

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 3, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 3, 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, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Mark Sanders, Darla Sanders, Sue Buckley, 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 19, 2024 were approved as printed.

Mark & Darla Sanders were present to visit with the Board about a bridge on 857 Rd between 552/553 Ave that has been closed since the 2019 flooding and they want to know a timeline for the repairs. Commissioner Albers will have the Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald look at bridge and let the Sanders know so they can be present for this discussion.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, found at Neb. Rev. SS 13-801, between Pierce County and the following for levy allocation and support pursuant to Neb. Rev. SS 77-3442(8): Pierce City, Plainview City, Osmond City, Pierce County Agricultural Society, Pierce Rural Fire, Plainview Rural Fire, Osmond Rural Fire and Hadar Rural Fire. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and presented the Rebecca S Fletcher's Lot Split for approval.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the Rebecca S Fletcher's Lot Split 6.93 acres in pt of the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sheriffs' Office employee Sue Buckley asked about getting double pay when working holidays. Item will be placed on the September 16, 2024 agenda.

Discussion was held on the hourly pay of road workers and problem roads.

Discussion was held on installing panic buttons in the HHSS Child Protection office by IT Applied Connective and whom should pay the installation and monthly fee. Board directed Clerk Wragge to ask State HHSS if they would pay the \$186/per computer to have panic buttons installed and then the County would pay the \$8/computer/month.

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

Application for County Burial 2024-1 was not submitted by applicant.

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: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$452.35; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.94; Cintas-supplies-\$50.15; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland,Easland PC-court appointed attorney-\$1,182.90; Faith Regional Health Services-prisoner medical-\$6,700.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple-court appointed attorney-\$2,689.64; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$16.99; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$2,100.72; Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,766.33; NACO-registration-\$40.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,168.09; Prime Stop-gas-\$35.94; Quill-supplies-\$188.59; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,163.83; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-\$1,000.00; Security Shredding Services-service-\$120.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$701.95; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$382.17; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$784.24; Payroll-\$64,309.28.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B's Enterprises Inc-signs & culverts-\$8,110.00; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$4,235.27; Bomgaars-supplies-\$774.58; Cintas-supplies-\$140.73; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$6,310.18; Heartland Fire Protection Co-inspections-\$625.80; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$269.90; JEO Consulting-engineering-\$7,300.00; Kimball Midwest-shop supplies-\$581.55; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$4,048.05; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,758.58; NE Power-utilities-\$283.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$198.98; Pomp's Tire Service Inc-repairs-\$8,188.76; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$442.81; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,373.52; Road Builders-repair parts-\$630.00; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$567.72; Tom's Service-gas-\$455.40; True Ag & Turf-repairs & repair parts-\$24,079.77; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$153.30; Payroll-\$37,342.72.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Golden Shovel-economic development website design, development & gatekeeper service-\$18,128.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing presentation meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 11:00 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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Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:00 A.M. 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:01 a.m. for the Presentation of the Budget Summary to set the Tax Request different than prior fiscal year. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2024/2025 FY budget to the Board and all those present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2024/2025 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:04 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 11:15 A.M. or immediately following the close of the Tax Request Public hearing 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
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Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:15 A.M. 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:16 a.m. for the Approval and Final Setting of the Tax Request. Discussion was held on the presented 2024/2025 FY budget. There were no written comments for or against the 2024/2025 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:17 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and adopt the 2024-2025 FY Pierce County Budget as submitted, approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority and approve Resolution #2024-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024 – 18

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the County of Pierce passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Pierce that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Pierce, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at \$5,075,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 18%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be .166231 per \$100 of assessed value
4. The County of Pierce proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.190005 per \$100 of assessed value
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of County of Pierce will decrease last years by 10%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2024.

*Does not apply to miscellaneous subdivisions that request levy authority from a county or municipality.

NOTE: The Property Tax Request per the Budget Document is reported in total. If you need separate levies for separate funds your resolution should identify the tax request by fund.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 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.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 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
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