

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
June 22, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 22, 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. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Tom Rudloff, Beata Rudloff, Mike Mayfield, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Sue Buckley, Grant Doerr 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 and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 8, 2026 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for an event on Saturday July 11, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on LB644, directing the joint budget hearings for the counties, cities, villages, schools and colleges for the 26/27 fiscal year budgets.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to designate MIPS as the county vendor for the printing of the LB644 postcards for the joint budget hearings. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Callie Treat Lot Split, 9.92 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 5, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Grant Doerr to construct a home on less than 40 acres on property located in pt of the SW ¼ NW ¼ 18-26-2.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:15 a.m. public hearing at 9:15 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Grant Doerr were present and answered questions the Board had on the application. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2026-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026 - 11

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, NEBRASKA UNDER AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION AND LEGISLATIVE BILL 186 (1978)

WHEREAS, having given proper notice and holding a public hearing as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the 2003 Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

Findings of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive and meets the density requirements of the zoning district, will be the first home on the quarter section.
2. There is access to an improved county road.
3. This application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Map

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Grant Doerr to construct a home on less than 40 acres on property described as;

Michael C. Krueger's Lot Split in part of the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 26 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M, Pierce County, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the below-listed conditions must be complied with by all current and future owners of the property described above and failure to comply with said conditions may result in forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows a Single-Family Home on less than 40 acres.
2. This Conditional Use Permit is permanent and may be transferred between owners.
3. With the passage of this permit, the applicant realizes that the new residence is going to be subject to livestock odors, dust, and general nuisance. This does not, however, mean that the applicant is giving up the right to be protected by Pierce County and the State of Nebraska.
4. The applicant should be aware it is his responsibility to remove any Nebraska Noxious Weeds found on the property at any time after the approval of this application by the County board of Commissioners.
5. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.
6. A zoning permit must be approved before construction of the home begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown of the Official Zoning Map of Pierce County, previously adopted

by reference, and said zoning map is hereby reincorporated as a part of the Pierce County, Nebraska Zoning and Subdivision Resolution as amended.

ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska on the 22nd 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.

Discussion was held on Keno at the Pierce Golf Course, which the license has expired on May 31, 2026 and new management is asking to have Keno reinstated.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Pierce Golf Course to reapply for a Keno License through the State of NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreements allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2026-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026-12

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County officers in public contracts, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work, and

WHEREAS, members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners wish to enter into a contract with Pierce County to provide such services for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that:

1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2026/2027 fiscal year for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioner.
2. Such commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01, et seq.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026 and whereas the original 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 2026/2027 employment contracts between Pierce County and John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson, allowing County Board members to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$17.00 for roadwork. Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026 and whereas the original 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.

Tom and Beata Rudloff who live along 546 Ave were present to express their concern with the traffic and dust due to the solar farm. The solar farm employees will continue to water the road for dust and plan to put a substance down to harden to reduce dust.

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-\$200.00; Antelope County Sheriff- boarding \$2,880.00; Joe Aschoff-mileage-\$59.30; At-Scene LLC-supplies-\$4,880.00; Christine Bahr-reimbursement-\$274.45; Bishop Business-maint. Agreement & supplies-\$1,607.92; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$29,723.80; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$1,180.00; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$443.70; Cintas-supplies-\$7.15; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$207.24; Cobblestone Inn & Suites-lodging-\$330.00; Coppel Rocky Schlecht & PC LLO-court appointed attorney-\$724.90; Danko Emergency Equipment-supplies-\$1,085.00; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$45.71; Ann Fenton-reimbursement-\$171.24; Fitzgerald Vetter & Temple PC-court appointed attorney-\$380.00; FP Finance Program-meter lease-\$171.05; Shauna Gossman-mileage-\$12.25; Hilltop Drugs Etc-prisoner meds-\$43.77; Dwaine Hoffman-mileage-\$98.10; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$747.64; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,720.83; Brittany Kolterman-reimbursement-\$86.52; Gerry Krueger-mileage-\$30.26; Mary Kruger-mileage-\$21.60; Tom Kuether-mileage-\$38.66; Bonita Lederer-mileage-\$49.28; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$30.84; Madison County Treasurer-24/25 Judge costs-\$474.84; Joshua Mattson-repairs-\$360.00; Maximus Inc-services-\$1,834.01; Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,412.79; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,944.46; Thomas Nathan-mileage-\$112.34; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$93.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$600.81; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$4,184.77; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$108.00; PIP Marketing-supplies-\$259.78; Primestop-gas-\$338.68; Vickie Prince-reimbursement-\$1,080.02; Quill-office supplies-\$325.28; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,893.04; Larry Schaefer-mileage-\$176.18; Secretary of State-election supplies-\$40.00; Security Shredding-service-\$120.00; Sirchie-supplies-\$53.99; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transportation-\$250.00; Terri Sudbeck-mileage-\$23.05; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,235.05; Tilden Drug-prisoner meds-\$145.82; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$998.68; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$14,500.00; Eric Venteicher-

mileage-\$20.15; Verizon Wireless-service-\$399.38; VISA-supplies-\$78.50; Wayne County Treasurer-24/25 Judge costs-\$3,885.34; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$426.29; Ron Westlake-mileage-\$21.60; Payroll-\$72,255.34.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-repair parts-\$326.48; All Star Parts LLC-repair parts-\$981.93; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$9,171.96; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$56.23; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-DOT physical-\$150.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$949.15; Cintas-supplies-\$48.84; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$230.56; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$114.13; Heartland Fire Protection Co-fire extinguisher testing-\$750.88; Menards-supplies-\$114.03; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,997.53; NE NE News Company-publishing-\$111.36; NC PPD-service-\$190.01; NE Glass-repairs-\$1,420.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,947.40; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$159.76; Osmond City-utilities-\$141.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$144.47; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas-\$4,283.35; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,648.77; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$645.81; Steinkraus Service-gas & repairs-\$888.23; Tom's Service LLC-repairs & gas-\$579.35; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$61.29; Wattier's True Value-repair parts-\$91.85; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$275.48; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$108.92; Payroll-\$40,537.96.

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

Discussion was held on budgets and wages for road workers.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 6, 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
