

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

September 30, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Michelle Reikofski, Brad Lockee, Laura Lockee, Jim Maas, Matt Stelling, Lacy Stelling, John Steinkraus, Deb Borg, Sue Buckley 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 September 16, 2024 were approved as printed.

Debbi Borg with Pete Rickett's Office gave the County Board an update.

Brad and Laura Lockee visited with the County Board and Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter about their property and the driveways running thru the Schluns Addition in pt of the NW ¼ 9-25-2. The driveways are currently owned by Krista Schluns and up for a tax sale. County has no jurisdiction over the driveways within the subdivision as it is a private subdivision. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was going to look into letting the Lockee's splitting their 9-acre lot and get back to them.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Clerk and Treasurer to place weed and tree notices into the 2025 tax statements. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matt and Lacey Stelling were present to voice their concern on the recently placed driveway into the Husker Ag Ethanol plant coming off the west road as it is close to Hwy 20 and to the railroad crossing. Commissioner Kuether will look at it and talk with Husker Ag.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter presented the Krause Lot Split and discussion was held.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the Krause Lot Split, 6.05 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on signing of the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Economic Development. Signing of interlocal was tabled until the By-Laws of the newly formed Pierce County Economic Development Nonprofit have been produced and submitted to the County as was stated at the July 22, 2024 County Board Meeting. PCED Nonprofit presented the county board with old By-Laws from the late 90's or early 2000's and said they are working on getting something similar done but they need the interlocal signed first so they can begin working on the By-Laws and getting the County and other subdivisions a current updated copy for the newly formed 501C(6).

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize and approve Tom Kuether, Board Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Pierce County Economic Development Nonprofit 501C(6), along with Pierce City, Plainview City, Osmond City and Hadar Village with the By-Laws being submitted to all subdivisions as soon as possible. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson. Nay: Kuether. Motion carried.

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 D. Albin-court appointed costs-\$2,353.87; Eakes Office-supplies-\$42.02; ES & S-election costs-\$1,656.50; Electronic Enginnering-repairs-\$2,204.20; Faith Regional Physician Services LLC-prisoner medical-\$600.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage-\$167.50; Floor Maint. & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$683.50; IA Prison Industries-supplies-\$96.90; Kate M Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; M & M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; Madison County Clerk-district judge costs-\$75.00; Madison County Treasurer-District 7 expenses-\$14,952.88; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,963.49; Motorola Solutions Inc-supplies-\$1,086.48; NACO-24/25 dues &

registration-\$2,606.40; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-23/24 support-\$4,571.00; NE NE Economic Development District-24/25 support-\$920.00; NE NE RC & D-24/25 support-\$3,000.00; NE HHSS-August expenses-\$135.00; Pierce County Threshing Bee-24/25 support-\$1,200.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,126.92; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$491.41; Prime Stop-gas-\$138.00; Quill-supplies-\$243.82; Region IV Behavioral Health Systems-1<sup>st</sup> quarter 24/25 support-\$5,870.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,229.78; Brett Rix-reimb. mileage-\$253.16; State of NE DAS Central Finance-service-\$782.45; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-removal-\$550.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$247.29; NBS/Wahltext-repairs-\$3,655.00; Wayne County Clerk-district judge costs-\$4,288.23; Payroll-\$64,882.38.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** AKRS Equipment-repair parts-\$148.80; B's Enterprises-culverts-\$14,463.20; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$1,764.24; Black Hills Energy-service-\$46.01; Bomgaars-supplies-\$119.99; Farmers Pride-gas-\$1,157.44; M & B Quality Concrete-road repairs-\$11,950.00; M & M Sanitation-service-\$105.00; Meisinger Oil Co-supplies-\$755.48; Menards-supplies-\$149.90; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,938.19; Osmond City-utilities-\$81.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$199.37; Plainview News-ads-\$48.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,451.68; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-\$256.50; True Ag & Turf-repairs-\$3,932.57; Wattier True Value Hardware & Service Center-supplies-\$18.08; Payroll-\$38,407.75.

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

Discussion was held again on the newly formed driveway going into Husker Ag from the west road.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:21 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 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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