

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 21, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Bullet Beaudette, Extension Agent Ann Fenton and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Chairman Tom Kuether was no longer a board member therefore a call for Chairman Pro Tem was made for the county board meeting.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. 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.

The minutes of January 6, 2025 were approved as printed.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton was present to update the Co. Board and present the 2024 Annual Report and asked for the approval for the appointment of Nan Kment and Terri Sudbeck to the extension board for a 3-year term.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the 2024 Annual Report as presented from the County Extension Office and to appoint Nan Kment (2nd term) and Terri Sudbeck (1st Term) to the Pierce County Extension Board for a 3-year term, January 2024 to January 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. 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. Purchase was unanimously agreed by all board members to purchase with a check of \$500.00 to be approved at next meeting on Feb. 3, 2025 along with the Purchase Agreement at that time.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Authorize & Approve Chairman to sign Change Order #1 (less \$37,921); Pay Application #3 for \$235,906.20 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for Breslau North JEO Project #221895 and Pierce North JEO Project #230074. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve the Appointment of Tom Kuether to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board for 3 Year Term-January 2025 thru January 2028. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Viaero Fiber Networks LLC/Bauer Underground for 1.25" fiber optic line on the east side of 546 Ave, heading south, then east on 865 Rd to 548 Ave, all northside of Osmond. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve County Burial #2025-1 as submitted by Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointed boards for 2025 for the Pierce County Board Members.

This being the organizational meeting of the County Board, Chairman Pro Tem Martinson called for nominations or a motion for Chairman for 2025 for County Board of Commissioners' and County Board of Equalization.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to nominate Carl Martinson, as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Martinson presided.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to nominate Brad Albers as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Equalization for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Steinkraus as alternate to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency of Aging Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Region IV Mental Health Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to North Star Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Goldenrod Joint Housing Authority Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Juvenile Detention Center Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Martinson with Steinkraus as alternate as the County Used Oil Contact person. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Martinson as alternate to North Central Public Health Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the Pierce County Economic Development Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Region 11 Emergency Management Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Elkhorn Valley LEPC Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Albers with Steinkraus as alternate to the Pierce County E911 Advisory Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the RC & D Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Steinkraus with Albers as alternate to the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Osmond Republican, Plainview News and Pierce County Leader as the legal newspapers for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the County Web Page www.co.pierce.ne.us as an additional method of providing notice for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint LaVern Schroeder as the County Surveyor for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to appoint Brian McDonald, License No. S1132 Class A, as the County Highway Superintendent for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Lane Handke as County Physician and County Coroner Physician for Pierce County for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the appointments and pledged collateral of Midwest Bank, N.A., Pierce, Security Bank, Osmond, Midwest Bank, N.A., Plainview, Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Nebraska CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) and Elkhorn Valley Bank and Trust, Pierce as Pierce County Bank Depositories for county funds for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the machine hire rates for 2025 with the following stipulations: (1) that adjustments in rates may be made at a later date, depending on the cost of fuel. (2) that Pierce County set these rates and does machine work only on request for a small job and when it would be difficult and impractical for a private contractor to haul his machinery to a location for such a small job and the County is already in that location.

\$250 per hour for Backhoe/Excavator with man;

\$175 per hour for Motor Grader with man;

\$250 per hour for Loader with man;

\$200 per hour for Scraper with man;

\$125 per hour for 10-yard Dump Truck with man

\$150 per mile for mowing of roadway ditches (SS 39-1811)

Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter visited with the Board on the solar farm roads west of Pierce.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for December 2024; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon

Wragge, County Clerk for December 2024; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for December 2024 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$253,064.09 and 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-\$1,541.65; Scott Alexander-prior service-\$57.70; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,530.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT-\$3,719.11; Bishop Business-supplies-\$409.44; BCBS-health premiums-\$53,652.18; Charm-Tex-supplies-\$45.90; Classic Rentals-service-\$353.17; Dollar General-supplies-\$22.65; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed attorney costs-\$713.15; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Harold Hansen-prior service-\$23.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Verlyn Luebbe-prior service-\$46.16; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$446.14; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,109.07; MIPS-IT & support-\$558.20; Motorola Solutions Inc-service-\$360.00; NE Assn of County Assessors Assn-2025 dues-\$100.00; City of Norfolk-2025 Region 11 costs-\$21,944.00; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$215.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$265.01; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$211.24; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$102.00; Pierce County Economic Development-24/25 FY 2nd quarter dues-\$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$181.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$117.38; Quill-office supplies-\$511.88; Region IV Inc-quarterly costs-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,704.78; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; Sirchie-supplies-\$98.00; Carol Sokol-prior service-\$92.32; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-County Burial #2025-1-\$2,435.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$585.54; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$592.13; U Save Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$137.73; US Postal Service-metered mail-\$2,400.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$426.47; VISA-jail supplies-\$187.67; Western Oil-gas-\$195.63; Julie Wingert-prior service-\$11.54; Payroll-\$68,623.78.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App#3 for Breslau North & Pierce North Projects-\$235,906.20; AKRS-repair parts-\$74.40; Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-\$536.49; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$64.94; Appeara-service-\$100.40; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$882.89; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,987.42; Cedar Beef LLC-freight-\$909.60; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$1,123.62; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$212.11; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$276.26; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$876.26; Fastwyre-service-\$116.97; Kelly Supply Co-repair parts-\$15.80; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$494.26; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$191.11; McLean Village-utilities-\$75.60; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,564.93; N&B Gas Co-propane-\$387.66; NE Machinery Co-repairs & parts-\$22,873.43; NC PPD-utilities-\$266.31; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$1,945.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$365.77; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$65.40; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$102.50; Plainview City-utilities-\$83.48; R & D Welding-repairs-\$90.00; Randolph Farm Supply-repairs & parts-\$643.09; RDO Truck Centers-repairs parts-\$399.75; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,262.62; Schaefer Grain & Feed Inc-supplies-\$17.40; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$338.10; Tom's Service-gas-\$416.56; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$332.93; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$36.55; Western Oil-gas-\$171.05; Payroll-\$34,806.56.

911 FUND: OPTK Networks-support-\$1,058.80; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to 911 Wireless Fund-\$332.88.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-service-\$149.12; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$151.00.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding a possible litigation at 9:52 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to come out of executive session regarding a possible litigation at 10:12 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 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, 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
