

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 20, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, PCED Board Members: Bob Wehrer, Jeremy Tarr, Jim Schmit, Chad Anderson, Josh Sirek 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 5, 2024 were approved as printed.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present to let the Board know that she pledged single collateral securities with Security Bank, Osmond.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for an event on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Pierce County Economic Development (PCED) Board was present and presented an updated Interlocal Agreement to the Pierce County Board of Commissioners. PCED has created a nonprofit 501C6 as a local development corporation due to the withdraw of Pierce County from the current interlocal agreement as of June 30, 2024 which at that time PCED will no longer be under the county budget authority as suggested by the state and county auditors. The PCED Board is asking for approval of an updated interlocal agreement which consists of \$110,000.00 per year (3% increase each year) in financial support from the County for 3 years beginning July 1, 2024 into said nonprofit, leased office space for \$1.00, ownership to all office furniture in the PCED office and all money in the PCED County Fund 2606 at the Pierce County Treasurer. The towns of Pierce, Plainview, Osmond and Hadar would contribute to this said nonprofit \$3.00 per resident (3% increase each year). No decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2024 Jail Standards Report; fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for December 2023 and January 2024; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for January 2024; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for January 2024 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,842,497.72 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.

Discussion was held on the cost of snow removal from the January storms.

**GENERAL FUND:** Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$1,000.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,701.40; Blood Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$20.33; BCBS-health premiums-\$50,215.79; Classic Rentals-service-\$308.73; Co. Veterans Service Officer Assn.-registration-\$60.00; Elite Office Products-supplies & monthly contract-\$127.02; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$562.14; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; GBE CPA-22/23 FY audit down payment-\$7,500.00; Hadar Community Bldg-2024 poll rent-\$200.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$28.95; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Knox County Sheriff-paper service-\$18.50; Billy Joe Koepp-mileage-\$22.06; LexisNexis-software-\$177.00; Lifeguard MD Inc-supplies-\$1,152.00; Lynn Peavey Company-supplies-\$287.02; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,550.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$56.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,743.40; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,876.80; Model Electric Inc-camera installation-\$1,207.69; NE NE News Company-ads-\$484.02; NE Assn of Extension Boards-2024 dues-\$100.00; NE Assn of Co. Clerks-2024 dues-\$50.00; NE Health & Human Services-Jan. 2024 boarding-\$93.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$54.00; Osmond City Auditorium-2024 poll rent-\$200.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-

\$360.39; Pierce County Ag Society-2024 poll rent-\$200.00; Pierce County Leader-ads & subscription-\$568.45; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$1,813.71; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$526.64; Plainview Public Library-2024 poll rent-\$200.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$134.34; Quill-supplies-\$428.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,108.47; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$63.75; Melinda Stelling-mileage-\$12.68; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$452.18; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,012.85; Dan Unseld-mileage-\$30.10; Verizon-services-\$425.93; VISA-supplies-\$34.90; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$507.10; Payroll-\$63,798.32.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Ag Heaters/Industrial Equipment-supplies-\$137.00; AKRS-supplies-\$818.51; Alpha Workforce Health-drug testing-\$13.00; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$6.38; Appera-service-\$122.65; B's Enterprises Inc-supplies-\$650.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$16,826.25; Bauer Built-repair parts-\$7,125.12; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,121.61; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,647.20; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$353.85; CHI Health-drug testing-\$141.00; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$290.77; Culligan of Norfolk-supplies-\$4.00; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$111.42; Filter Care of NE Inc-repairs-\$147.30; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$220.81; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$1,051.30; Kuether Ranch-reimbursed supplies-\$293.51; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$97.62; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$1,436.42; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$135.83; Martin Marietta Materials-rock-\$1,789.24; McLean-utilities-\$78.30; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$3,154.06; Menards-supplies-\$59.96; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,707.46; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$26.05; NE Machinery LLC-repairs-\$5,579.58; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$323.51; NE Glass-repairs-\$529.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$370.71; Overhead Door-repairs-\$313.75; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$1,882.65; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$177.21; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$44.79; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$97.78; Plainview City-utilities-\$76.50; Powerplan-repairs-\$1,271.45; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$5,799.42; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,375.25; Rollin Coal Trucking LLC-freight-\$901.76; Safety-Kleen-service-\$656.23; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$793.04; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$59.66; Western Oil-gas-\$30.00; Payroll-\$36,698.24.

**PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen PC LLO-attorney costs-\$1,681.50; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$16.00; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$27.81; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

**E911 FUND:** NE Community College-registration-\$400.00; Optk Networks-service-\$529.40.

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

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** MIPS-IT service-\$349.12; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$150.00.

**ARPA/COVID FUND:** Motorola Solutions Inc-statewide radio-\$282,953.40.

**INHERITANCE FUND:** Kirk Weyhrich-snow removal-\$850.00; Windy View Ag LLC-snow removal-\$10,825.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:17 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2024 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

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