputy Assessor Bailey Backer were present to discuss with the Board, Eagleview, a Pictometry Software Program for the Assessor's Office with costs depending on the pixel size and how often updated. Assessor would like to sign a contract with Eagleview for arial photos for 2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve County Assessor Jean Lubke to sign a 3 Year Contract with Eagleview at the cost of $150,000.00 for the purpose of 1" aerial pictometry pictures beginning spring 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by County Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for September 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for October 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds

for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for October 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $1,278,484.02 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: AC Land-November rent for PCED office in Osmond-$708.00; Mark Albin-court appointed costs-$2,508.90; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$221.65; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-$3,327.10; Axon Enterprises Inc-supplies-$499.20; Bishop Business-supplies-$31.40; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$58.96; Bob Barker Company LLC-suppies-$73.30; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-$129.90; Cintas-supplies-$7.31; CVSOAN-25/26 FY dues-$100.00; Dietz Well & Pump Co-repairs-$10,176.91; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed costs-$831.44; Ann Fenton-mileage-$20.39; GBE-24/25 FY audit-$3,500.00; Kate Jorgensen PC-public defender-$4,720.83; LexisNexis-software support-$196.00; Magdanz-supplies-$1,025.82; Menards-supplies-$279.96; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,283.94; MIPS-IT service, website-$6,911.81; NACO-registration-$640.00; National Veterans Service-dues-$50.00; NE NE News-ads-$381.78; NC PPD-utilities-$962.70; One Office Solution-supplies-$1,203.70; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$13.98; Pierce Co Court-court costs-$318.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-$183.00; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,888.23; Police Officers Assn of NE-dues-$18.00; Terri Polt-mileage-$42.00; Prime Stop-gas-$113.77; Quill-supplies-$198.31; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,796.57; Brett Rix-mileage-$22.44; RRJ-supplies-$135.42; State of NE Central Finance-October costs-$701.95; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, PC-court appointed attorney costs-$629.90; Terminix-service-$113.12; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$1,057.32; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-$1,299.98; TWD Lock Safe & Key-repairs-$50.00; Verizon Wireless-service-$399.47; Shannon Wragge-mileage & meals-$681.39; Payroll-$69,871.40.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-uniforms-$129.70; B's Enterprises Inc-signs & culverts-$26,347.50; Cintas-supplies-$263.49; Farmer's Pride-diesel-$5,120.64; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$33,970.00; Kelly Supply Company-repairs-$7.45; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-$668.38; Lon's Johns LLC-service-$258.75; Magdanz-supplies-$12.99; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-$109.60; McLean-utilities-$84.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$3,171.86; NE Machinery Co-repairs-$14,532.41; NC PPD-utilities-$195.65; Northeast Power-utilities-$222.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-$117.85; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$237.14; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-$100.46; Plainview City-utilities-$93.69; Power Plan-repair parts-$2,665.37; R & D Welding-repairs-$13.41; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,727.07; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-$529.20; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$185.90; Payroll-$41,462.41.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-$361.88.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-911 service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-$341.15.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a Hwy Superintendent, but decision was tabled.

Discussion was held on tree trimming and billing out to landowners. Clerk Wragge was directed to bill out to landowners for their portion of the cost on the C & N Firewod & Tree Removal LLC.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk
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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

November 24, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Deputy Sheriff Jacob Wostrel, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Brian Moes, Sue Buckley, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 10, 2025 were approved as printed.

Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg let the County Board know he has inspected 64 bridges in 2025 and presented a list of those that need immediate attention.

Brian Moes was present to discuss road issues he has on 548 Ave between his family farms. He asked the roads to be widened and maintained often. He would also like to see drivers slow down. The County Board asked Moes to clean up all machinery and gates that are within the county right-of-way immediately and no parking machinery or digging on the county roads.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution 2025-28 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 28

PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, a petition was filed with the County Clerk requesting that a public hearing date be set to consider the vacation or abandonment of 861 Rd between Sections 18 and 19 of South Dry Creek Township, in Pierce County, NE, also known as Township 27 North, Range 4 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 39-1722 requires that the Pierce County Board direct the Highway Superintendent to study the use of the road and submit a written report to the county board within thirty days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the Highway Superintendent is directed to complete a study of the use of the county road described above. A written report of the study findings and recommendations is to be submitted to the County Board within thirty days.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2025, at Pierce, Nebraska

