

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 30, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 30, 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, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, David Hood, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Tim Braithwait, Dave Praeuner, Joel Sinclair, Tony Emme, Judd Allen, Tim McGurigle 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 March 16, 2026 were approved as printed.

At 9:11 a.m. the legal was read for the opening of sealed bids for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel. The bids were opened in the presence of all present, read, copied and given to all present.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to honor and accept all sealed bids as presented by each vendor for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year, with some of the bids only stating a 30-to-90-day acceptance cost from today. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on road and bridge projects for 2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve the Clerk to advertise for the Plainview South and the Osmond Northwest 2026 Paving Projects. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Schluns private driveways, solar farm roads and doing a future painting project on county paved roads.

Judd Allen and Tim McGurigle with NACO was present to give the Board updates on NACO programs and benefits and answer questions the Board had.

Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr was present and notified Board that personal property taxes for Mike White have been paid and she recommended approving his lotsplit. The personal property taxes for Chad Bernhardt and Jason Eckert need to be collected on and ask that the County Attorney send letters letting them know and if no response then Sheriff would collect. Discussion was held on the Schluns private driveways 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. County Attorney is now being directed to send letters to all property owners in the Schluns Subdivisions to call a meeting and come to an agreement with what is to be done with the driveways.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Michael D White's Lot Split, 8 acres in pt of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the Michael D White's Lot Split in 25-25-2 and the B & S Reed Lot Split in 10-25-2.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the B & S Reed Lot Split, 13.69 acres in pt of the E ½ of the SE ¼ Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. 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 of a designated liquor license for Charlie's/Kay Hunt for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. 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 the Pierce American Legion for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve Underground Crossing for Bill Meyer/Plumbing & Electric Services Inc for a tile line in Sections 7/18 (west end of 850 Rd), Township 25 North Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. 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.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Commissioner John Steinkraus to sign the lease with Culligan to place a water softener in the courthouse at the cost of \$53 /month for a 5 year contract with Culligan to fill the salt tank once per month at \$12 per bag. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held and Board reviewed the Hwy Supt Agreement and newly hired Hwy Superintendent in Training David Hood signed the Hwy Supt Agreement as presented by County Attorney Ted Lohrberg.

Discussion was held on the amount to charge landowners for the mowing of the roadways. It was decided \$300 minimum per mile and amendment will be placed on next agenda.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve 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: Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$3,895.00; Bishop Business-supplies-\$29.97; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$57.15; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$224.60; Copple, Rocky, Schlecht PC-court appointed attorney-\$749.00; Crowne Plaza-lodging-\$479.85; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$45.71; FP Finance Program-meter lease-\$171.05; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$2,036.67; M&M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA funding-\$16,800.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,163.91; Model Electric Inc-repairs-\$3,516.75; NACO-registration-\$30.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$81.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$2,289.15; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$130.17; Pierce High School-supplies-\$180.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,830.92; Plainview News-publishing-\$964.98; Quill-supplies-\$436.36; Region IV Behavioral Health System-3rd & 4th quarter dues-\$11,953.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,738.71; Schroeder Land Surveying-surveying-\$160.00; State of Nebraskanetwork server fees-\$747.95; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$93.94; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,010.08; University of NE Extension-registration & office supplies-\$2,158.06 Payroll-\$69,137.40.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$440.54; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts & signs-\$24,000.00; Black Hills Energy-utility-\$683.52; Bomgaars-supplies-\$33.48; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$197.46; Elite Door LLC-repairs-\$4,183.50; Hoffart Machine Repair-repairs-\$66.55; Jerry's Hilltop Service-gas-\$52.08; M&M Sanitation-service-\$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-repairs-\$100.15; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,957.23; Northeast Power-utilities-\$234.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-supplies-\$3,108.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$342.01; Osmond City-garbage fee-\$141.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$231.83; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,582.15; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$636.60; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$3,390.82; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$77.62; Payroll-\$40,011.15.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$150.00.

E911 FUND: City of Norfolk-1/8 cost share for 911 service-\$130.48.

INHERITANCE FUND: Estate of Gregg Lambrecht-refund-\$14,535.26.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 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
