

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
June 8, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Vets Officer Brett Rix, Custodian Linda Mattson, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Jennifer Thomsen, David Hood, Daniel Koehler, Michael 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 and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 26, 2026 were approved as printed.

Jennifer Thomsen with Pierce Library was present and submitted a request for all 3 libraries (Plainview and Osmond Librarians were unable to be present). Discussion was held on the three local city library budget requests for 2026-2027 fiscal year. They received \$33,000.00 or \$11,000 per library for the 25/26 fiscal year and they submitted a request for an increase of \$330.00 per library (3 % increase) increase for the 26/27 fiscal year. The Board will take this into consideration when working on the county budget.

Discussion was held on political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority and they shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, who is responsible for levying such taxes, on or before August 1st (SS 77-3443). The County Board will then determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivision on or before September 1st. No political subdivisions were present.

The following County Officials and Dept. Heads were present to meet with the Board on budget expectations and allowed increases for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year: Susan Peters, Jean Lubke, Christine Bahr, Brett Rix, Linda Mattson, Rick Eberhardt and Ted Lohrberg. The County Board would like everyone to keep their budget to no more than a 2% increase for the 26/27 fiscal year.

Discussion was held on the 26/27 fiscal year budget.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Approve Resolution #2026-10 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 10

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated beginning July 1, 2014, regular funding or set aside funds can be used to pay for dispatch salaries.

THEREFORE, Pierce County is directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to transfer \$22,023.72 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, direct the Pierce County Treasurer to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

\$22,023.72 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100).

Dated this 8th day of June, 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 approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for April 2026, Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for May 2026; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for May 2026 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,144,915.46 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 Capital Services-supplies-\$304.58; Ann Fenton-reimbursement-\$139.84; Applied Connective-IT services-\$3,404.10; Bishop Business-supplies-\$1,549.44; Black Hills Energy-service-\$58.93; BCBS-insurance premiums-\$29,751.73; Hampton Inn-lodging-\$644.40; Jack’s Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$305.85; Jan Kramer-election work-\$22.50; Johnson’s Inc-repairs-\$422.36; LexisNexis-software-\$196.00; Madison National-premiums-\$108.40; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$311.21; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,536.07; NE NE News Company-publishing-\$4,555.29; NACO-registration-\$175.00; NIRMA-26/27 FY liability insurance-\$154,373.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$816.50; Pictometry International-service-\$25,000.00; Pierce Automotive Repair-repair parts-\$143.98; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-dues-\$100.00; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$219.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$108.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,843.18; Quill-supplies-\$231.90; Region IV Behavioral-quarterly support-\$5,887.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$5,053.36; Terminex-service-\$1,023.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$451.21; Toms Service-gas and repairs-\$1,019.66; Payroll-\$73,866.81.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repairs-\$480.84; Appeara-service-\$103.76; B’s Enterprises-culverts-\$27,600.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$102.29; Chads Tire-repairs-\$199.00; City of Plainview-utilities-\$90.53; David Hood-reimbursement of supplies/repair parts-\$1,613.95; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$15,557.61; Filter Care-repairs-\$158.60; JEO Consulting-engineering-\$53,662.50; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$1,817.60; Kings Crushing-gravel-\$24,704.53; Lawson Products-supplies-\$578.77; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$73.79; Matteo Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$685.02; McLean City-utilities-\$85.20; Menards-supplies-\$2.98; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2915.15; NE Machinery Co-repair parts-\$9,517.09; Nippon Sanso-supplies-\$106.45; Northeast Power-service-\$221.00; Paul’s Welding-supplies-\$118.69; Pictometry International-service-\$25,000.00 Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$237.23; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$100.36; Powerplan-repair parts-\$3,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,576.08; Safety Kleen-supplies-\$799.96; Toms Service-gas \$330.50; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$6.99; Payroll-\$39,461.30.

911 FUND: Optk Networks-support & service-\$529.40

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$69.95; Pierce County General Fund-transfer from wireless fund-\$22,023.72

COURTHOUSE SINKING FUND: Wragge Construction-cements repairs-\$37,565.91

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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