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District 1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Pay Application #3 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of $138,604.86. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Christmas Holiday and the 2026 Holiday, Meeting and Pay dates.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to amend and approve the 2025 Christmas Holiday days off as now working all day on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, but then taking all day off on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Holidays, Meeting and Pay Claim Dates for 2026 as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on hiring of a Hwy Supt, but no decision was made.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Discussion was held on problem roads and bridges that need inspection.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed costs-$2,540.10; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-$305.93; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-$3,748.00; Avera Medical Group Pierce-prisoner medical-$172.00; BCBS-health premiums-$62,947.61; Buffalo County Sheriff-paper service-$22.96; Cintas-supplies-$7.62; Classic Carpet Care-service-$208.87; Dollar General-supplies-$63.35; FP Finance Program-lease-$223.05; Jenkins Electric-repairs-$735.55; Kate Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,720.83; Caitlin Macke-reimbursed mileage-$89.60; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,352.91; NE Assn of Co. Assessors-registration-$320.00; NE NE Juvenile Services Inc-boarding-$4,050.00; NE HHSS-Oct. 2025 boarding-$93.00; One Office Solutions-printer & office supplies-$2,249.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$333.47; Physicians Laboratory-testing-$6,050.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-$139.31; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$382.13; Pierce County Petty Cash-mileage, meals, postage, supplies-$279.35; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-$122.95; Pierce City-utilities-$2,297.78; Platte Co Detention Facility-boarding-$75.00; Prime Stop-gas-$152.03; Quill-supplies-$1,285.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,926.66; State of NE-network charges-$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$663.36; Tilden Drug-prisoner medical-$26.27; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$749.84; US Postal Service-meter mail-$3,000.00; VISA-supplies-$240.62; Western Oil Inc-gas-$248.39; Whitey's Sprinklers-service-$125.00; Payroll-$71,608.17.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Akrs-repair parts-$241.78; Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-$367.90; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-$695.36; B's Enterprises-signs-$1,702.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$55,162.17; Bauer Built-repair parts-$3,363.60; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$41,544.29; Black Hills Energy-gas-$53.63; BCBS-health premiums-$2,433.28; C & N Firewood & Tree Removal LLC-tree trimming-$9,665.00; Cintas-supplies-$183.38; Classic Carpet Care-service-$208.86; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$113.92; Filtercare-repairs-$31.30; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$263.37; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,726.28; N & B Gas Co-service-$525.60; North Central PPD-utilities-$200.10; Northwest Electric LLC-repairs-$399.01; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$361.75; Pierce City-Utilities-$215.09; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-$139.44; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas and oil-$3,538.09; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,411.17; Safety Kleen-repairs-$265.22; Seth Williams Electric-repairs-$5,165.00; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay App 3 for Hadar West Project-$138,604.86; Tom's Service-gas-$320.37; Truck Center Co-repair parts-$30.38; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$69.72; Western Oil Inc-gas-$232.44; Payroll-$37,037.49.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Finance-support-$150.00.

E911 FUND: Page My Cell-service-$600.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-Oct 2025 service-$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Chairman Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk
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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
December 8, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, David Hood, EMS Bobbi Risor, Tim Braithwait, Sue Buckley and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 24, 2025 were approved as printed.

Assessor Jean Lubke presented the Eagleview Contract to the Board for the aerial view Pictometry and discussion was held.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinrkraus, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the 6 year contract with Eagleview at $50,000 per year from June 2026 to June 2031. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Authorize Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Madison and Pierce Counties which designates Madison County Attorney's Office as the official applicant and lead county for the NE Crime Commission's 2026-2027 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant application. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve County Burial 2025-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the tree trimming bill for $9,665.00 from C&N Firewood & Tree Removal LLC for trimming trees along the county road where a house was being moved. Board had directed the Clerk to bill the landowners for their portion of the bill. After much discussion is was determined that proper notification and procedures were not followed therefore Clerk Wragge was directed to return the checks received to date along with a letter to all stating that they do not need to pay for their portion of bill.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2025-29 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 – 29
Pierce County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, Section 23-1114 Nebraska Revised Statutes, requires the County Board to set the salaries of all elected county officials for the following four-year term of office prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective county offices; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of County Officials did a salary study and published "2027-2030 Salary Recommendations for County Officials" in October of 2025; and

WHEREAS, said NACO salary study set a minimum base salary of elected officials, in Pierce County, to be between $78,520 and $82,875 for the year of 2027 with annual increases for the years 2028, 2029, and 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners has carefully considered and analyzed the responsibilities and duties of the various elective offices, the Nebraska Association

of County Officials' salary study, and salaries of comparable positions in other governmental sectors; and

The annual salary for the office of County Commissioner be established at $46,710.00 for the calendar year 2027, plus an annual increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) in January 2029 based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban (CPI-U) as published by the Federal Bureau for Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in December of the preceding year.

