

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 7, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Jennie Martinez, Lee Homan, Alfred Homan, Shelli Meyer, Susan Buckley, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Tom Kuether, Mike Pommer 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 June 23, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, 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-May 2025 office rent for PCED-\$708.00; Mark Albin, Atty-court appointed attorney-\$1,446.25; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,817.80; Bishop Business-supplies-\$43.70; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$52.90; Eagley,Fullner,Montage,Morland-court appointed attorney-\$257.48; Election Systems & Software Inc-Pierce School Bond Election ballots, software & support-\$2,239.48; Ann Fenton-reimbursed supplies & mileage-\$140.56; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$786.55; Gworks-software & support-\$7,593.00; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$163.30; LexisNexis-law library-\$186.00; M & M Sanitation Service-service-\$330.00; Madison Natl Life-insurance premiums-\$48.78; Magdanz-supplies-\$495.43; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA contribution for 1st qtr-\$15,800.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,312.22; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,944.43; NE NE News Company-ads-\$583.18; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$114.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$561.58; Pierce Co. Court-court costs-\$101.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$72.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,840.55; Pierce City-utilities-\$215.61; Prime Stop-gas-\$225.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,838.17; St of NE Adm Serv Central Financing-IT service-\$701.95; Terminix Processing Center-services-\$113.12; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$381.04; Tom's Service-gas/repairs-\$903.92; Payroll-\$71,071.20.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-service-\$102.80; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$193.40; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$9,200.59; Integrated Care-services-\$60.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$19,005.00; M & M Sanitation Services-service-\$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-fuel-\$106.45; Meisinger Oil Co-fuel-\$4,302.78; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,742.22; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repair parts-\$32.50; Northeast Power-services-\$249.00; Osmond City-garbage service-\$141.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$459.51; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$246.43; RDO Truck Centers-repairs-\$455.88; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,370.74; Safety-Kleen Protective Serv.-supplies-\$700.56; Tom's Service-gas-\$430.54; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co.-supplies-\$39.97; Payroll-\$37,083.47.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software & support-\$361.88.

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

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer. Whereas the original 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.

Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract with Kate Jorgensen that is due Sept. 1, 2025 for renewal. Jorgensen would like an increase of 3% per year, said Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to accept and approve the public defender contract agreement with the current firm of Kate M. Jorgensen Law Office P.C., Wayne, NE, as Pierce County's Public Defender at a salary of \$56,650.00 per year for 25/26 fiscal year and a salary of \$58,350.00 per year for the 26/27 fiscal year, for minimum of one year and maximum of two years. 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 for a special designated liquor license for the Pierce County Ag Society for the 2025 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 23 thru July 27, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. 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 for a special designated liquor license for Jerry's Hilltop for an event on Saturday August 2, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

CPA Mike Pommer was present and discussion was held on the 25/26 fiscal year budget numbers submitted to Pommer.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Devon Unseld Lot Split, 13.61 acres in pt of the S ½ SW ¼ Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the application for Jarrod Paulsen for the under crossing of a county road with an electric line approximately 1,130’ south of 848 Road and undercrossing 539 Ave between Sections 25/26, Township 25 North, Range 4 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 application for Elkhorn Rural PPD for the under crossing of a county road with an electric line approximately 1,936’ south of 847 Rd and undercrossing 553 Ave between Sections 31/32, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the submitted emergency plan for the 2025 Pierce County Fair. Steve Dolesh and Rich Lutz were unable to be present but submitted plan for approval to Board.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2025 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Shelli Meyer with BoldNebraska.org was present and gave each Board member a book on Landowner & County Leader Guide to Carbon Pipeline Risks.

Tom Kuether was present and gave the Board a bid quote on building a 14’x18’ garage in back of courthouse for the Sheriffs Office use at a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Approval of said bid quote will be added to the next agenda.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 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
