

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 18, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy Sheriff Jacob Wostrel, Brian Moes, Matt Sorensen, Mandy Backer, Tracy Golden 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 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 Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 3, 2025 were approved as printed.

Brian Moes was present to visit with the Board about road issues, dangerous intersections and tree removal on county roads. The Board then talked with him about removing his property from the county right-of-way in front of his farm in Plum Grove Township. The Board will look at the areas of problem roads brought to their attention and Moes will see to cleaning up the county right-of-way.

Matt Sorensen, Mandy Backer and Tracy Golden with Northeast Power Public Power District were present to visit with the 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.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 2

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2024-2025 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$2,200,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	<u>\$700,000.00</u>
Total	\$700,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2025

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 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.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 3

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners for Pierce County serves as the Governing Body for Pierce County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce has a responsibility for providing funds for county burials of indigent individuals, and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce desires to improve the application process for funds for county burials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners:

Section 1: That an Application for County Burial and Financial Affidavit must be completed, signed and notarized by a relative or concerned friend and will be used as a means to help determine whether an individual qualifies for county burial funds.

Section 2: Submitted application and affidavit must be remitted to the Pierce County Clerk's office for one or more members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners to review before approval is given.

Section 3: That no application for county burial funds be approved when the financial affidavit would indicate that the applicant has more than \$3,500.00 in net worth and has not lived in Pierce County for at least 1 year.

Section 4: That no application for county burial funds be approved when the financial affidavit indicates that the applicant has monthly income which is \$350.00 in excess of monthly expenses.

Section 5: Maximum amount of payment for cremation only services in Pierce County is to be \$3,200.00, such payment is to include cremation fee and all necessary authorizations.

Section 6: This resolution shall take effect after its passage.

Passed and Adopted by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners at Pierce, Nebraska the 18th day of February, 2025.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 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.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the 2025 Jail Standards Report; fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for January 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for January 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$4,228,020.19 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-\$4,499.45; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$4,091.60; Bishop Business-office supplies-\$80.79; BCBS-

health premiums-\$56,053.38; Classic Rentals-service-\$235.99; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$280.30; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$1,279.39; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; LexisNexis-software-\$186.00; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$30.41; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$10.99; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,940.86; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,837.18; NACO-registration-\$30.00; NE NE News Company-ads-\$679.13; NE Assn of Co. Clerks-2025 dues-\$50.00; NE Assn of Planning & Zoning-2025 dues & registration-\$235.00; One Office Solution-office supplies-\$1,854.78; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$126.76; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$133.00; Pierce County Leader-ads & subscription-\$692.03; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund-\$700,000.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$153.56; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$1,788.94; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$218.32; Prime Stop-gas-\$57.63; Quill-supplies-\$195.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,534.56; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$698.69; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,523.72; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs & keys-\$32.50; UNL Print & Copy Services-supplies-\$188.77; Verizon-services-\$426.47; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$219.69; Payroll-\$66,425.29.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts, LLC-repair parts-\$84.39; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$9.99; Appera-service-\$125.50; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,319.41; Cedar Beef LLC-rock-\$3,619.20; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$165.51; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$217.54; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$43,510.86; Dd Steel-repairs-\$152.77; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,214.09; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$117.40; Filter Care of NE Inc-repairs-\$27.00; Integrated Care-CDL drug/alcohol draws-\$235.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$23,261.25; Kayton Intl-repairs-\$334.95; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$86.76; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$736.90; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$54.97; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-repairs-\$104.86; McLean-utilities-\$78.30; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$903.86; Menards-supplies-\$109.91; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,654.18; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$36.35; NE Machinery LLC-repairs-\$4,558.21; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$276.21; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$380.36; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$169.12; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$100.30; Plainview City-utilities-\$90.06; Randolph Farm Supply-gas-\$193.20; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,367.74; Safety-Kleen-service-\$299.81; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$321.50; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$557.39; True Ag & Turf-chemicals-\$4,089.40; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$11.98; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$1,816.78; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-crushed concrete-\$19,179.50; Western Oil-gas-\$62.55; Payroll-\$36,378.89.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-service-\$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: NE Regional Interoperability Network-service-\$3,000.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

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

INHERITANCE FUND: Chilvers Abstract & Title Co Inc-down payment on Plainview property next to CH 1 Shop-\$500.00.

Discussion was held on the trimming of trees along roadways and intersections.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Notice to Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar West JEO Project 221896 with Theisen Construction,

Norfolk, NE, at a total cost of \$569,525.60 with a start date of October 2025. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tabled was the approval of the Notice to Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar East JEO Project 241113 and Plainview South JEO Project 241111.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 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
