

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
March 16, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Ron Westlake, Mike Mayfield 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 Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 2, 2026 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held by the Board on the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr notified Board that she sold a total of 0 tax sale certificates amounting to \$0 as of Monday, March 4, 2026, and discussion was held on the Schluns driveway tax sale that matured in October 2025. No one bought the taxes therefore County Attorney Lohrberg was directed by the County Board to start procedures for filing a foreclosure on the Schluns driveway property.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. The Pierce County Treasurer's Office sold a total of 0 tax sale certificates amounting to \$0 as of Monday, March 4, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend and approve the appoint of Ron Westlake, Osmond, to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize Chairman to sign the Reports & Requirements Summary for the Pierce County Weed Dept. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Skip Bremer, Osmond, to the North Central Health District Board as a representative for Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the replacement of the courthouse hot water heater and on the placing of a Culligan Softwater System to help with the life of the water heater. The cost for softwater system/salt from Culligan had not been submitted to Clerk or Board.

Discussion was held and Board reviewed the Hwy Supt Agreement and discussion was held on Pierce County Economic Development with updates given by PCED Board Member John Steinkraus.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, spraying of weeds and trimming of trees.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and direct the Clerk to place a public notice into county newspapers and county social media that the county will not be mowing county roads in 2026, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, and owners need to spray weeds and trim trees on their property. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, Co Sheriff for January and February 2026; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for February 2026; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for February 2026 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$2,704,525.38 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:** Amazon-supplies-\$50.49; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,385.10; BCBS-health premiums-\$60,148.63; Brogan Lamli PC-court appointed attorney-\$965.00; Cintas-supplies-\$53.05; Rhonda Cortner-mileage-\$203.73; Crowne Plaza Kearney-lodging-\$479.85; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed attorney-\$1,539.99; Electronic Engineering-supplies-\$558.83; Ann Fenton-reimburse mileage & expenses-\$64.94; GBE-24/25 FY Audit-\$9,000.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$38.94; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender & legal services-\$4,770.83; LexisNexis-software-\$196.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$276.49; Marshall & Swift-software support-\$413.15; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,166.44; MIPS-software support-\$3,266.37; NE News Co-ads-\$430.12; NPZA-registration-\$235.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$25.59; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$171.00; Pierce County Economic Development-2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 25/26 FY-\$33,282.50; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$610.70; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$72.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$52.01; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,846.95; Prime Stop-gas-\$394.78; Quill-office supplies-\$358.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,755.24; State of NE State Patrol-software support-\$187.50; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$127.90; Terminex-service-\$113.12; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$136.92; Verizon Wireless-service-\$399.47; VISA-supplies-\$23.13; Western Oil-gas-\$129.96; Payroll-\$69,170.32.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** AKRS-repair parts-\$495.09; AllStar Parts LLC-repair parts-\$1,323.58; Appeara-service-\$103.76; B's Enterprises-signs & culvert-\$12,872.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$19,557.00; Bauer Built Inc-repairs-\$6,575.46; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,561.71; Chad's Tire Service-

repairs-\$36.91; Cintas-supplies-\$75.45; Dd Steel LLC-repair parts-\$1,449.62; Elite Door LLC-repairs-\$1,394.50; Farmers Pride-propane-\$7,692.19; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$113.92; Filter Care of NE-repairs-\$97.05; JEO-engineering-\$36,325.00; Kayton Intl-repair parts-\$65.40; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$392.14; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$87.78; McLean Village-utilities-\$94.20; Menards-supplies-\$364.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,902.65; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-\$1,022.04; NC PPD-utilities-\$222.95; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$14.76; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$265.83; Pierce Telephone-service-\$236.38; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$100.41; City of Plainview-utilities-\$3.83; R & D Welding-repairs-\$65.26; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$193.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,563.76; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$737.08; Schaefer Grain & Feed Inc-supplies-\$62.49; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$565.15; True Ag & Turf-diesel-\$3,356.66; Payroll-\$39,298.04.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** MIPS-software support-\$361.88.

**E911 FUND:** Midwest Card and ID Solutions LLC-software, support & agreement for 26/27 FY-\$150.00; OPTK Networks-service-\$529.40.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$341.15.

There being no further business, Chairman Carl Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:37 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, March 30, 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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