

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 6, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Weed Supt. Steve Gathman, Commissioner Elect John Steinkraus, Madison County Hwy Supt. Dick Johnson and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 23, 2024 were approved as printed.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the semi-annual statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer for July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Madison County Hwy Supt Dick Johnson was present to ask the Pierce County Board for a letter of support for the RAISED Grant being applied for which would help in the building a hard surface road from Hwy 275 south on 549<sup>th</sup> Road past the Willow Lake Recreation area to just west of Pierce.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Industrial Hwy Extension Letter of Support from Pierce County for the RAISED Grant Application being applied for by Madison County. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Purchase Agreement/Contract for the County to purchase the property next to the CH District 1 Shop. County Attorney Ted Lohrberg was going to make changes to contract and bring to next board meeting for approval.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Weed Report for 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 3 Underground Crossings for Bauer Underground/Midstates Data Transport for fiberoptic line in and around Osmond (see map). Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the date of Tuesday, July 8, 2025 for the Scrap Tire Collection to be held at the Pierce County District 3 Shop, Pierce. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** AC Land-January 2025 rent for PCED office in Osmond-\$708.00; Christine Bahr-reimbursed travel expense-\$247.76; Bishop Business-supplies-\$87.44; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$47.59; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$45.90; Cintas-supplies-\$3.65; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$1,874.25; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; LexisNexis-law software-\$186.00; Jean Lubke-reimbursed travel expense-\$19.08; Madison National Life-premiums-\$43.36; Heather McWhorter-reimbursed travel expense-\$22.78; Midamerica Adm. & Retire Solutions-1<sup>st</sup> quarter reimbursement costs-\$16,600.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,239.34; MIPS- IT, website, microfilming-\$2,837.18; NE NE News-ads-\$324.54; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$197.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$1,287.83; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,773.72; Plainview News-ads-\$1,584.54; Prime Stop-gas-\$246.54; Protex Central Inc-fire alarm testing-\$270.00; Quill-supplies-\$69.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,849.55; Brett Rix-reimbursed travel expense-\$157.20; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$701.95; Terminex-service-\$107.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$543.10; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$463.75; Jacob Wostrel-reimbursed attire-\$127.32; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed travel expense-\$316.22; Payroll-\$70,326.88.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Bauer Built-supplies-\$1,041.10; C & N Firewood & Tree Removal-tree trimming-\$2,610.00; Cintas-supplies-\$64.69; Dd Steel-supplies-\$194.55; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,190.73; Hoffart Machine Repair-repairs-\$21.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$27,760.00; Lawson Products-repair parts-\$167.51; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$104.86; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$3,078.03; Mid-American Research Chemical-supplies-\$463.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,561.21; NE Power-utilities-\$252.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$172.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,259.31; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$666.93; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc-repair parts-\$34.12; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$183.26; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$14.98; Payroll-\$34,757.72.

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

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Pierce Telephone-service-\$341.15.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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/ Carl Martinson, Chairman Pro Tem  
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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