

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
December 22, 2025

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, David Hood 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 advanced notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 8, 2025 were approved as printed.

Discussion held on the stop sign resolution and bridges that need work done.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2025-31 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025 - 31

PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, an engineering study was made of the intersection of County Avenue 547 with 865 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, the findings of the engineering study revealed the grading changes outside of the road right-of-way impact the ability of the existing yield signs to properly control the intersection safely. Changing the yield signs to stop signs will provide safe site distance for the intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the yield signs located at 547 Avenue and 865 Road controlling eastbound and westbound vehicles removed and in their place, stop signs be installed to control east and westbound vehicles.

Adopted this 22nd day of December 2025, at Pierce, Nebraska.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman and District #3 Commissioner

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution 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.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Douglas C Suckstorf Lot Split, 10.79 acres in pt S ½ SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Hahlbeck's Lot Split, 11.16 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Pay Application #4 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of \$134,790.37. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

David Hood was present to discuss the position of Hwy Superintendent. Co. Attorney Lohrberg was directed to draw up a Hwy Supt. Agreement by the December 22, 2025 Board Meeting, but is still waiting for the agreement from a firm in Norfolk. The Board unanimously decided to hire David Hood as Hwy Supt at the

salary of \$62,500.00 for 45 hours per week beginning January 2, 2026. The Agreement will be completed later today to be signed.

Discussion was held on the directive from Governor Pillen that all government offices should be closed on Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and the County Board unanimously agreed since our county handbook states we follow the directives from Federal and State Government.

Discussion was held on trees needing sprayed in the road ditches.

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: Amazon Business-supplies-\$17.93; Applied Connective-service-\$12.71; BCBS-health premiums-\$57,704.38; Bob Barker-supplies-\$272.50; Cintas-supplies-\$8.01; Classic Carpet Care-maintenance-\$238.70; Copple,Rockey,Schlecht PC-court appointed counsel-\$1,514.30; Eakes Office Solutions-service-\$45.71; Electronic Engineering-repairs-\$420.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites-hotel-\$124.95; Ann Fenton-reimbursed travel-\$185.00; FP Finance Program-postage meter rent-\$171.05; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$484.34; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,720.83; MidAmerica Retirement Solutions-fees-\$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,041.49; National Sheriff's Assoc.-dues-\$125.00; NE Emergency Services-dues-\$75.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$90.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$328.72; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$159.91; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$247.26; Prime Stop-gas-\$92.84; Quill-supplies-\$286.00; The Radar Shop Inc-service-\$256.00; Region IV Behavioral Health Systems-2nd quarter dues-\$5,976.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,649.87; Brett Rix-reimbursed travel-\$208.08; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE Central Finance-support-\$46.00; Steinkraus Service-tires & supplies-\$136.95; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$348.57; Tom's Service-gas-\$1,355.85; Verizon – telephone-\$399.47; VISA-travel-\$157.84; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$302.10; Payroll-\$67,537.54.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-supplies-\$258.73; Allstar Parts-supplies-\$2,017.78; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$29,193.75; Bauer Built-tires & repairs-\$3,888.10; Black Hills Energy-service-\$554.84; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-\$4,041.12; Cintas-supplies-\$55.71; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$195.30; Farmers Pride-propane-\$834.77; Fastenal-supplies-\$26.58; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$114.12; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$1,302.50; Lawson Products-supplies-\$390.62; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$209.49; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,797.22; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$130.75; City of Osmond-garbage-\$141.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$634.35; Pierce Automotive-repair parts-\$205.71; Polt Brothers-repair parts-\$1,046.79; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$2,925.17; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,465.45; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$80.58; Theisen Construction-Pay Application #4 for bridge repair-\$134,790.37; Tom's Service-gas-\$526.58; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$64.70; Vic's Engine Service-repair parts-\$287.52; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$227.54; Payroll-\$37,811.91.

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

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-service contract-\$130.48.

Ron Temple, County Assessor Jean Lubke and Deputy County Assessor Bailey Backer were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to go into executive session regarding TERC litigation at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to come out of executive session regarding TERC litigation at 10:18 a.m. with no action taken. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:19 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026 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
