

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 18, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Rob Latimer, 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 amend the agenda and add Approve Underground Crossing for Jason von Rentzell with a 2" waterline in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ 30-28-1. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

The minutes of September 5, 2023 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the underground crossing application for Jason von Rentzell with a 2" waterline in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, 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 Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-23, 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 #2023-23			
PARCEL #	NAME	YEARS DELINQUENT	AMOUNT(Principal Only)
700009366	Thomas Beltz	2020-2022	\$436.32
700009408	Thomas Beltz	2020-2022	\$542.72
700009555	Pinnacle Telemarketing Ltd	2016-2022	\$2,229.88
700009257	J. Schmitz(Farm & Home Supply)	2020-2022	\$12.62
ADD SUBSEQUENT TAXES TO EXISTING COUNTY TAX SALES			
700009415	City of Plainview	2015-2022	\$766.72
700036743	Millard Friedrichsen	2019-2022	\$74.60
700009562	Joe Grof/Paul Blanchard	2017-2022	\$124.40
700006797	Dawn M. Howard	2015-2022	\$580.60
700012523	Mitch Jensen	2018-2022	\$336.42
700035782	Krista Schluns	2016-2022	\$458.78
700013887	James Schmit/Express Funding	2015-2022	\$1,159.12
700008991	Roger & Lindsay Stewart	2018-2022	\$66.04

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 18, 2023, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-24, a request for permission to strike the following listed property taxes from the active list, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-24			
000018102 (personal property)	Richard D. Ulrich	2014-2020	\$1,963.00 (no response)

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/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Michelle Reikofski was present to question the Board about where on the plan is the Osmond School Rd (865 Rd). Board stated that it is on the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan but the projects are not in any particular order and urgent ones will get done first and some projects have been on the plan for many years.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Clerk to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan for 23/24 FY with a hearing date planned for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the stop sign grant from NDOR that was granted to Pierce County and current and upcoming road and bridge projects.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Chairman to sign the LPA Program Agreement (Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads) and Resolution #2023-22 with NE Dept of Roads. Whereas the originals are on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman Kuether and Hwy Supt. McDonald to sign, approve and adopt Resolution #2023-21, the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form for 2023 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg and Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt were present.

Extension Agents Ann Fenton and Amy Topp were present to visit with the Board on the updated interlocal agreement sent to them for review and approval via email.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Chairman to sign the updated Interlocal between Pierce County and UNL Extension. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robert Latimer with Summit Carbon Project updated the Board on the carbon pipeline project coming thru Pierce County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #3 for \$240,612.07 for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903 to Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #3 for \$304,487.87 for the Pierce Southwest JEO Project #211418 to Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement for the Bloomfield Road Repairs 2023 JEO Project 231163 with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka ASTECH Corp, St, MN. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the underground crossing application for Flesner Electric LLC with a 2" electrical line in pt of SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to go into executive session regarding personnel at 9:53 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for June and July 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for August 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for August 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$5,483,391.93 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, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,599.80; BCBS-health premiums-\$46,124.08; Bob Barker-supplies-\$88.56; Cintas-supplies-\$104.27; Classic Rentals-service-\$229.48; Dollar General-supplies-\$4.00; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$170.85; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; LexisNexis-law library-\$177.00; Jean Lubke-reimbursed supplies-\$384.25; M&M Sanitation-services-\$285.00; Madison Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$1,550.00; Madison Co Treasurer-District 7 probation costs-\$11,551.18; Magdanz-supplies-\$59.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; MidAmerica-HRA 2nd quarter fees-\$360.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,482.30; NACO-FY23/24 dues-\$1,975.91; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-FY 2024 matching funds-\$4,571.00; NE NE Economic Development-dues-\$915.00; NE NE Juvenile Services-yearly assessment-\$1,816.50; NE NE RC&D-dues-\$3,000.00; NE NE News-ads-\$1,316.52; NE Health and Human Services-August housing-\$258.00; NE Wind & Solar-convention registration-\$250.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$1,243.32; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$179.91; Osmond City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pierce City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$403.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$956.39; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-FY23/24 annual support-\$1,200.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$40.38; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,877.49; Plainview City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pommer Accounting LLC-services-\$2,900.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$98.84; Region 4 Behavior System-1st quarter costs-\$5,721.75; Retirement Plans

Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,882.45; Jessica Riedel-reimburse notary cost-\$109.32; State of NE Central Finance-IT support-\$213.75; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$615.59; Wes Torson-reimburse prisoner expense-\$59.96; Verizon-service-\$424.85; Visa-postage & prisoner food-\$131.61; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$448.98; Payroll-\$44,639.50.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$95.40; Appeara-uniforms-\$122.65; B’s Enterprises-signs-\$800.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$56,651.85; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$11,429.58; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$43.33; Chad’s Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$995.90; Classic Rentals-service-\$209.39; Fastwyre-service-\$111.82; Filtercare of NE-services-\$149.45; Kayton International-repair parts-\$127.00; Lawson Products-supplies-\$517.01; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$82.13; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$103.72; M&M Sanitation-service-\$90.00; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; McLean Village-water, sewer, garbage-\$90.45; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,622.84; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,365.55; NE NE News Co-ads-\$98.88; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$192.33; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$192.90; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$196.01; Paul’s Welding-service-\$643.12; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$84.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$176.73; Plainview Telephone-service-\$96.13; City of Plainview-utilities-\$84.80; Keith Pospisil-reimbursed CDL-\$60.00; Jeff Prince-reimbursed repair parts-\$157.88; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$7,965.92; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,044.42; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$105.00; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$121.99; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$18.98; Western Oil-gas-\$489.85; Payroll-\$23,606.43.

FEDERAL AID-ROADS: Dixon Construction Co-Osmond South Project-\$240,612.07.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Golden Shovel-website service-\$8,800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.14; Susan Norris-reimbursed conference registration-\$250.00; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-yearly dues-\$475.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$8.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,209.46.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-monthly 911 internet-\$529.40; Pierce Telephone-service-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

HIGHWAY BONDS: Theisen Construction- Pierce Southwest Project-\$304,487.87.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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 10 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
