

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 27, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, May 27, 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, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr and News Reporter Randee Falter.

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 May 12, 2025 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Bonta Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ 22-26-4 (6.5 acres).

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Bonta Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE (6.5 acres). 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 2 special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for events on the Saturdays of June 14 and 21, 2025, both from 3:00 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 Resolution #2025-10 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 10

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>\$300,000.00</u>
Total	\$300,000.00

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

Dated this 27th day of May, 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.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on bid quotes to be received for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 which were to be opened and read aloud on May 12th meeting. 0 Bids were received so Board authorized and approve Hwy Supt Brian McDonald to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of Pierce County for the said project. McDonald was still waiting to hear back from contractors.

Discussion was held on the Solar Farm west of Pierce and the appropriate roads to be used per road agreement with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC as the county board has received numerous complaints from area farmers on the haulers bringing supplies for the project, getting stuck, and on private property.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve and Add to Rd Agreement of 1 mile of Solar Farm Road Improvements within the ROW on 849 Rd between 542/543 Ave with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2025-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 11

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated beginning July 1, 2014, regular funding or set aside funds can be used to pay salaries and consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software pursuant to wireless ratio.

THEREFORE, Pierce County is directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to transfer \$18,874.84 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, direct the Pierce County Treasurer to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

\$18,874.84 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100)

Dated this 27th day of May, 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 Pay Application #3 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of \$535,530.31. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr visited with the Board about the Pledging of additional Collateral with Security Bank, Osmond.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve the County Treasurer to Pledge Additional Single Pooled Collateral with Security Bank, Osmond. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$1,466.30; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-\$76.55; BCBS-health premiums-\$56,035.38; Bishop Business-office supplies-\$44.95; Brogan Lamli PC LLO-court appointed attorney-\$937.25; Cintas-supplies-\$20.48; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-\$232.19; Dollar General-supplies-\$34.50; Fairfield Inn & Suites-lodging-\$398.85; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$338.94; Kate M. Jorgensen-public defender-\$4,583.33; Brittany Kolterman-reimbursed mileage-\$64.40; Linda Mattson-reimbursed flowers-\$198.05; Maximus-cost allocation-\$919.60; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,970.83; NE Assessors Assn-2025 dues-\$25.00; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$180.00; NE Sheriff Assn-2025 dues-\$200.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$598.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$202.26; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$534.33; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to RB-\$300,00.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$146.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$14.22; Pierce City-utilities-\$5,135.71; Plainview News-ads-\$1,153.46; Quill-supplies-\$292.63; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,567.85; State of NE Central Finance-support-\$46.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doe, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney-\$283.50; Terminex-service-\$113.12; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$626.05; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$712.84; Verizon Wireless-service-\$426.47; VISA-supplies-\$71.88; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$410.37; Payroll-\$66,803.21.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A&R Construction-Pay App 3 for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-\$222,059.26; AKRS Equipment Solutions-repair parts-\$728.54; Bishop Business-supplies-\$187.24; Black Hills Energy-gas-\$87.96; Cintas-supplies-\$106.89; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-\$248.46; Jerrys Hilltop Service-gas-\$284.84; Kelly Supply Co-repair parts-\$8.48; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$754.73; Lawson Products-supplies-\$29.93; McLean-utilities-\$88.05; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,276.43; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,825.87; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$366.20; Pierce City-utilities-\$434.86; Plainview News-ads-\$110.08; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$73.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,440.45; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$280.71; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$162.74; Truck Center Companies-repairs-\$217.18; Van Diest Supply Co-repair parts-\$2,235.80; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$66.58; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$127.63; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$348.24; Payroll-\$38,217.39.

FEDERAL AID ROADS FUND: A&R Construction-Pay App 3 for Hadar East/Plainview South Projects-\$313,471.05.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Norfolk City-support-\$130.48; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to General Fund-\$18,874.84.

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

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

Ron Paulsen was present to discuss the appropriate roads to be used per road agreement with Nextera/Blattner Energy and Boulevard Associates LLC for the hauling into solar farm sites.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 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
