

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
January 20, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; John Steinkraus was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Extension Agent Ann Fenton 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 5, 2026 were approved as printed.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton was present to update the Co. Board and present the 2025 Annual Report and asked for approval for the appointment of Eric Venteicher and Austin Kroupa to the extension board for a 3-year term.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented from the County Extension Office and to appoint Eric Venteicher (1st term) and Austin Kroupa (1st Term) to the Pierce County Extension Board for a 3-year term, January 2025 to January 2028. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter presented the Meinke's Lot Split to the Board.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Meinke's Lot Split 5.56 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Pierce Community Organization for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the semi-annual statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer for July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Pay Application #5 for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction for an amount of \$47,148.67. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2026-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 2

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2025-2026 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$2,650,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	<u>\$800,000.00</u>
Total	\$800,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/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: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fiber optic underground crossing for Pierce Telephone Co Inc in pt of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for December 2025; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for December 2025; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for December 2025 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$280,384.34 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: Albers and Martinson; Steinkraus absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope County Sheriff Dept-boarding-\$1,655.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT-\$3,327.10; BCBS-health premiums-\$60,148.63; Charm-Tex-supplies-\$346.44; Classic Rentals-service-\$355.89; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$3,123.75; Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co-stamps-\$44.00; Dollar General-supplies-\$41.65; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$171.05; Jack’s Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$157.94; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,720.83; LexisNexis-law library software-\$196.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$273.65; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,391.06; NACO-treasurer dues-\$75.00; NE Assn of County Assessors Assn-2025 dues-\$100.00; NE Assn of Sheriffs Association-2026 dues-\$350.00; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-\$472.65; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$345.95; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$166.63; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$270.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$246.58; Pierce County ROD-recording-\$10.00; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to Road Bridge-Fund-\$800,000.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$17.58; Prime Stop-gas-\$113.96; Quill-office supplies-\$256.12; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,971.56; NE Secretary of State-supplies-\$20.00; Robert Seegebath-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE Central Finance-support-\$46.00; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$43.55; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transportation-\$500.00; Terminix-service-\$113.12; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$635.46; Tom’s Service-gas & repairs-\$915.99; US Postal Service-metered mail-\$484.60; Verizon Wireless-service-\$399.47; VISA-jail supplies-\$117.90; Western Oil-gas-\$179.96; Payroll-\$72,106.54.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$97.34; Allstar Parts LLC-repair parts-\$783.16; Appeara-service-\$129.70; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$598.75; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,344.73; Chad’s Tire Service-repairs-\$1,114.46; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$325.50; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$374.85; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$4,677.19; Fastwyre-service-\$114.13; Integrated Care-draws-\$210.00; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$150.40; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$72.93; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,765.97; N&B Gas Co-propane-\$299.85; NE Machinery Co-repairs & parts-\$2,543.66; NE Weed Control Assn-2026 dues-\$135.00; NC PPD-utilities-\$57.51; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$395.85; Paul’s Welding-repairs-\$31.22; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$184.35; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$100.41; Plainview City-utilities-\$92.82; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-supplies-\$414.09; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,455.81; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$792.74; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay App 5 Hadar West Project-\$47,148.67; Tom’s Service-gas-\$167.93; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$756.75; Wattier’s True Value-supplies-\$44.55; Western Oil-gas-\$243.88; Payroll-\$37,714.12.

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

Discussion was held on upcoming state meetings and the duties of the new Highway Supt. Position.

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, February 2, 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
