

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 9, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Ext. Agent Ann Fenton, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Tim Braithwait, Ken Beaudette and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Chairman Terry J. Wragge was no longer a board member therefore a call for Chairman Pro Tem was made for the county board meeting.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Tom Kuether as Chairman Pro Tem. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Pro Tem Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 27, 2022 were approved as printed.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the release of old collateral and semi-annual statement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Treasurer to release old collateral with Midwest Bank, Pierce, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented by the County Treasurer for July 1-December 31, 2022. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton was present to update the Co. Board and present the 2022 Annual Report. At a later meeting Fenton will present extension board members to approve for 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and accept the 2022 Extension Annual Report. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and McDonald updated the new board members on ongoing projects, problem roads & bridges that need attention and the Willard Bridge.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter discussed the Buckendahl Lot Split in pt of the NW ¼ 25-26-1.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve the Buckendahl Lot Split in pt NW ¼ Section 25, T26N, R1W, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution #2023-1 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 1

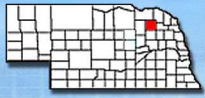
WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer of from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the months of October, November and December 2022

General Fund (0100)	\$12,005.64	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$12,005.64</u>	
Total	\$12,005.64	

Dated this 9th day of January, 2023



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PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreement allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork in the remainder of fiscal year 2022/2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution #2023-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-2

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 remainder of the 2022/2023 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 remainder of the 2022/2023 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/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2022/2023 employment contract between Pierce County and Brad Albers, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$19.00 for roadwork. Dated this 9th day of January, 2023 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

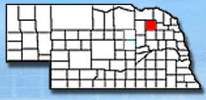
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Discussion was held on signs and the NIRMA sign report

Discussion was held on the appointed boards for 2023 for the Pierce County Board Members.

This being the organizational meeting of the County Board, Chairman Pro Tem Tom Kuether called for nominations or a motion for Chairman for 2023 for County Board of Commissioners' and County Board of Equalization.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to nominate Tom Kuether, as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.



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Chairman Kuether presided.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to nominate Brad Albers as Chairman of the Pierce County Board of Equalization for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint and approve the following Boards: Martinson with Kuether as alternate to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency of Aging Board; to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to Region IV Mental Health Board; to appoint Kuether with Albers as alternate to North Star; to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Goldenrod Joint Housing Authority; to appoint Martinson with Albers as alternate to Juvenile Detention Center Board; to appoint Martinson with Kuether as alternate to County Used Oil Contact person; to appoint Kuether with Albers as alternate to Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District; to appoint Kuether with Martinson as alternate to North Central Public Health Board; to appoint Kuether with Albers as alternate to the Pierce County Economic Development Board; to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Region 11 Emergency Management Board; to appoint Albers with Martinson as alternate to the Elkhorn Valley LEPC Board; to appoint Albers with Kuether as alternate to the Pierce County E911 Advisory Board; and to appoint Kuether with Albers as alternate to the RC & D Board, all for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Osmond Republican, Plainview News and Pierce County Leader as the legal newspapers for Pierce County for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve the County Web Page www.co.pierce.ne.us as an additional method of providing notice for Pierce County for 2023 Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to appoint LaVern Schroeder as the County Surveyor for Pierce County for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Brian McDonald, License No. S1132 Class A, as the County Highway Superintendent for Pierce County for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Lane Handke as County Physician and County Coroner Physician for Pierce County for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the appointments and pledged collateral of Midwest Bank, N.A., Pierce, Security Bank, Osmond, Midwest Bank, N.A., Plainview, Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), and Elkhorn Valley Bank and Trust, Pierce as Pierce County Bank Depositories for county funds for 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the machine hire rates for 2023 with the following stipulations: (1) that adjustments in rates may be made at a later date, depending on the cost of fuel. (2) that Pierce County set these rates and does machine work only on request for a small job and when it would be difficult and impractical for a private contractor to haul his machinery to a location for such a small job and the County is already in that location.

\$200 per hour for Backhoe/Excavator with man;

\$150 per hour for Motor Grader with man;

\$150 per hour for Loader with man;

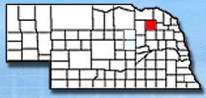
\$200 per hour for Scraper with man;

\$125 per hour for 10-yard Dump Truck with man

Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Weed Report for 2022. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether and Martinson; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for November and December 2022; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge,



