

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 9, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 9, 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, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Brad Lockee, Laura Lockee 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 9:11 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 correct agenda to state Approve Resolution 2024-24, upon a sign study by Hwy Supt Brian McDonald he recommends to replace Yield sign with a Stop sign to control the east bound traffic at the intersection of 546 Ave and 849 Rd in Pierce County, NE and to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 25, 2024 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present along with Brad & Laura Lockee whom are requesting to split a subdivision tract on ground located at 54830 850 ½ Rd, Pierce, NE in South Willow Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision, Lot 9 in pt of the NW ¼ 9-25-2. Zoning Board made recommendation to allow and needed approval from county board so Lockee's can begin the survey process.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the split on ground located at 54830 850 ½ Rd, Pierce, NE in South Willow Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision, Lot 9 in pt of the NW ¼ Section 9, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Reappoint Joe Aschoff and Guy Ellsworth to the Zoning Board for a 3-year term – Dec 2024 to December 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Patent Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and he updated the Board on the current road and bridge projects and discussed the resolution and his sign study on 546 Ave and 839 Rd.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion held on the stop sign resolution, solar roads west of Pierce and bridges that need work done.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2024-24 as follows:

### RESOLUTION #2024 - 24

WHEREAS, an engineering study was made of the intersection of County Avenue 546 with 849 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, presently a yield sign controls eastbound traffic and a stop sign controls westbound traffic.

WHEREAS, the findings of the engineering study revealed that obstacles block visibility to the south for both east and westbound vehicles resulting in an unsafe condition. The engineering study also showed that there is not adequate site distance to allow for the use of the existing Yield sign. The study recommended that the yield sign be replaced with a Stop sign to control east bound traffic and that the Stop Sign controlling westbound traffic remain in place at the intersection of County Avenue 546 with 849 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the eastbound and westbound vehicles be stopped at the intersection of County Avenue 546 with 849 Road, Pierce County Nebraska and that the necessary signs be installed.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

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 Authorize Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Madison and Pierce Counties which designates Madison County Attorney's Office as the official applicant and lead county for the NE Crime Commission's 2025-2026 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant application. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to Authorize Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding for the NE NE Juvenile Justice Partnership Plan for the counties of Madison, Boone, Stanton, Wayne, Antelope, Pierce and Knox for participation in the 2025-2028 Comprehensive Community Plan. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and both returned.

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**: AC Land-December 2024 rent for PCED office in Osmond-\$708.00; Amazon-supplies-\$9.90; Applied Connective Technologies-IT software & support-\$3,640.60; Bishop Business-supplies-\$66.46; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$46.04; Cintas-supplies-\$22.21; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$410.40; Fairfield Inn & Suites-lodging-\$119.95; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & registration-\$299.96; LexisNexis-law library-\$186.00; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$100.00; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner meds-\$29.90; Magdanz-supplies-\$61.72; Menards-supplies-\$74.51; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,198.30; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-\$2,837.18; NCEA-dues-\$120.00; NE NE News-ads-\$278.94; NE Fire Marshal-testing-\$120.00; Pierce Co Court- court costs-\$234.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,784.21; Prime Stop-gas-\$155.75; Quill-supplies-\$228.89; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,828.69; State of NE Central Financing-service-\$701.95; Stratton Delay Doele Carlson Buettner & Stove PC-court appointed costs-\$3,039.28; Thomas & Jensen Law Office-court appointed costs-\$525.39; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$525.14; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$401.64; Payroll-\$69,956.40.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Appeara-uniforms-\$100.40; B's Enterprises-signs-\$1,132.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$48,648.55; Bishop Business-supplies-\$138.27; Bomgaars-supplies-\$668.84; Car Shop-repairs-\$60.50; Chad's Tire Service-tires-\$2,202.98; Cintas-supplies-\$127.72; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$811.58; Elkhorn Rural PPD-utilities-\$3,582.80; Farmer's Pride-diesel-\$4,258.15; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$47,333.75; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$1,272.59; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$101.86; McLean Village-utilities-\$72.45; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$117.94; Menards-supplies-\$159.90; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,532.22; Midwest Service & Sales-repair parts-\$2,065.00; North Central PPD-utilities-\$198.05; NE Power-utilities-\$226.00; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$55.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$176.09; Plainview Telephone-service-\$97.27; City of Plainview-utilities-\$87.66; Polt Brothers Equipment-repair parts-\$1,114.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,233.71; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-\$513.00; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$224.16; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$197.21; West Hodson Lumber Co LLC-supplies-\$2,653.26; Payroll-\$34,378.45.

**E911 FUND:** Optk Networks-service-\$529.40; Page My Cell-service-\$600.00.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Amazon-supplies-\$940.52; Pierce Telephone-service \$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** MIPS-support-\$351.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 9:58 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 23, 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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