

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 3, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, NACO Rep. Judd Allen, Raquel Sabin, Tracy Golden, Matt Sorenson, Brian Hendorn, Sheryl Prince, Todd Kastanicek, Kelly Hodson 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 advanced notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman 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 Steinkraus, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 21, 2025 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Hadar West-JEO Project #221896, Hadar East-JEO Project #241113 and for the Plainview South-JEO Project #241111. The bids were opened in the presence of all present.

The following three bids were received for Hadar East JEO Project 241113 & Plainview South JEO Project 241111 together: (1) Constructors Inc, Lincoln, NE, at a total cost of \$2,411,025.00 with a start date of Spring 2025; (1) Graham Construction Inc, Omaha, NE at a total cost of \$1,813,797.05 with a start date of July 7, 2025 and (1) A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$1,621,840.90 with a start date of March 17, 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and accept the bid from A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$1,621,840.90 with a start date of March 17, 2025, pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following four bids were received for Hadar West JEO Project 221896: (1) General Excavating LLC, Lincoln, NE, at a total cost of \$673,035.00 with a start date of April 2025; (1) JMN Construction LLC, Valley, NE at a total cost of \$635,880.50 with a start date of TBD; (1) Kea Constructors LLC, Milford, NE, at a total cost of \$673,324.61 with a start date of July 2025 and (1) Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of \$569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and accept the bid from Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of \$569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025, pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on going out for bids for cracksealing.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2025-1 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-1

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION 2025-1

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN
LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS

Pierce County

Resolution No. 2025-1

Whereas: Pierce County and State entered into an agreement “Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads” (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2337 executed on October 2, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Pierce County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Pierce County:

- (1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

APPROVED and ADOPTED at Pierce County, Nebraska this 3rd day of February, 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matt Sorensen and Tracy Golden with Northeast Power Public Power District and Kelly Hodson were present to talk with the county board about the construction and the county road maintenance plan for a solar farm north of Osmond. Zoning Board will approve the Conditional Use Permit and will then come before the county board in March 2025. Construction is planned to begin in Summer 2025.

NACO representative Judd Allen was present to update the Board on the NACO Group Health Insurance.

Discussion was held on the Purchase Agreement/Contract for the County to purchase the property next to the County Highway District 1 Shop in Plainview. Purchase was unanimously agreed at last board meeting with a check of \$500.00 to be approved today along with the Purchase Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Purchase Agreement/Contract for the property located next to the County Highway District 1 Shop - legal of E ½ of Lot 8, Blk 11, IW Peed’s 2nd Addition to Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for certain quantities of culverts, gravel, signs & blades with bids to be opened Monday, March 31, 2025 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Eastern NE Telephone co/Michels Underground Cable Inc for 1.25” fiber optic lines on approximately 13 miles of roads in Mills and Blaine Townships (see maps). Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing/ROW for Pierce County Energy Center LLC/Blattner Energy for electrical lines in Blaine Township (see maps) for the solar project. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Pierce Community Organization for an event on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Andrew Stech/Roger Timmerman for a 10” tile line in pt of the NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, 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: AC Land-February 2025 rent for PCED office in Osmond-\$708.00; ACS-supplies-\$129.80; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-\$35.99; Bishop Business-office supplies-\$17.90; Black Hills Energy-service-\$51.13; Cintas-supplies-\$10.30; Eakes Office-supplies & contract fees-\$352.87; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & supplies-\$61.61; GBE-23/24 audit-\$9,000.00; Kim Huwaldt-reimb. mileage-\$25.40; Billy Joe Koepp-reimb. mileage-\$49.20; Mary Kruger-reimb. mileage-\$63.20; Legion Lounge-County Govt Day meals-\$920.00; Madison National Life-life ADD, LTD premiums-\$43.36; Microfilm Imaging Services Inc-rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,224.41; MIPS-support-\$324.31; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-2025 dues-\$75.00; NE HHS-December 2024 costs-\$186.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center-training-\$525.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$202.48; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$11.98; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$76.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,735.67; Prime Stop-gas-\$305.31; Vickie Prince-reimb. travel-\$277.39; Quill-supplies-\$61.35; Radar Shop-repair parts-\$175.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,810.07; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$747.95; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$457.23; Weston Torson-reimb. supplies-\$96.29; Payroll-\$70,131.49.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B’s Enterprises-blades & signs-\$1,272.00; Black Hills Energy-service-\$761.57; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-physical-\$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$441.94; Cintas-supplies-\$32.61; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$752.50; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,900.01; Scott Mattson-reimb. registration-\$95.00; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$1,659.69; Menards-supplies-\$64.96; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,553.91; NE Power-utilities-\$247.00; Overhead Door-repair parts-\$70.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$203.99; Pierce City-utilities-\$209.57; Prince Auto Repair-repairs-\$85.95; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair

parts-\$1,103.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,252.90; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$18.99; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$75.33; Payroll-\$34,662.53.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Financing-software support-\$150.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Chilvers Abstract & Title Co Inc-purchase agreement down payment-\$500.00.

The County Board tabled the courthouse and jail inspection.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:06 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 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
