

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
July 6, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 6, 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, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, David Hood, Susan Buckley, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince and News Reporter Randee Falter.

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 June 22, 2026 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald discussed with the Board culverts that need replaced, current road/bridge projects and solar farm roads.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Authorize Clerk to advertise for boxed culvert, Project 516, east of Pierce. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to Appoint David Hood as ROW negotiator for the box culvert east of Wee Town. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve and Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement, Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the 2026 Paint Striping Project – JEO Project No. 261204 with Sir Lines A lot, Harrisburg, SD. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve and Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement, Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the Plainview South, Plainview South 2 and Osmond Northwest Projects – JEO Project No. 251704, 241112 and 251706 with A & R Construction Co. 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 for a special designated liquor license for the Pierce County Ag Society for the 2026 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 22 thru July 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the submitted emergency plan for the 2026 Pierce County Fair. Steve Dolesh and Rich Lutz were unable to be present but submitted plan for approval to Board.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2026 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 26/27 fiscal year budget. The Board directed Clerk to place on the next agenda PCED monetary support for fiscal year 26/27 and to withdraw the County from PCED.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, 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: BCBS-health premiums-\$29,710.63; Bishop Business-supplies-\$17.74; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$60.49; Candlewood Suites-lodging-\$328.00; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$279.90; Eagley,Fullner,Montage,Morland-court appointed attorney-\$999.48; Farm & Home Publishers Ltd-plat books-\$270.00; Ann Fenton-reimbursed mileage-\$35.34; Holiday Inn-Kearney-lodging-\$239.90; M & M Sanitation Service-service-\$330.00; Madison Natl Life-insurance premiums-\$54.20; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-HRA contribution for 1st qtr-\$15,800.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,501.36; NE NE News Company-ads-\$450.87; Pierce County Petty Cash-mileage, meals and supplies-\$302.38; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,829.10; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,193.82; R & D Welding-repairs-\$454.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,961.08; Stratton DeLay Doele Carlson PC-court appointed attorney-\$1,382.94; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed mileage & meals-\$321.59; Payroll-\$73,408.00.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B's Enterprises Inc-supplies-\$28,881.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$15,216.37; Heartland Fire Protection Company-service-\$392.13; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$277.79; Kings Crushing LLC-gravel-\$15,399.77; M & M Sanitation Services-service-\$105.00; Mike McPlumbing/Electric-repairs-\$3,583.75; NE Weed Control Assn-registration-\$150.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-fuel-\$109.60; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,029.34; Northeast Power-services-\$244.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,930.85; Pierce Auto Repair-repairs-\$33.60; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$241.87; Pierce City-utilities-\$204.46; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$46.97; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co.-supplies-\$31.98; Payroll-\$40,954.19.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$69.95.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 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