

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 17, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Mike Mayfield, Matthew Jones, Samantha Nisbet, Sue Buckley, Brian J. Schlote 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 February 2, 2026, were approved as printed.

Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith's office was present to give an update to the County Board.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2026-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 3

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Pierce County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Pierce County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Pierce County, the City of Pierce and other cities and villages in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Pierce County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2026 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Pierce County Local Emergency Operations Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the Pierce County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman

/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 recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a designated liquor license for Bohemian One Stop, Verdigre, for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. 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 for a designated liquor license for The White House/TaylorMade Catering, Pierce, for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. 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 for a designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Tomek Post 72 for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Matthew Jones and Samantha Nisbet with Nextera, solar farm, were present to ask the Board if they had any questions or concerns on the project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the 2025 Jail Standards Report; fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for January 2026; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for January 2026 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$3,014,022.52 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 Albin-court appointed attorney costs-\$439.75; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,327.10; Avera Medical Group-prisoner medical-\$209.00; Bishop Business-office supplies-\$387.16; BCBS-health premiums-\$58,540.01; Blue 360-supplies-\$205.53; Carney Law-court appointed attorney-\$684.60; Cintas-supplies-\$14.84; Classic Rentals-service-\$235.45; Copple,Rocky,Schlecht-court appointed attorney-\$67.50; Des Moines Stamp MFG-supplies-\$95.10; Dollar General-supplies-\$4.40; Elite Court Reporting-service-\$2,301.95; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$171.05; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$432.93; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-\$403.63; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$4,527.16; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,986.33; Mary Kruger-reimbursed mileage-\$36.25; LexisNexis-software-\$196.00; Lynn Peavey-supplies-\$78.29; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-

\$30.84; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$249.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midstates Organized Crime Info-yearly fees-\$100.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,193.77; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$3,479.67; NACO-registration-\$210.00; NE NE News Company-ads-\$789.93; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$288.00; One Office Solution-office supplies-\$114.97; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$167.73; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$416.00; Pierce County Leader-ads & subscription-\$716.05; Pierce Co Petty Cash-postage, travel, supplies-\$298.10; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$75.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$1,838.28; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$252.92; Prime Stop-gas-\$404.11; Quill-supplies-\$146.26; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,773.15; Sanne Repair-repairs-\$138.91; Stratton,DeLay,Doele,Carlson-court appointed attorney-\$2,874.30; Terri Sudbeck-reimbursed mileage-\$24.70; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$569.23; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$553.88; Eric Venteicher-reimbursed mileage-\$24.00; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$304.16; Payroll-\$69,527.59.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$147.12; Allstar Parts, LLC-repair parts-\$788.86; Appeara-service-\$103.76; B's Enterprises-blades, signs-\$1,040.00; ; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,677.89; Chad's Tire Service-tires, repairs-\$1,118.60; Cintas-supplies-\$61.41; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$197.46; Culligan of Norfolk-supplies-\$8.00; DD Steel-repairs-\$20.88; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,103.35; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$113.92; Filter Care of NE Inc-repairs-\$76.35; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$36,653.75; Kayton Intl-repairs-\$1,032.55; Kelly Supply -supplies-\$139.43; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$1,395.74; Lammers Trailer Repair repair parts-\$420.82; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$387.52; McLean-utilities-\$86.25; Menards-supplies-\$78.99; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,842.70; Midwest Service & Sales-supplies, signs-\$7,172.50; N&B Gas-propane-\$450.45; NE Weed Management -yearly dues-\$100.00; NE Machinery LLC-repair parts-\$2,813.20; Nebr. Weed Control Assn-yearly dues-\$150.00; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$211.18; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$265.75; Paul's Welding-repair parts-\$21.77; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$35.48; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$236.86; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$168.40; Plainview City-utilities-\$182.09; R&K Motor Parts-repair parts-\$31.99; Randolph Farm Supply-gas, diesel-\$3,554.38; RDO Truck Centers-supplies-\$1,010.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,525.56; Schaefer Grain & Feed-supplies-\$62.49; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$314.86; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$234.48; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$667.62; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$81.53; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-crushed concrete-\$13,539.21; Western Oil-gas-\$73.00 Payroll-\$38,717.45.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-shared cost 911 calls-\$130.48; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$341.15.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$361.88.

FEDERAL AID-ROADS FUND: Theisen Construction-bridge repair-\$4,000.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:24 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 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