WHEREAS, 2026 is an election year in which elective county offices are to be filled pursuant to the election process by virtue of primary elections held in May of 2026 and general elections held in November of 2026, and

WHEREAS, said salary study states that the minimum base salary recommendation should be the least amount acceptable to provide a livable income for a person maintaining the duties of the county office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the office of County Commissioners be established at $46,710.00 for the calendar year 2027, plus an annual increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) in January 2029 based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban (CPI-U) as published by the Federal Bureau for Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in December of the preceding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pierce County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the following base salaries for the various elective offices for the term beginning January 2027:

County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner	$77,100.00
County Treasurer	$77,100.00
County Assessor	$77,100.00
Clerk of District Court	$77,100.00
County Sheriff	$77,100.00
County Attorney	$77,100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those elected officials in each of the above offices shall be given an annual salary increases in the amounts of $4,000.00 for 2028, $4,000.00 for 2029 and $4,000.00 for 2030 which shall be added to the previous year's salary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated base salary, the County Sheriff shall receive $700.00 per month or $8,400.00 per annum for the operation of the County Jail, with an additional annual increase of $250.00 per annum for 2028, 2029 and 2030, which shall be added to the previous year's increase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated base salary, the County Attorney shall receive $516.67 per month or $6,200.00 per annum for specialized training and continuing legal education with an additional annual increase of $200.00 per annum for 2028, 2029 and 2030, which shall be added to the previous year's increase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salaries for the appointed deputies of the County Attorney, Clerk of District Court, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, Clerk of District Court and County Sheriff shall be set at a minimum of 65% of the County Official's base salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall be enrolled in and receive the benefits of the County Employees' Retirement System as set forth by Section 23-2301 et seq. Nebraska Revised Statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a "Cash-in lieu" plan is available for qualifying elected officials and other County Employees that opt out of the health insurance plan. This option will be available as permitted by state and federal statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall receive, during his or her term of office, the benefits of the same health, dental and medical group insurance plan which is offered to all county employees, subject to the same terms, conditions, and contributions and subject to any modifications of such plan made during the term of office.

Adopted at Pierce, Nebraska the 8th day of December 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and District #3 Commissioner
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and updated the Board on the current road and bridge projects, discussed the 2025 bridge inspection report, microsurfacing and paving in 2026 and discussed the vacating of 861 Rd between 534/535 Ave.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution #2025-30 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 30

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners directed the County Highway Superintendent to study the use of the County Road 861 Between 534 and 535 Avenues. The road is located between Sections 18 and 19, Townships 27 North, Range 4 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Pierce County Nebraska.

WHEREAS, a written report of the use of the road has been completed by the Highway Superintendent and is filed with the County Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that a public hearing date be set for January 5th, 2026 at 9:11 A.M. to consider whether or not to vacate or abandon road. The County Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution by registered or certified mail to the abutting and adjacent landowners.

Adopted at Pierce, Nebraska the 8th day of December 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and District #3 Commissioner
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Hwy Supt. McDonald applying for bridge match fund with NDOR in 2026 as Pierce County did not receive match in 2025.

Discussion was held on the new law stating bridge rating signs must be placed at the intersections for bridges in the upcoming mile and needs to be completed and posted by Jan. 2029.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for October & November 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for November 2025; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for November 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $403,297.37 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment

and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-$1,461.30; Antelope county Sheriff-prisoner boarding-$2,520.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT software & support-$3,327.10; Binswanger Glass-repairs-$887.97; Bishop Business-supplies-$52.87; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$58.59; Charmtex Inc-supplies-$297.80; Cintas-supplies-$12.76; Ewalt Law Office PC-court appoint attorney-$15,818.26; Fitzgerald Vetter & Temple-court appointed attorney-$614.80; Floor Maintenance-supplies-$811.52; LexisNexis-law library-$196.00; Lynn Peavey Co-supplies-$78.29; Magdanz-supplies-$432.06; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,361.01; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-$2,944.43; NE NE News-publishing-$829.92; One Office Solution-supplies-$143.04; Pierce Co Court- court costs-$100.00; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,805.62; Plainview News Inc-publishing-$238.37; Prime Stop-gas-$120.69; Quill-supplies-$114.14; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,950.41; State of NE Central Financing-service-$701.95; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-County Burial #2025-3-$3,200.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$460.54; Payroll-$71,713.80.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Altwine Hardare & Home LLC-repair parts-$16.36; Appeara-uniforms-$103.76; B's Enterprises-signs-$1,859.00; Bauer Built-repair parts-$7,296.20; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-rock-$649.77; Cintas-supplies-$51.04; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-$210.33; Farmer's Pride-diesel-$14,179.30; Filtercare-repairs-$163.25; Integrated Care-consortium fees-$150.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-$26,370.00; Magdanz-supplies-$71.96; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-gas-$62.35; McLean Village-utilities-$81.30; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$3,275.37; NE Machinery Co-repairs-$1,595.01; North Central PPD-utilities-$203.24; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-gas-$2,827.10; Pierce Telephone-service-$236.84; Plainview Telephone-service-$100.46; City of Plainview-utilities-$89.86; R & D Welding-repairs-$164.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,873.89; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-$701.56; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$38.37; West Hodson Lumber Co LLC-supplies-$71.63; Payroll-$43,862.60.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Motorola Solutions Inc-service-$15,141.00; Pierce Telephone-service $341.15.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-support-$361.88; Mobile Binders-supplies-$327.19.

