

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 28, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg 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 April 14, 2025, were approved as printed.

Luke Bonkiewicz with NACO was unable to be present and was rescheduled for next board meeting.

Discussion was held on applying for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2026 with NE DEQ.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to authorize the Clerk to apply for grant funds for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2026 with Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division, with the project to be held at the Pierce Shop if granted. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve the Underground Crossing Application for Northeast Power for an electrical line between the SE ¼ SE ¼ 19-28-2 and the NE ¼ NE ¼ 30-28-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of special designated liquor licenses for 2025 for the following dates for Pierce Community Organization at the Pierce Fairgrounds Sand Volleyball Court: May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10 and 17 from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve 2 electric Underground Crossings for Gabriel Gubbels between Sections 14/15 & 13/14 – 27-2. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve a fiber optic Underground Crossing for Viaero Fiber for 11 miles in Plum Grove, Thompson and North Dry Creek along 866 Rd. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A call was placed to Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald with questions on the Hadar East/Plainview South Project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Pay Application #2 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of \$774,017.56. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspector Randy Stromberg visited with the County Board on the changes for doing routine bridge inspections and the cost per bridge for the inspections.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve Randy Stromberg to inspect the routine county bridges that need to be done in 2025 at a cost of \$125.00 per bridge with the option of increase if fuel costs rise. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$8,807.91; Bishop Business-supplies-\$41.31; Cintas-supplies-\$6.19; Dollar General-supplies-\$1.50; Eakes-supplies-\$335.00; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$274.00; Howard's Gunsmithing & Sales LLC-supplies-\$500.00; Kate M. Jorgensen, PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Kuether Ranch-remodeling-\$850.00; MidAmerica Adm. & Retirement Solutions-4th quarter adm. Costs-\$372.00; Midstates Organized Crime Info-support-\$100.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,114.79; Jamie Miller Legal Services LLC-court reporting-\$9,165.89; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$180.00; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$2,750.00; Pierce County Economic Development-3rd quarter support-\$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$919.33; Prime Stop-gas-\$243.85; Quill-supplies-\$157.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,581.59; Brett Rix-mileage & meals-\$89.08; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-\$280.00; Robert Seegebath-prior service-\$33.00; St of NE-network server-\$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$175.45;

Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,482.27; US Postal Service-meter postage-\$800.00; Payroll-\$66,860.00.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-repair parts-\$31.64; Black Hills Energy-service-\$293.91; Bomgaars-supplies-\$43.96; Cintas-supplies-\$65.91; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$23,975.00; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$6,911.66; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,052.87; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,553.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$55.04; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,587.81; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-\$143.75; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$1,389.60; Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$515.13; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$90.69; Wattier’s True Value-supplies-\$83.52; Payroll-\$39,906.81.

FEDERAL AID RD/BRIDGE FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App 2 for Hadar East/Plv South Project-\$774,017.56.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Pierce County Leader-ad-\$6.50.

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

Noah McWhorter was present to visit with the Board about the Hwy Supt. Position for Pierce County. No decision was made.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:52 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 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
