

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 2, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, February 2, 2026, 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 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 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 January 20, 2026 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for certain quantities of culverts, gravel, signs & blades with bids to be opened Monday, March 30, 2026 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the date of Tuesday, July 7, 2026 for the Scrap Tire Collection to be held at the Pierce County District 1 Shop, Plainview. Only Pierce County residents can bring in tires in 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Change Order #2 (-\$3,210.50), Pay Application #6 (final) for an amount of \$32,315.61 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Hadar West/JEO Project #221896 with Theisen Construction. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Off Road Ranch LLC for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Friday+, February 20, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. 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.

Veterans Service Officer Brett Rix was present to ask the Board if he could send a letter to our two State Legislators Robert Dover and Barry Dekay, that Pierce County is in opposition of LB1072, which would allow the state to take 5M from our Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund. The County Board unanimously agreed for Veterans Service Officer Brett Rix to send an opposition letter on behalf of Pierce County to our state legislatures.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, 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 Albin-court appointed council-\$1,097.30; Scott Alexander-prior service-\$57.70; Bishop Business-office supplies-\$28.15; Black Hills Energy-service-\$57.38; Eakes Office-supplies & contract fees-\$631.21; Fitzgerald,Vetter,&Temple-court appointed attorney-\$862.40; GBE-23/24 audit-\$4,000.00; Bobby Hamilton-prior service-\$57.70; Harold Hansen-prior service-\$23.08; Verlyn Luebbe-prior service-\$46.16; Madison National Life-life ADD, LTD premiums-\$54.20; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,300.61; MIPS-supplies, support-\$68.00; NE Assn. of Co Officials-dues-\$2,157.78; NE Assn. of Co Clerks-dues-\$50.00; NE HHS-December 2025 costs-\$93.00; City of Norfolk-Emergency Management fees-\$20,243.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,961.64; Quill-supplies-\$90.45; Region IV Inc-3<sup>rd</sup> qtr fee-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,883.92; NE Secretary of State-election supplies-\$20.00; Carol Sokol-prior service-\$92.32; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$701.95; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$434.49; Tom's Service-gas-\$692.06; Julie Wingett-prior service-\$11.54; Payroll-\$70,923.99.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** B's Enterprises-blades & signs-\$5,567.00; Bauer Built-tires-\$73.00; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-physical-\$150.00; Farmers Pride-propane & diesel-\$5,797.72; Jerry's Hilltop Service-gas-\$48.00; Daniel Koehler-reimburse radio-\$85.19; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$109.60; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,737.51; NE Power-utilities-\$234.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$230.57; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,433.09; Theisen Construction-bridge repair-\$32,315.61; Tom's Service-gas-\$373.28; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$218.15; Payroll-\$37,347.17.

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** Optk Networks-911 wireless service fee-\$529.40.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:** City of Norfolk-share of 911 equipment-\$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 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

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