

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 9, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Custodian Linda Mattson, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Veterans Service Officer Brett Rix, Extension Agent Ann Fenton, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Michelle Reikofski, Jennifer Thomsen, Alex Haase 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 9:12 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 and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 27, 2025 were approved as printed.

Jennifer Thomsen with Pierce Library was present and submitted a request for all 3 libraries (Plainview and Osmond Librarians were unable to be present). Discussion was held on the three local city library budget requests for 2025-2026 fiscal years. They had received \$32,136.00 or \$10,712 per library for the 24/25 fiscal year and they submitted a request for an increase of \$288.00 per library (2.7 % increase) increase for the 25/26 fiscal year. The Board will take this into consideration when working on the county budget.

Discussion was held on political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority and they shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, who is responsible for levying such taxes, on or before August 1st (SS 77-3443). The County Board will then determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivision on or before September 1st. No political subdivisions were present.

The following County Officials and Dept. Heads were present to meet with the Board on budget expectations and allowed increases for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year: Shannon Wragge, Jean Lubke, Christine Bahr, Brett Rix, Linda Mattson, Rick Eberhardt, Ann Fenton, Vickie Prince and Ted Lohrberg. The County Board would like everyone to keep their budget to no more than a 3% increase for the 25/26 fiscal year.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Krueger's Lot Split, 5.5 acres in pt SE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground Crossing/ROW Application for Pierce Telephone Co Inc for burying fiber optic lines on 849 Rd on southside of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on LB644, directing of the joint budget hearings for the counties, cities, villages, schools and colleges for the 25/26 fiscal year budgets.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to designate MIPS as the county vendor for the printing of the LB644 postcards for the joint budget hearings. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Custodian Linda Mattson was present and is waiting on quotes from Kuether Construction to add an enclosed garage on the NW corner of the courthouse as the garage is full and being shared by Sheriffs and Custodian departments. Mattson also visited with the Board to hire a part-time person in the custodian department for around 10 to 20 hours a week. The Board gave approval for a permanent part-time person and Clerk Wragge is directed to place an ad in the local newspapers, website and Indeed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for May 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for May 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$628,205.49 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-PCED rent in Osmond-\$708.00; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$425.00; Applied Connective-IT services-\$3,805.80; Bishop Business-supplies-\$4,452.88; Black Hills Energy-service-\$51.67; Central Plains Valuation LLC-support-\$1,787.50; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland PC-court appointed attorney-\$9,819.50; Elite Court Reporting Service Inc-court reporting-\$98.00; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$60.60; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$500.91; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-\$29.60; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$499.59; Mary Kruger-mileage-\$21.20; LexisNexis-software-\$186.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$32.46; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,258.52; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,837.18; NE NE News Company-ads-\$372.92; NE County Attorneys Assn-dues-\$550.00; NIRMA-25/26 FY liability insurance-\$157,716.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$45.98; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-dues-\$75.00; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$117.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$108.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,865.34; Primestop-gas-\$258.21; Vickie Prince-mileage-\$184.78; Quill-supplies-\$144.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,837.88; Security Shredding Services-service-\$120.00; State of NE Central Finance-network services-\$701.95; Melinda Stelling-mileage-\$22.80; Stratton, DeLay, Doelee, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney-\$2,608.58; Terri Sudbeck-mileage-\$22.60; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$603.96; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs-\$200.00; Dan Unseld-mileage-\$31.00; Payroll-\$70,421.82.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appera-service-\$100.40; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-\$185.90; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$182.31; Dinkel's-repair parts-\$220.70; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,230.37; Filter Care-repairs-\$33.10; Kayton Intl-repair parts-\$174.30; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$76.53; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$36.43; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-supplies-\$109.60; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$3,391.10; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,006.66; NE Machinery Co-repair parts-\$28.20; North Central PPD-service-\$189.13; Northeast Power-service-\$247.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,028.76; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies & repair parts-\$870.18; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-\$262.97; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$100.49; Plainview City-utilities-\$91.28; Powerplan-repair parts-\$619.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,581.85; Sapp Bros Inc-supplies-\$256.50; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$20.58; West-Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$13.98; Payroll-\$40,540.41.

911 FUND: Optk Networks-support & service-\$529.40; Page My Cell-service-\$600.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$341.15; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software support-\$351.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 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
