

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 24, 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, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Extension Agent Ann Fenton, Kelly Hodson, PCED Susan Norris, Jeanne Reigle, EMS Bobbi Risor, Jeremy Tarr, Robert Smith, Amy Topp, Bob Wehrer, Josh Sirek, Chad Anderson, Rich Lutz, Steve Dolesh and News Reporter Randee Falter.

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

The minutes of June 10, 2024 were approved as printed.

Dean Koehler was present to visit with the Board about his well damage from vibration of pile driving by Dixon Construction Co on the Osmond South JEO Bridge Project 211903. He had submitted 5 bills for the damages for the Board to review. No decision was made.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton and Amy Topp were present to present to the Board Fentons 24/25 Budget Request and both gave an update of extension activities in Pierce County and surrounding counties.

Fire Chief Steve Dolesh and EMS Deputy Rich Lutz were present to discuss with the Board an emergency plan for the 2024 Pierce County Fair.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2024 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

NACO Legal Counsel Elaine Menzel was present to give a NACO update.

Discussion was held on budgets of the county offices and road/bridge depts.

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 \$90,000.00 per year (3% increase each year) in financial support from the County for 2 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 \$4.00 per resident (followed by a 3% increase each year). Decision was unable to be made because the item was not on agenda.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present to discuss the Johannsen Lot Split in pt SW ¼ 20-28-1.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the Johannsen Lot Split in 5.09 acres in pt of the SW ¼ Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution #2024-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 11

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

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 for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the month of April and May 2024.

General Fund (0100)	\$12,538.00	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$12,538.00</u>	
Total	\$12,538.00	

Dated this 24th day of June, 2024

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/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 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.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was visited with the Board about the Releasing & Pledging of Collateral.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve the County Treasurer to Release Pledge Single Pooled Collateral with Elkhorn Valley Bank and Pledge Single Pooled Collateral with Security National Bank. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Pay Application #2 for \$34,221.37 for the Breslau North & Pierce North - JEO Project #221895 and #230074 with A & R Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on culvert at the intersection of Old 98 and 861 Rd on the west side of the road.

Discussion was held on the closed 846 Road between 544 and 545 Avenue that was closed in December 2004 by Resolution 2004-83 approved at the time by both Pierce and Madison Counties.

EMS Bobbi Risor was present to update the Board on current projects and ask if Pierce County would be interested in participating in an active shooter tabletop drill.

Jeanne Reigle, Candidate for State Legislative District 19, gave an update.

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: Antelope County Sheriff Dept.-prisoner boarding-\$1,705.00; Christine Bahr-reimbursed travel expense-\$209.12; Big Red Printing-supplies-\$767.68; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$56,080.67; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$228.94; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$359.85; Des Moines Stamp Mtg Co-supplies-\$66.00; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$434.61; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement- & supplies-\$1,018.04; Embassy Suites-lodging-\$214.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & supplies-\$272.25; FP Finance Program-meter lease-\$154.09; Govt Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$422.00; Gworks-software & support-\$7,367.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; M & M Sanitation Service-garbage service-\$330.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,811.53; NE Health & Human Services-May 2024 boarding-\$93.00; NIRMA-24/25 FY liability insurance premium-\$153,063.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$3,121.27; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$93.49; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$238.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$2,072.63; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimbursed expenses-\$181.95; Pierce County Treasurer- transfer to PCED-\$12,538.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$1.47; Pierce City-utilities-\$1,612.11; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$180.81; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$2,446.11; Prime Stop-gas-\$166.94; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies & travel expense-\$592.02; Quill-office supplies-\$1,307.03; Ramada-lodging-\$214.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,145.62; Secretary of State-election supplies-\$10.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$46.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doelle, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed costs-\$3,372.84; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$445.56; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,050.90; UNL Print & Copy Services-printing-\$166.13; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$4,790.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.75; VISA-supplies-\$525.86; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$533.68; Shannon Wragge-travel expense-\$243.80; Payroll-\$64,901.58.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #2 for Breslau & Pierce North Projects-\$34,221.37; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$25.00; B's Enterprises Inc-blades & culverts-\$32,742.00; Bauer Built Inc-repair parts-\$573.36; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$47.40; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-DOT physical-\$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$73.32; CHI Health-testing-\$126.00; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$225.69; Steve Gathman-travel expense-\$263.74; Heartland Fire Protection Co-fire extinguisher testing-\$410.95; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$57,515.53; Lawson Products-supplies-\$304.77; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$137.17; M & M Sanitation Service-garbage service-\$105.00; McLean-utilities-\$88.20; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,905.64; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,781.39; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$20.18; Osmond City-garbage service-\$81.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,486.85; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$828.00; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimbursed supplies-\$31.93; Pierce City-utilities-\$194.67; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas-\$566.59; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,390.14; Steinkraus Service-gas & repairs-\$655.74; Tom's Service LLC-repairs & gas-\$307.05; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$51.06; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$79.54; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$299.58; Payroll-\$37,640.34.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: NE Central Finance-support-\$150.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$247.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$218.14; Payroll-\$3,231.72.

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Estate of Joel S. Stenberg % Brogan & Stafford PC-reimbursed inheritance tax-\$1,323.96.

E911 FUND: NE College-registration-\$400.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-share cost for 911-\$149.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 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