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County Clerk for December 2022; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for December 2022 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$5,151,711.39 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$1,442.82; Applied Connective Technologies-IT-\$3,245.00; Christine Bahr-reimb. costs-\$220.28; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.57; Crowne Plaza Kearney-lodging-\$649.75; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$35.60; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple-court appointed attorney-\$1,476.50; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$1,418.39; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Madison County Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-training-\$177.14; Madison National Life-premiums-\$54.20; Magdanz-supplies-\$191.31; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,490.88; MIPS-IT, website, microfilming-\$2,698.99; NE NE News-ads-\$329.11; NE State Fire Marshall Agency-inspection-\$120.00; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$186.00; Pierce Co Treasurer-transfers to Pierce Co Economic Development-\$12,010.64; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,897.29; Pip Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$129.49; Plainview News-ads-\$1,085.48; Prime Stop-gas-\$241.03; Vickie Prince-reimb. costs-\$220.00; Quill-supplies-\$302.29; Region IV-1st quarter billing-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,205.36; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$448.00; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transportation-\$475.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$318.26; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$561.75; Payroll-\$64,131.67.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$157.92; Appera-uniforms-\$95.80; B's Enterprises-blades-\$6,980.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$116.98; Cornhusker Intl-repairs-\$1,437.39; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$106.38; Filtercare of NE-services-\$103.95; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$54,537.50; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$353.73; Magdanz-supplies-\$45.91; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$5.58; McLean Village-utilities-\$78.90; Menards-supplies-\$42.76; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,650.86; Midwest Service & Sales Co-repair parts-\$286.00; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$21.42; NE Machinery LLC-repairs & parts-\$2,721.20; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$292.52; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$1,208.42; Pierce Telephone-service-\$177.69; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$9.91; Plainview Telephone-service-\$96.63; City of Plainview-utilities-\$80.45; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,310.43; Sapp Brothers-oil-\$860.00; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$664.84; West Hodson Lumber Co-supplies-\$6,452.98; Payroll-\$35,991.64.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; NE NE News Co-ad-\$7.07; Osmond City-revitalization plan-\$10,000.00; Plainview News-ad-\$17.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$344.12.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$46.64; CenturyLink-service-\$63.82; Osmond Rural Fire District-reimb. pager service-\$600.00; Page My Cell-Plainview pager service-\$600.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$136.29; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$148.90; Pierce Telephone-service-\$318.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

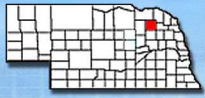
COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$215.15.

Discussion was held on hiring a full-time highway superintendent and bridge inspector.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether, Chairman
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

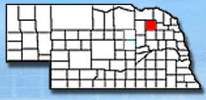


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I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such 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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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 23, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Co. Assessor Bailey Backer, Jim Schmit, Kent Shirley, Jeremy Kyndl, Mike Herbst, Dave Dixon, Christopher Gerdes, Cindy Gerdes 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 Wragge called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Wragge 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 Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved as printed.

Robert Latimer and Ben Fuller with Summit Carbon Project updated the Board on the carbon pipeline project coming thru Pierce County.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903/Bridge#C007012405. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. Five bids were received: Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA at a total cost of \$1,183,186.10 with a start date of August 7, 2023; Herbst Construction Inc., Lemars, IA at a total cost of \$1,223,655.00 with a start date of August 7, 2023; JJK Construction LLC, Ceresco, NE at a total cost of \$1,389,640.55 with a start date of August 4, 2023; Lincoln Midwest Infrastructure Inc, Lincoln, NE at a total cost of \$1,414,193.33 with a start date of September 1, 2023; and Simon Construction, North Platte, NE at a total cost of \$1,638,000.00 with a start date of September 5, 2024.

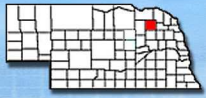
Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and award the bid to Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA at a total cost of \$1,183,186.10 with a start date of August 7, 2023 pending review of the bid by Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903/Bridge#C007012405. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a two special designated liquor licenses for Kay Hunt for events on Saturday, April 29, 2023 and Saturday, August 26, 2023, both from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Osmond North Project, billing Marshall Petersen for remaining costs for said project and installing cameras at the four road shops.

McLean Village Clerk Christopher Gerdes and McLean Village Board member Cindy Gerdes were present to discuss snow removal for McLean Village by the Pierce County Road Dept. In the past Pierce County opened McLean in exchange for utilities but now McLean has started billing Pierce County for this service therefore the county will need to bill for snow removal at the cost of \$150/machine & person. Board directed Clerk Wragge to make an agreement between Pierce County and McLean Village for snow removal and bill accordingly.

Deputy Dan Hallock visited with the Board about placing tool boxes in sheriff's vehicles to be paid from county road budget because this is where the vehicles go to after sheriff's use instead of using as a trade in. The Board unanimously agreed to pay for the tool boxes for all the sheriff vehicles.



