

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 2, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 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, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy County Sheriff Dan Hallock, Custodian Linda Mattson 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 17, 2026 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the Salamander Program, 5 tracking apps that helps with tracking emergency workers if a disaster would happen. Pierce County will have 1 app and Pierce Fire will have 4 apps for a total cost of \$750.00 split between the 2 entities, with Pierce Fire reimbursing Pierce County for their portion for 2026-2027.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NE-Pierce County EM Salamander Renewal Agreement for April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Underground Crossing for Pierce Telephone Co Inc for fiber optic in pt NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 25 North Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Underground Crossing for Nebraska Public Power District for fiber optic thru the bottom 4 Townships of Pierce County, NE from Hoskins to Neligh. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Huwaldt Lot Split, 16.75 acres, in pt of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 28 North Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Robert Hoffman Lot Split, 7.21 acres, in pt of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 28 North Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the solar farm road issues.

Custodian Linda Mattson and the County Board discussed the cement breaking up around the courthouse and the courthouse water heater. Mattson and the County Board went to inspect the water heater in the courthouse that has quit working and all 4 returned.

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: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$337.50; Bishop Business-supplies-\$239.28; Black Hills Energy-service-\$61.54; Bomgaars-supplies-\$67.49; Cople, Rocky, Schlecht PC-court appointed attorney-\$749.00; CVOAN-registration-\$60.00; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$511.40; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,316.84; NACO-registration-\$30.00; NE HHS-boarding-\$93.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$140.35; Pierce City-utilities-\$4,686.94; Plainview News-publishing-\$481.14; Quill-supplies-\$197.55; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,899.06; Brett Rix-reimbursed supplies-\$180.89; State of NE-IT network server-\$747.95; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$816.26; U Save Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$425.99; Verizon Wireless-service-\$399.47; Payroll-\$71,136.10.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Akrs-repair parts-\$47.16; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts-\$17,640.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,141.59; Bomgaars-supplies-\$417.32; Colonial Research Chemical Corp-chemicals-\$645.33; Lawson Products-supplies-\$209.79; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-repairs-\$109.60; Menards-supplies-\$533.89; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,865.27; NE Power-utilities-\$247.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$242.42; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,530.76; Sapp Bros-diesel-\$487.50; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$320.65; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$172.49; Payroll-\$38,809.48.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE-IT network server-\$150.00

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 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
