

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 3, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Zoning Adm. Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Eric Rossen, Jarrod Paulsen, Aaron Zimmerman, Ryan Zimmerman, Dewey Gubbels, Adam Venteicher, Kenny Venteicher 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 Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 18, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, 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-PCED rent-\$708.00; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-\$87.40; Antelope Co sheriff-safekeeper-\$1,395.00; Avera Medical Group-prisoner medical-\$235.00; Bishop Business-supplies-\$23.99; Black Hills Energy-service-\$52.75; Cintas-supplies-\$12.43; Dollar General-supplies-\$25.95; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$146.52; Ann Fenton-reimburse expenses-\$38.51; Gutter Monkeys-repairs-\$250.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,075.50; MIPS-supplies-\$75.00; NACO-registration-\$30.00; National Sheriff Association-dues-\$125.00; Nebr. Health & Human Services-services-\$186.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$266.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$4,680.08; PIP Marketing-election supplies-\$406.73; Prime Stop-gas-\$151.99; Quill-supplies-\$190.68; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,675.63; Secretary of State-election supplies-\$20.00; State of NE-IT network server-\$747.95; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transportation-\$580.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson-court appointed attorney costs-\$2,430.62; Terminex-service-\$107.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$516.75; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,837.75; Payroll-\$68,185.04.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Bauer Built-tires-\$3,385.54; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$740.81; Bomgaars-supplies-\$251.73; Cintas-supplies-\$71.08; Culligan-service-\$5.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$3,078.04; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$1,213.79; Lawson Products-supplies-\$38.13; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$1,128.47; Menards-supplies-\$161.28; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,675.60; NACO-registration-\$30.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$849.70; Pierce Auto Repair-service-\$2,500.58; Pierce City-utilities-\$226.02; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$328.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,372.94; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$304.30; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$67.47; Payroll-\$36,455.97.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** State of NE-IT network server-\$150.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Chilvers Abstract & Title-services-\$388.50.

**E911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** Midwest Card & ID Solutions-renewal-\$150.00.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk-911 cost sharing-\$149.12.

Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery and Erick Rossen with Blattner Energy presented the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce.

Discussion was held on conditions of the roads and Dewey Gubbels brought in a bucket of nails that he picked up with magnet on 849 Rd by the solar farm.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Group 2 of the Road Plan Maintenance Agreement for the Solar Farm west of Pierce. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the Salamander Program, 5 tracking apps that helps with tracking emergency workers if a disaster would happen. Pierce County will have 1 app and Pierce Fire will have 4 apps for a total cost of \$750.00 split between the 2 entities, with Pierce Fire reimbursing Pierce County for their portion for 2025-2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NE-Pierce County EM Salamander Renewal Agreement for April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Hadar East JEO Project 241113 and Plainview South JEO Project 241111. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve and authorize Chairman to sign final land agreement for the purchasing of the Plainview Property located next to the CH District 1 Shop-legal of E ½ of Lot 8, Blk 11, IW Peed's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Underground Crossing for Gerry Krueger for an electrical line in pt 2/3 25-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Zimmermans asking if they can close road by solar farm and the procedure to close a county road that is a minimum maintenance road.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 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

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