

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 31, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 31, 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, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock, Sue Buckley, Bullet Beaudette, Matthew Jones, David Levy, Tim Braithwait, Dave Praeuner, William Montgomery, Hersel Hicks, Julian Avman, Steven Melnick 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 March 17, 2025 were approved as printed.

At 9:11 a.m. the legal was read for the opening of sealed bids for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel. The bids were opened in the presence of all present, read, copied and given to all present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to honor and accept all sealed bids as presented by each vendor for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year, with some of the bids only stating a 30-to-90-day acceptance cost from today. 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 designated liquor license for Kay Hunt for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Randy Ganseboom for an electrical line in pt of Sections 15/16 27-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing in County ROW for Aaron Zimmerman for a tile/drainage line in pt of NW ¼ 23-25-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Underground Crossing for Jason Aschoff for an electrical line in pt of SW ¼ 10-26-3. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$305,962.37 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Projects with A & R Construction. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

David Levy, Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Julian Avman and Matthew Jones with Blattner Energy visited with the Board about the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce.

Steve Melnick with Colonial Life gave an update of what his company all has to offer to the county employees.

Discussion was held on the Time and Attendance Program/Time Clock by MIPS/NACO for the County Employees. Clerk Wragge had received new quotes from MIPS at last board meeting. The Board directed Clerk Wragge to move forward in the installation of the time clocks.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding a possible litigation at 9:50 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to come out of executive session regarding a possible litigation at 10:04 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald along with David Levy, Hersel Hicks, William Montgomery, Julian Avman and Matthew Jones with Blattner Energy discussed the Road Plan for the solar farm west of Pierce and changes that Blattner Energy needs done. McDonald will review the plan and approve the changes.

Discussion held on the purchasing of a used dump truck and the bidding of a motor grader. No decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve 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:** AC Land-rent for PCED at Osmond office-\$708.00; Mark Albin-court appointed attorney costs-\$4,499.45; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$18.87; Cintas-supplies-\$43.54; Crowne Plaza-lodging-\$309.90; Wendy Cutting-court reporting-\$108.90; Eakes Office Solutions-contract fee-\$42.02; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed attorney costs-\$1,182.90; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$830.90; GBE-audit costs for 23/24 FY-\$9,000.00; Hall County Treasurer-room rent-\$50.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-court appointed attorney costs-\$1,962.75; M&M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; Jennie Martinez-reimbursed mileage & meals-\$257.27; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA funding-\$16,600.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,085.12; Model Electric Inc-repairs-\$85.00; NACO-registration-\$160.00;

NE NE News-ads-\$695.39; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$159.00; Pierce Automotive-supplies-\$23.96; Pierce County Petty Cash-postage, supplies & reimb. travel-\$169.01; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$76.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$4,352.92; Prime Stop-gas-\$196.86; Vickie Prince-reimbursed travel-\$860.07; Quill-supplies-\$472.60; Region IV Behavioral Health System-4<sup>th</sup> quarter dues-\$5,870.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,690.66; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$701.95; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC- court appointed attorney costs-\$2,412.82; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$468.71; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,100.27; Payroll-\$68,296.98.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** A & R Construction Co-Pay App1for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-\$305,962.37; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts & signs-\$8,018.00; Bauer Built Tire-repair parts-\$29.00; Black Hills Energy-utility-\$919.73; Bomgaars-supplies-\$106.93; Cintas-supplies-\$68.77; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$17,073.75; Lawson Products-supplies-\$37.61; M&M Sanitation-service-\$105.00; Meisinger Oil-diesel-\$1,502.33; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,573.12; NE NE News-ads-\$68.80; Northeast Power-utilities-\$289.00; Osmond City-garbage fee-\$141.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$129.60; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$1,733.17; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimb. CDL-\$60.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$224.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,260.58; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$266.93; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$477.95; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$68.91; Payroll-\$35,116.12.

**VISITOR PROMO FUND:** NE NE News Co-ad-\$7.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 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.

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/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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