

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 4, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, 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 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 20, 2024 were approved as printed.

Bonita Lederer was present to update the Board on the updating of the 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on Bridge #3405, the paving of the S & A Feedlot Rd and paint striping of hard surfaced county roads.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald to proceed to get emergency bid quotes and negotiate costs for Bridge #03405. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald to prepare plans to proceed with a concrete overlay project on 1 mile of Hadar East and 3 miles of the S & A Feedlot Roads. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Clerk Wragge to advertise for paint striping the major hard surfaced roads as discussed. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on funding of safe routes, the 554A Project and on the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity) Grant the City of Norfolk and Madison County will be pursuing and wanting Pierce County Board to form a partnership with them to build up roads and infrastructure in Madison and Pierce County.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the LeRay M. Zierke's Lot Split in pt NE ¼ SE ¼ 18-25-2 and on the Brodhagen Lot Split in pt SE ¼ NE ¼ 29-28-4.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the LeRay M. Zierke's Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE (10.93 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Brodhagen Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 29, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE (5.15 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the solar farm and the carbon pipeline.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2024-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 3

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,675,000.00 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:

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| Road/Bridge Fund | <u>\$750,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$750,000.00 |

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

Dated this 4th day of March, 2024

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, 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: Kuether, 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 2 apps and Pierce Fire will have 3 apps for a total cost of \$750.00 split between the 2 entities, with Pierce Fire reimbursing Pierce County for their portion.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NE-Pierce County EM Salamander Renewal Agreement for April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Black Hills Energy-service-\$46.35; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$38.17; Jack’s Uniforms-supplies-\$315.00; Johnson’s Inc-repairs-\$1,748.34; Jones Automotive-installation & parts-\$15,718.76; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner meds-\$30.54; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,836.41; Miller Law-court appointed attorney costs-\$583.45; MIPS-IT services-\$3,083.86; NACO-registrations-\$20.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-blood alcohol testing-\$105.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$259.00; City of Norfolk-23/24 FY Region 11 EMS-\$20,762.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$1,089.00; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to RB Fund-\$750,000.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$109.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$5,182.69; Pip Marketing-supplies-\$181.90; Prime Stop-gas-\$179.62; Vickie Prince-reimb. travel expenses-\$794.28; Protex Central-inspection-\$270.00; Quill-supplies-\$1,088.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,198.63; State of NE-network server-\$889.45; Terminex-service-\$96.16; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$446.32; Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$839.13; Woods Aitken LLP-legal fees-\$70.00; Payroll-\$65,003.19.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bauer Built-repairs-\$326.25; Bomgaars-supplies-\$282.41; Colonial Research-chemicals-\$1,025.90; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$2,283.73; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$282.16; Lawson Products-supplies-\$398.73; Matheson-supplies-\$173.30; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$4,339.33; Menards-supplies-\$8.17; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,272.30; NE Glass-repairs-\$710.00; Northeast Power-utilities-\$277.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$225.50; Pierce City-utilities-\$224.33; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$17.98; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,873.69; Riverside Hydraulics Inc-repair parts-\$771.95; Steinkraus Service-repairs-\$381.60; Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$765.05; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$39.56; West Hodson Lumber-crushed concrete-\$18,023.39; Payroll-\$44,082.05.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$349.12.

ARPA/COVID FUND: Motorola Solutions Inc-statewide radio-\$549,585.36.

INHERITANCE FUND: A & R Construction Co-snow removal-\$63,125.00; Estate of Lois Luebbers-refund on Case P22-22-\$17,206.00; Motorola Solutions Inc-statewide radio-\$34,011.64; Terry Nathan-snow removal-\$50.00.

Discussion was held on the hourly wage for road workers and on the Pierce County Economic Development interlocal.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 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
