

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 15, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether and Carl Martinson; Brad Albers was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Heidi Borg, 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 9:11 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 Kuether, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 1, 2024 were approved as printed.

Heidi Borg, Aide to US Senator Adrian Smith, was present to update the Board on Smith's work in Washington, his offices and work in Nebraska.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, 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, May 4, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Plainview Chamber of Commerce bullriding event on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the address of 86384 537 Avenue, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to approve the two Underground Crossing/ROW Applications of a county road for Cushing Construction Co LLC for Winkelbauer Farms with a 10" irrigation line on 848 Rd and 546 Ave (see map) on the north side and west side of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 2 West in Cleveland Township, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Chairman to sign Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Pierce West Bridge #C007003406 – JEO Project #240852 with Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Approval for the underground crossing for Cole Aschoff was tabled.

Chairman Kuether opened the 9:20 a.m. public hearing at 9:23 a.m. Holly Schroeder, owner/operator of Wisner West was present to answer questions on the issuance of the Class D-126361 Liquor License for Wisner West Inc dba Discount Fuels/Prime Stop north of Norfolk. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Kuether closed the public hearing at 9:25 a.m.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to approve the Class D-126361 Liquor License for Wisner West Inc dba Discount Fuels/Prime Stop in pt of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ in Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matthew Jones, Jill Kotwasinski, Cody Akers and David Levy with Nextera were present to update the County Board on the construction of the solar farm west of Pierce that will begin in the fall of 2024.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, 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 and Martinson; Albers absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-services-\$871.68; Antelope County Sheriff-paper service & inmate housing-\$1,464.70.; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,701.40; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$47.13; BCBS-health premiums-\$49,027.26; Cintas-supplies-\$173.90; Classic Rentals-service-\$293.50; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland-court appointed attorney-\$1,501.30; Election Systems & Software-service-\$3,848.07; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement-\$20.00; EM Motor-purchase-\$14,900.00; Ann Fenton-reimburse travel-\$116.78; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; GBE, CPA,PC-service-\$18,500.00; Sandra Hansen-services-\$720.00; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$320.00; LexisNexis-law library software-\$177.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$352.60; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midstates Organized Crime Information-dues-\$200.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,682.50; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,762.44; NE NE News-publishing-\$1,178.42; NE Assoc. of Co. Extension Boards-dues-\$100.00; NE Assoc. of Co. Assessors-dues-\$75.00; NE Emergency Services Communications-dues-\$75.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$172.80; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$309.29; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$123.99; Pierce County Court-court cost-\$392.50; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$621.67; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$288.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$1.47; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$1,827.65; Plainview News-ads-\$675.30; Prime Stop-gas-\$316.16; Quill-supplies-\$120.67; Region IV-quarterly support-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,082.01; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner-court appointed attorney-\$1,822.10; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$508.43; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$639.82; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-supplies-\$16.00; US Postal Service-postage-\$11,500.00; Verizon-service-\$425.93; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$609.49; Payroll-\$63,394.71.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appera-uniforms-\$98.12; B's Enterprises-culverts & blades-\$17,705.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$1,902.22; Bauer Built Tires-tires-\$23.00; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$25,235.83; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,623.03; Cedar Beef-gravel-\$4,183.20; Chad's Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$1,845.81; Cintas-supplies-\$350.08; Classic Rentals-service-\$199.10; Farmer's Pride-diesel & propane-\$3,294.15; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$112.02; Steve Gathman-reimbursed travel-\$378.68; JEO-engineering services-\$24,238.00; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$56.50; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$299.59; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$192.85; Magdanz-supplies-\$99.94; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$199.25; McLean Village-utilities-\$83.70; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,771.08; NMC-repair parts-\$4,659.34; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$238.21; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$623.07; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$1,076.89; Pierce Telephone-services-\$177.58; Plainview Telephone-telephone services-\$96.49; City of Plainview-utilities-\$86.32; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$673.89; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair parts-\$164.61; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,049.63; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$1,434.50; Theisen Construction-Hadar truss bridge emergency repair-\$39,500.00; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-\$368.63; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$121.08; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$952.68; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete-crushed concrete-\$1,133.99; Western Oil-gas-\$236.35; Payroll-\$37,505.73.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Hadar Fire Department-grant-\$450.00; Village of Hadar-grant-\$300.00; Home Team of Osmond-grant-\$1,000.00; Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau-grant-\$1,500.00; Osmond Men's Group-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-grant-\$500.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-\$750.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$6.50; Pierce Lions Club-grant-\$500.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Home Team of Osmond-grant-\$1,000.00; Lambrecht Cemetery Assoc.- grant-\$500.00; Osmond Park Board-grant-\$1,000.00; Pierce Historical Society-grant-\$1,000.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premiums -\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.00; Plainview News-ads-\$9.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-IT services-\$529.40; RS Technologies Inc-software support-\$500.00.

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$349.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 9:56 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 29, 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
