

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 14, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Jennie Martinez, Eddie Bomar. Ken Beaudette Jr., Tom Kuether 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 Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Carl 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 September 29, 2025 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. opening of sealed bids for one new motor grader less the trade-in of equipment #105, 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307. The bids were opened in the presence of all present. Four bids were received from two companies: Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2025 Cat 140 15B AWD Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of \$399,000.00 less \$41,500.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$357,500.00 with delivery date in 16 to 19 weeks and 5 years/5000 hours full warranty or 7 years/7000 hours full warranty (add \$11,000) and \$18,500.00 parts credit; Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2026 Cat 140LVR 16A AWD T4 Motor Grader w/steering wheel, 0 hours, cost of \$421,000.00 less \$41,500.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$379,500.00 with delivery date in 16 to 19 weeks and 5 years/5000 hours full warranty or 7 years/57000 hours full warranty (add \$11,000) and \$17,000.00 parts credit; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 772GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of \$450,800.00 less \$98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$352,800.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 672GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of \$438,440.00 less \$98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$340,440.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty.

Discussion was held on the motor grader bids received.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and accept the bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2026 John Deere 772GP 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader w/Joystick, 0 hours, cost of \$450,800.00 less \$98,000.00 for trade in of one 2003 Cat 160 Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HEASD00307 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$352,800.00 with 60 to 90 day delivery date and 7 years/7000 hours full warranty. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Attorney Ted Lohrberg and County Assessor Jean Lubke asked the Board for approval to hire Attorney Ron Temple as outside counsel to assist and represent Pierce County for the TERC Hearing with Husker Ag.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the hire of Attorney Ron Temple as outside counsel to assist and represent Pierce County for the upcoming TERC Hearing with Husker Ag. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jennie Martinez with Planning and Zoning presented and discussion was held on the Pebbles Lot Split, Hilkemann's Lot Split and Von Rentzell Lot Split.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Pebbles Lot Split, 5 acres in pt NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Hilkemann's Lot Split, 5.79 acres in pt E ½ NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Von Rentzell Lot Split, 5 acres in pt NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 13, 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 the cost allocation plan with Maximus.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman and Clerk to sign Cost Allocation Plan for 25/26 FY with Maximus. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve and appoint Kelly Hodson, Robert Wehrer and Brook Curtiss (new on board and taking Julie Newman's position) to a 4 year (Jan 2026 to Jan 2030) term to the Pierce County Visitor Bureau Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff, for August 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for September 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for September 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$271,660.36 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: Mark D Albin, Attorney-court appointed costs-\$627.25; Amazon Capital Services-yearly fee-\$111.17; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$2,790.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT support-\$3,327.10; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$59,113.00; Bishop Business-supplies-\$63.71; Black Hills Energy-service-\$83.86; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$136.27; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$313.80; Cintas-supplies-\$7.42; Ann Fenton-travel expenses-\$82.67; Hampton Inn & Suites-lodging-\$321.00; Heartland Vet Clinic-service-\$288.50; Lexis Nexis-software-\$196.00; Ted Lohrberg-travel expenses-\$386.70; M & M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$18.50; Magdanz-supplies-\$187.63; Mattson Garage-repairs-\$649.67; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; MidAmerica Adm. & Retirement Solutions-adm. costs-\$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,134.74; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-\$2,944.43; NACO-registration and 25/26 dues-\$2,692.78; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-25/26 FY support-\$4,803.00; NE NE Economic Development District-25/26 FY support-\$925.00; NE NE RC & D-25/26 FY support-\$3,000.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$68.22; Osmond City-25/26 library support-\$11,000.00; Pierce Co Court-

court costs-\$320.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$248.58; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$65.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$19.71; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,814.20; Pierce City-25/26 library support-\$11,000.00; Plainview City-25/26 FY library support-\$11,000.00; Police Officers Assn of NE-dues-\$79.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$99.08; Quill-supplies-\$76.79; Region IV Inc-quarterly cost-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,713.72; Schroeder Land Surveying-surveying-\$115.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,000.28; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$696.75; Verizon-service-\$399.38; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$301.12; Payroll-\$68,756.42.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-\$427.01; Altwine Hardware-supplies-\$679.00; Appeara-uniforms-\$103.76; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$72,742.49; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel & rock-\$10,922.59; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$828.00; Cintas-supplies-\$29.98; Farmer's Pride-diesel-\$5,009.71; Fastwyre-service-\$114.72; Filtercare of NE-services-\$102.45; Loren Gerdes-reimb. CDL-\$60.00; JEO Consulting Group-engineering-\$14,745.00; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$326.63; David Kruse-reimb. CDL-\$60.00; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$69.31; M & M Sanitation Service-service-\$105.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$137.54; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$106.45; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$499.37; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,846.45; NACO-registration-\$160.00; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$559.22; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$195.65; NE Glass-repairs-\$280.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-fuel-\$2,255.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$123.37; Overhead Door-repairs-\$1,358.00; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$5.25; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$706.75; Pierce Telephone-service-\$2,699.62; Plainview Telephone-service-\$100.94; Plainview City-utilities-\$89.74; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$93.09; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$3,541.44; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$93.61; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,449.50; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-\$192.00; Sapp Bros Norfolk-gas-\$371.25; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-\$326.70; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$458.44; Western Oil-gas-\$231.07; Payroll-\$38,405.75.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-service-\$529.40.

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$361.88.

INHERITANCE FUND: Estate of Mary Lou Thompson-refund CS PR 24-6-\$196.54.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-\$300.00; Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau-grant-\$1,500.00; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Co Leader-publishing-\$6.50; St John's Lutheran Church-grant-\$400.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Osmond Senior Center-grant-\$1,000.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-\$1,000.00; Pierce Historical Society-grant-\$1,000.00; Plainview Klown Doll Museum-grant-\$350.00.

Discussion was held on PCED and on the waiting of informal bids for replacing cement around courthouse.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 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

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

Board of Commissioners

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
