

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 21, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 21, 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, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Zoning Jennie Martinez, Susan Buckley, Alfred Homan, Leola Homan 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 Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 7, 2025 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Hintz's Lot Split, 7.15 acres in pt of the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 15, Township 25 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 3 applications for Pierce Telephone Co for the under crossing/row of a county road with fiber optic lines in pts of Sections 22/27, Township 25 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 recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion events on Saturday August 16 and Saturday, August 30, 2025, both from 2:30 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.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Uncollected Taxes Report.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Uncollected Tax Report 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.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Distress Warrant Report to be submitted by County Sheriff to County Treasurer by August 1. The 31 Distress Warrants were submitted to Treasurer by the Sheriff and 5 are still outstanding and needing to be collected. The Board unanimously approved the submitted Distress Warrant Report.

Discussion was held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreements allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork for fiscal year 2025/2026.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2025-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-12

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County officers in public contracts, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work, and

WHEREAS, members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners wish to enter into a contract with Pierce County to provide such services for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that:

1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2025/2026 fiscal year for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioner.
2. Such commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01, et seq.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2025/2026 employment contracts between Pierce County and John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$17.00 for roadwork. Dated this 21st day of July, 2025 and 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 25/26 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2025 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted except for Osmond & McLean Shops. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for May and June 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for June 2025; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$325,936.24 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: Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$2,610.00; Bishop Business-supplies-\$200.00; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$53,723.69; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$51.04; Cintas-supplies-\$11.49; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$260.40; CVSOAN-registration-\$60.00; Dollar General-supplies-\$24.70; Election Systems & Software-election costs for Pierce School Bond-\$115.00; FP Finance-meter rent-\$154.09; Heartland Fire Protection Company-inspections-\$488.25; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$99.99; Madison County Treasurer-24/25 FY Zoning Costs-\$64,307.66; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; MidAmerica Adm Solutions-1st quarter admin fees-\$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,393.25; One Office Solutions-supplies & equipment-\$3,449.76; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$115.75; Pieper & Story-court appointed costs-\$632.20; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$1,298.89; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage & supplies-\$187.93; Prime Stop-gas-\$326.99; Vickie Prince-reimb. Supplies-\$31.99; Protex Central Inc-inspections-\$300.00; Quill-office supplies-\$360.34; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,889.82; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE-computer service-\$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$595.42; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$674.31; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs & new hardware-\$2,575.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$427.02; VISA-supplies-\$190.69; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$192.16; Payroll-\$72,130.85 - As per statute SS 23-122: 3 County Commissioners-\$3,515.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-\$5,858.33/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$4,393.75/Mo.; 2 County Deputies-\$4,686.67/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$4,042.25/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,850.00/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,408.33/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$33.10/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$31.10/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$29.43/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$28.27/Hr.; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-\$20.00/hr; 1 FT Custodian-\$20.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$26.90/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$22.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$20.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$20.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$18.25/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$16.25/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$18.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$17.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$16.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$22.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$17.00/hr; 2 PT Clerical-\$13.50/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$23.15/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$21.80/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$21.65/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$18.00/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$22.75/hr.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App 5 Hadar East/Plv South Projects-\$116,497.35; Allstar Parts LLC-repairs-\$716.82; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$9.99; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$81,556.78; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$40,281.24; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$54.10; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-\$3,273.38; Cintas-supplies-\$124.09; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$207.78; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$582.37; Fastwyre-telephone-\$116.96; Filtercare-repairs-\$258.05; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$486.01; McLean-utilities-\$86.70; Meisinger Oil-diesel-\$4,336.37; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,838.96; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$21.41; NMC Exchange-repair parts-\$17,772.89; North Central PPD-utilities-\$189.40; Northeast Glass-repairs-\$695.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$304.75; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-services-\$100.26; City of Plainview-utilities-\$90.49; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$93.83; R & D Welding-repairs-\$196.59; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$2,927.87; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,434.20; Steinkraus Service-gas & supplies-\$585.14; Tom's Service-gas \$454.96; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$6.59; Western Oil-gasoline-\$288.25; Payroll-\$38,348.14 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-\$100.00/Mo.; 1 FT Mechanic-\$31.20/hr; 5 FT Road Workers-\$25.85/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$24.80/hr; 6 FT Road Worker-\$23.65/hr; 2 PT Road Workers-\$22.50/hr; 1 PT Weed Supervisor-\$22.90/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$20.30/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$16.10/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-\$125.00/bridge.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: St of NE Adm Central Financing-computer expense-\$150.00.

911 FUND: OPTK Networks-internet IT-\$529.40.

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-cost share 911-\$130.48; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-911 services-\$151.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 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