David Hood was present to discuss the position of Hwy Superintendent. Co. Attorney Lohrberg was directed to draw up a Hwy Supt. contract by the December 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda

for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within l0 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
December 22, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, David Hood and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance as shown by the Certificate of Publication on file in the County Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advanced notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 8, 2025 were approved as printed.

Discussion held on the stop sign resolution and bridges that need work done.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2025-31 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 31
PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, an engineering study was made of the intersection of County Avenue 547 with 865 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, the findings of the engineering study revealed the grading changes outside of the road right-of-way impact the ability of the existing yield signs to properly control the intersection safely. Changing the yield signs to stop signs will provide safe site distance for the intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the yield signs located at 547 Avenue and 865 Road controlling eastbound and westbound vehicles removed and in their place, stop signs be installed to control east and westbound vehicles.

Adopted this 22nd day of December 2025, at Pierce, Nebraska.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and District #3 Commissioner
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Douglas C Suckstorf Lot Split, 10.79 acres in pt S ½ SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Hahlbeck's Lot Split, 11.16 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Pay Application #4 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of $134,790.37. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

David Hood was present to discuss the position of Hwy Superintendent. Co. Attorney Lohrberg was directed to draw up a Hwy Supt. Agreement by the December 22, 2025 Board Meeting, but is still waiting for the agreement from a firm in Norfolk. The Board unanimously decided to hire David Hood as Hwy Supt at the

salary of $62,500.00 for 45 hours per week beginning January 2, 2026. The Agreement will be completed later today to be signed.

Discussion was held on the directive from Governor Pillen that all government offices should be closed on Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and the County Board unanimously agreed since our county handbook states we follow the directives from Federal and State Government.

Discussion was held on trees needing sprayed in the road ditches.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Amazon Business-supplies-$17.93; Applied Connective-service-$12.71; BCBS-health premiums-$57,704.38; Bob Barker-supplies-$272.50; Cintas-supplies-$8.01; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-$238.70; Copple,Rockey,Schlecht PC-court appointed counsel-$1,514.30; Eakes Office Solutions-service-$45.71; Electronic Engineering-repairs-$420.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites-hotel-$124.95; Ann Fenton-reimbursed travel-$185.00; FP Finance Program-postage meter rent-$171.05; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-$484.34; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-$4,720.83; MidAmerica Retirement Solutions-fees-$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,041.49; National Sheriff's Assoc.-dues-$125.00; NE Emergency Services-dues-$75.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-$90.00; One Office Solution-supplies-$328.72; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$159.91; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$247.26; Prime Stop-gas-$92.84; Quill-supplies-$286.00; The Radar Shop Inc-service-$256.00; Region IV Behavioral Health Systems-2nd quarter dues-$5,976.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,649.87; Brett Rix-reimbursed travel-$208.08; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-$33.00; State of NE Central Finance-support-$46.00; Steinkraus Service-tires & supplies-$136.95; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$348.57; Tom's Service-gas-$1,355.85; Verizon – telephone-$399.47; VISA-travel-$157.84; Western Oil Inc-gas-$302.10; Payroll-$67,537.54.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-supplies-$258.73; Allstar Parts-supplies-$2,017.78; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$29,193.75; Bauer Built-tires & repairs-$3,888.10; Black Hills Energy-service-$554.84; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-$4,041.12; Cintas-supplies-$55.71; Classic Carpet Care-service-$195.30; Farmers Pride-propane-$834.77; Fastenal-supplies-$26.58; Fastwyre Broadband-service-$114.12; Kimball Midwest-supplies-$1,302.50; Lawson Products-supplies-$390.62; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-$209.49; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$2,797.22; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$130.75; City of Osmond-garbage-$141.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-$634.35; Pierce Automotive-repair parts-$205.71; Polt Brothers-repair parts-$1,046.79; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-$2,925.17; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,465.45; Steinkraus Service-gas-$80.58; Theisen Construction-Pay Application #4 for bridge repair-$134,790.37; Tom's Service-gas-$526.58; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-$64.70; Vic's Engine Service-repair parts-$287.52; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$227.54; Payroll-$37,811.91.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Finance-software support-$150.00.

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-service contract-$130.48.

Ron Temple, County Assessor Jean Lubke and Deputy County Assessor Bailey Backer were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding TERC litigation at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to come out of executive session regarding TERC litigation at 10:18 a.m. with no action taken. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:19 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting

is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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