

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 23, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 23, 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 Jennie Martinez, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Dennis Thelen 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 Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 9, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Thelen Lot Split, 5.27 acres in pt S ½ NE ¼ Section 11, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the Hadar East/Plainview South Project Change Order #1 and bid quotes 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 the Board authorized and approved Hwy Supt Brian McDonald to negotiate prices with contractors on behalf of Pierce County for the said project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Change Order #1 (increase \$258,722.00 for changes in quantities) and Approve Pay Application #4 for the Hadar East/Plainview South Project with A & R Construction for an amount of \$148,355.31. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the upcoming 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the bid quote for the 2025 Pierce County Cracksealing of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement - JEO Project #251011.00 with Midwest Coatings Company LLC, Modale, IA, for \$10,700.00. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on budgets of the county offices and road/bridge depts that were submitted and all were kept around a 3% increase.

Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract Agreement which is due by August 31, 2025. The current Public Defender agreed to a 3% increase for the 25/26 FY and a 3% increase for the 26/27 FY. Contract Agreement will be prepared with the increases and approved at the July 7, 2025 board meeting.

Discussion was held on the County Burial 2025-2.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Deny County Burial 2025-2 because decedent has only lived in Pierce County for 3 months and they need to be a resident for at least 1 year. 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 special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for an event on Saturday July 19, 2025, 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 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Amazon-supplies-\$163.29; American Legion Emblem Sales-markers-\$322.85; Applied Connective Technologies-IT Services-\$3,776.00; Joe Aschoff-mileage-\$113.16; Bishop Business-maint. Agreement-\$20.00; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$54,486.04; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$1,180.00; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$443.70; Cintas-supplies-\$25.10; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$195.30; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$269.90; Dollar Store-supplies-\$23.80; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$42.02; Rick Eberhardt-uniform allowance reimbursement-\$305.25; Guy Ellsworth-mileage-\$91.01; Farm & Home Publishers-plat books-\$270.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. travel-\$51.64; FP Finance Program-meter lease-\$154.09; Gworks-software & support-\$21,127.00; Dwaine Hoffman-mileage-\$142.62; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$396.19; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$1,594.27; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Justice Date Solutions Inc-software & support-\$3,200.00; Gerry Krueger-mileage-\$29.97; Tom Kuether-mileage-\$25.40; Bonita Lederer-mileage-\$81.60; Marcia Mahon-mileage-\$90.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,095.38; NACO-registration-\$50.00; Thomas Nathan-mileage-\$82.06; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-\$763.03; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$3,321.95; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$81.89; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$612.42; Pierce County Economic Development-4th quarter dues for 24/25 FY-\$14,813.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$1,240.58; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$35.53; PIP Marketing-election envelopes-\$590.33; Prime Stop-gas-\$296.94; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies & travel expense-\$1,319.01; Quill-office supplies-\$2,767.28; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,646.10; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-\$1,506.32; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-\$1,138.33; Larry Schaefer-mileage-\$169.76; Secretary of State-election supplies-\$30.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$396.55; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,057.26; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$11,400.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$426.47; VISA-supplies-\$132.77; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$211.47; Shannon Wragge-travel expense-\$327.14; Ryan Zimmerman-mileage-\$47.52; Payroll-\$68,298.38.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #4 for Hadar East & Plainview South Projects-\$148,355.31; All Star Parts LLC-repair parts-\$541.80; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$68,012.68; Bazile

Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$23,914.93; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$54.11; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-DOT physical-\$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$77.94; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$3,108.36; Cintas-supplies-\$81.61; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$205.06; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$1,444.50; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$117.18; Heartland Fire Protection Co-fire extinguisher testing-\$2,047.25; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$41,286.25; Lawson Products-supplies-\$197.68; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$139.90; McLean-utilities-\$86.70; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$1,878.30; Mid-American Research Chemical-chemicals-\$836.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,800.15; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,479.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$157.43; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$476.61; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas-\$3,202.41; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-\$91.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,409.52; Steinkraus Service-gas & repairs-\$324.81; Tom's Service LLC-repairs & gas-\$766.68; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$99.29; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$290.13; Payroll-\$37,840.45.

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

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-share cost for 911-\$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 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
