

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 13, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Greg Pfanstiel, Susan Buckley, Bullet Beaudette, Dustin Wills, Mike Boden 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 April 29, 2024 were approved as printed.

Dustin Wills with Benefit Management was present to visit with the Board about how his company can assist and what they offer in benefits.

Mike Boden with NACO was present to give the Board updates on NACO Benefit Services offered and answer questions the Board had.

Numerous County employees were present for the discussion held on the 2024-2025 premium rates and plans for the NACO health and dental insurance.

Greg Pfanstiel was present to talk with County Board on the condition of his road after all the rain.

Discussion was held again on the 2024-2025 premium rates and plans for the health and dental insurance.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Clerk to sign the NACO Sub-Group Application for the 2024/2025 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, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2024-7 as follows:

### RESOLUTION #2024-7

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska consent and agree that the following resolution was made and approved on Monday, May 13, 2024, 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, 2024

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Underground Crossing of a county road for Cole Aschoff with a 6" tile line in pt of Section 30, Township 28 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 a special designated liquor license for the White House/Taylor's, for an event on Saturday, June 22, 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.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present to present the Stelling 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lot Splits in pt NW ¼ of the NW ¼ 7-27-3.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Stelling 1<sup>st</sup> Lot Split in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 7, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Stelling 2<sup>nd</sup> Lot Split in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 7, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 8 special designated liquor license dates for the Pierce Community Organization at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Sand Volleyball Court for the following dates in 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.: May 23 & 30, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2024-8 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 8

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 \$1,325,000.00 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>\$575,000.00</u> |
| Total            | \$575,000.00        |

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

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Approve Resolution #2024-9 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 9

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 \$20,333.30 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:

\$20,333.30 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100).

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for April 2024; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for April 2024 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,737.848.03 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-service & software-\$5,400.15; Black Hills Energy-service-\$172.86; BCBS-health premiums-\$49,414.24; Rhonda Cortner-mileage-\$52.26; ES & S-Primary 24 Election-\$2,823.11; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & supplies-\$660.17; Ann Fenton-mileage-\$67.99; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; GBE CPA-23/24 FY audit-\$5,000.00; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$347.85; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$270.00; LexisNexis-law software-\$177.00; Lorenz Automotive-repairs-\$53.97; Jean Lubke-reimb. supplies-\$108.13; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$545.49; Linda Mattson-reimb. supplies-\$201.03; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,757.70; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,762.44; NE NE News-publishing-\$769.66; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs to CH generator-\$1,663.36; Pierce Co Court-court cost-\$262.00; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to Road-Bridge-\$575,000.00; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$1,798.60; Quill-supplies-\$28.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,128.34; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-\$169.55; Security Shredding Services-shredding-\$120.00; State of NE Central Financing-service-\$701.95; Stratton, DeLay, Dole, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney costs-\$5,930.82; Terminex-service-\$107.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$315.57; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,469.48; US Postal Service-CMRS-FP-postage-\$500.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.75; Walmart-Capital One-supplies-\$149.74; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$184.53; Payroll-\$64,054.35.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Brad Albers-reimb. registration-\$150.00; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$89.00; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$31.28; Appearance-uniforms-\$98.12; B's Enterprises-culverts & blades-\$6,118.00; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$8,440.33; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$926.20; Cintas-supplies-\$54.52; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$439.80; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$6,032.32; Filtercare-repairs-\$33.10; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$388.46; Kayton Intl-repair parts-\$1,117.31; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$860.60; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$19.73; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$294.32; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$281.83; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$90.16; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc-gravel-\$578.85; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,822.31; Menards-supplies-\$35.98; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,668.49; Midwest Service & Sales Co-supplies-\$2,170.00; NE NE News Company-publishing-\$100.48; NMC Exchange LLC-repair parts-\$3,468.79; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$220.80; Northeast Public Power-utilities-\$262.00; Pierce Telephone-services-\$162.43; Plainview Telephone-services-\$96.49; City of Plainview-utilities-\$94.06; Power Plan-repair parts-\$330.34; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$71.26; R & D Welding-repairs-\$155.76; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas & diesel-\$4,750.12; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,339.26; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$662.54; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$608.62; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$256.30; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$471.95; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$118.99; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete-supplies-\$759.06; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$419.76; Payroll-\$36,164.85.

**PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** BCBS-health premiums-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$84.67; NE NE News Co-publishing-\$7.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$84.83; Payroll-\$1,256.75.

**E911 FUND:** Page My Cell-services for Pierce-\$600.00.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk-April cost share for services-\$149.12; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to General Fund-\$20,333.30; Pierce Telephone-services-\$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

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

**BOND FUND:** BOK Financial-principal & interest payment-\$260,221.25.

Discussion was held on the monetary support to give to the Pierce County Economic Development for the 24/25 fiscal year, the hiring of a fulltime highway superintendent and a bridge inspector.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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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