

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 22, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 22, 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, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, David Levy, Jim Schmit, Bob Wehrer, Bruce Brester, Michelle Reikofski, Chad Anderson, Jeremy Tarr, John Steinkraus 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 8, 2024 were approved as printed.

David Levy with Golden Rod Solar were present to present to the Board a Solar Decommissioning Agreement and Road Use Maintenance Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the presented Solar Decommissioning Agreement and Road Use Maintenance Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2024 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted except the Pierce County Economic Development Inventory which has not yet been submitted. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreements allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2024-14 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2024-14

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County officers in public contracts, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work, and

WHEREAS, members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners wish to enter into a contract with Pierce County to provide such services for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that:

1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2024/2025 fiscal year for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioner.
2. Such commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01, et seq.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2024/2025 employment contracts between Pierce County and Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$17.00 for roadwork. Dated this 22nd day of July, 2024 and whereas the original 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.

Work was done on the 24/25 fiscal year budget.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Distress Warrant Report to be submitted by County Sheriff to County Treasurer by August 1. The 18 Distress Warrants were submitted to Treasurer by the Sheriff and 3 are still outstanding and needing to be collected. The Board unanimously approved the submitted Distress Warrant Report.

The Pierce County Economic Development (PCED) Board were present and counter offered to the last offer given by the County Board for the updated Interlocal Agreement. PCED is in the process of creating 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 is no longer under the county budget authority as suggested by the state and county auditors. The PCED Board was still asking for approval of an updated interlocal agreement which consisted of \$90,000.00 per year (with an 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 an increase each year) for the fall 2024 and \$5.00 per resident for fall 2025. The County Board offered \$4.00 per county resident (7317 x \$4=\$29,268) plus an additional \$30,000 with a total of \$59,268. PCED asked for an additional \$8,500 to pay for office rent if they would move from the courthouse.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Economic Development Interlocal with the changes PCED has requested and brought forth at today's board meeting. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Attorney Ted Lohrberg will make the changes to the PCED Interlocal Agreement as agreed upon at today's meeting and send out to all entities for signing and approval.

Motion by Kuether, 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 with the exception of \$73,598.42 for the reimbursement claim submitted by Dean Koehler, as Pierce County Board only approves Summit Contracting (\$886.15) and NE Land Tiling LLC (\$5,837.50). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$541.50; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$59,695.60; Cintas-supplies-\$143.72; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$226.23; Consolidated Management Co-meals-\$103.90; CVSOAN-registration-\$60.00; Dollar General-supplies-\$27.50; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$302.06; Ann Fenton-reimbursed supplies-\$21.39; FP Finance-meter rent-\$180.09; Jennifer Funston-reimbursed travel-\$166.16; GBE-audit services-\$2,500.00; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$236.00; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$1,369.43; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$1,847.12; Kate Jorgensen-public defender & court appt counsel-\$4,966.08; Madison Co District Court-filing fees-\$100.00; Madison Co Sheriff-paper service-\$59.80; Joshua Mattson-repairs-\$150.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,823.68; NE NE Juvenile Services-yearly assessment-\$1,820.25; NE NE Health & Human services-boarding-\$90.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$181.89; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$481.88; Pierce County Treasurer-interest-\$75.00; City of Pierce-utilities-\$2,015.65; Plainview News-publishing-\$199.63; Police Officer's Assn-supplies-\$78.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$391.63; Quill-office supplies-\$341.50; Region IV-services-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,221.60; Schroeder Land Surveying-service-\$2,000.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE-computer service-\$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$296.57; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$512.38; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.75; VISA-supplies-\$129.44; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$355.71; Payroll-\$65,079.79 - As per statute SS 23-122: 3 County Commissioners-\$3,380.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-\$5,633.33/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$4,506.67/Mo.; 2 County Deputies-\$4,225.00/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$3,774.33/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,604.17/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,166.67/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$31.23/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$29.34/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$27.77/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$26.67/Hr.; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-\$19.00/hr; 1 FT Custodian-\$19.25/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$19.50/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$19.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$24.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$21.00/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$19.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$18.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$17.53/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$16.25/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$15.25/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$21.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$17.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$12.75/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$21.25/hr; 2 FT Dispatcher-\$20.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$18.00/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$22.00/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$20.50/hr;

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$84,102.78; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$3,715.09; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.98; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-\$3,761.32; Cintas-supplies-\$199.31; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$199.65; Cornhusker International Truck-repairs-\$1,250.11; Fastwyre-telephone-\$111.44; Heartland Fire Protection Co-service-\$1,277.90; Jebro-oil mix-\$12,122.41; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$38.10; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$525.17; McLean-utilities-\$76.05; Meisinger Oil-diesel-\$6,496.34; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,779.87; Nebraska Weed Control-dues-\$150.00; NMC Exchange-repair parts-\$628.32; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$564.25; Overhead Door-repairs-\$1,225.50; City of Pierce-utilities-\$184.74; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$5,784.49; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,373.22; Steinkraus Service-gas & supplies-\$1,133.40; Tom's Service-gas \$395.46; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$523.41; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$5.59; Weldon Parts-repair parts-\$976.83; Western Oil-gasoline-\$215.00; Payroll-\$37,620.61 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-\$100.00/Mo.; 1 FT Mechanic-\$30.00/hr; 7 FT Road Workers-\$24.85/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$23.85/hr; 6 FT Road Worker-\$22.75/hr; 3 FT Road Workers-\$17.00/hr; 1 PT Weed Supervisor-\$22.00/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$19.00/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$15.45/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-\$125.00/bridge.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: St of NE Adm Central Financing-computer expense-\$150.00.

FEDERAL AID-ROADS FUND: Theisen Construction-bridge repair-\$6,500.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$8.00; Plainview News-ads-\$9.27.

911 SERVICES FUND: GeoComm-GIS maintenance-\$4,869.00.

911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks-internet IT-\$529.40; City of Norfolk-cost share 911-\$149.12.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Jenkins Electric-repairs on lighting-\$10,000.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Dean Koehler-well repairs-\$6,723.65.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 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