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Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$95.00; Alcolock USA-supplies-\$129.80; All Hours Towing LLC-service-\$167.00; Antelope County Sheriff-paper service-\$65.00; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$40.50; Classic Rentals-service-\$376.50; Dollar General-supplies-\$29.85; Elite Court Reporting Service Inc-court reporting-\$334.05; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & office supplies-\$277.34; Ann Fenton-reimbursed mileage-\$43.84; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$209.01; Harold Hansen-prior service-\$23.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-\$224.89; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Aaron Keck-reimbursed mileage-\$10.65; BJ Koeppe-reimbursed mileage-\$21.79; Mary Kruger-reimbursed mileage-\$20.48; Verlyn Luebbe-prior service-\$46.16; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$29.14; Gwendolyn Mattson-prior service-\$57.70; Maximus Inc-2021 costs-\$650.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-quarterly costs-\$14,400.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,213.13; National Sheriffs Assn-dues-\$71.00; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-tires-\$599.67; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$186.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$172.00; Irma O'Neal-prior service-\$46.16; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$507.89; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$255.30; Physicians Laboratory PC-blood test-\$195.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$739.71; Plainview News-ads-\$84.44; Prime Stop-gas-\$177.99; Quill-office supplies-\$95.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,984.29; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; Carol Sokol-prior service-\$92.32; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$358.86; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,326.08; US Postal Service-postage-\$1,000.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$424.85; VISA-jail supplies-\$147.58; Western Oil-gas-\$249.47; Julie Wingert-prior service-\$11.54; Winner's Circle-supplies-\$28.50; Lori Wragge-reimburse mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,447.39.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$90.54; B's Enterprises Inc-signs-\$3,820.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$2,066.05; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-prisoner medical-\$150.00; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,919.99; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$240.89; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$5,391.95; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$652.35; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$2,462.85; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$6,089.64; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,256.98; N&B Gas Co-propane-\$1,432.18; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$151.35; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$5.98; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$429.08; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,946.19; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$333.95; Tom's Service-gas-\$924.41; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$205.48; Western Oil-gas-\$107.27; Payroll-\$30,834.37.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$1,056.22; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-quarterly costs-\$800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$72.53; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.16; Plainview News-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

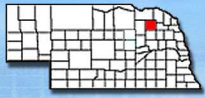
The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:19 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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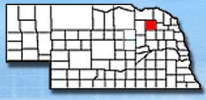


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/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk



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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 6, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Ext. Agent Ann Fenton and UNL Educator Amy Topp and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

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Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 23, 2023 were approved as printed.

Extension Agent Ann Fenton and UNL Educator Ann Topp was present and updated the Board on the direction of the NE Extension offices and asked for the approval for the appointment of Dan Unseld and Kim Huwaldt to the extension board for a 3-year term.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the appointment of Dan Unseld to District 1 and Kim Huwaldt to District 2 to the Pierce County Extension Board for a 3-year term. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for certain quantities of culverts, gravel, signs & blades with bids to be opened Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Pierce Community Organization for an event on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on mowing of roadways. Clerk Wragge was directed to place an ad in the newspapers asking for public input on whether the county should continue to mow the roads twice a year or put back on the landowner/renters and if not done then county does it at \$100 per mile with bill placed in with tax statements.

Discussion was held on removing land lines from the county shops and placing cameras at the county shops. No decision was made.

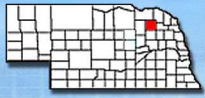
Discussion was held on the Application for 41 Undercrossing/ROWs for Turnkey Logistics on behalf of SCS Carbon Transit LLC for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project in Pierce County. A Road Use Agreement has been presented to Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for review. No decisions were made.

Approval of the Agreement with Dixon Construction Co. for the Osmond South JEO #211903/Bridge #C007012405 was tabled.

Marlin Schmit was present to ask Commissioner Albers about filling in a ditch on his property and placing a possible culvert. Albers will look at it.

Discussion was held on the placing of 911 signs at driveways, shop safety meetings and minimum maintenance roads.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2022 Jail Standards Report; fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for January 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for January 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$2,098,889.44 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.



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GENERAL FUND: Black Hills Energy-service-\$47.70; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$9.00; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$359.85; Eakes Office-supplies, contract fees-\$369.77; Ann Fenton-mileage-\$22.93; Holiday Inn-lodging-\$129.95; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$314.80; Madison National Life-life ADD, LTD premiums-\$54.20; Magdanz-supplies-\$295.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,277.43; MIPS-IT support, website-\$2,773.99; NE NE News-ads-\$554.59; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-2023 dues-\$50.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$169.99; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$63.94; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage, meals & mileage-\$231.36; Pierce City-utilities-\$4,405.30; Prime Stop-gas-\$244.75; Quill-supplies-\$209.82; R&D Welding-repairs-\$14.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,045.70; Schroeder Land Surveying-corner ties-\$3,560.00; Security Shredding-services-\$105.00; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$448.00; Terminix-services-\$91.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$401.21; Tom's Services-gas-\$1,189.30; US Postal Service-meter mail-\$5,500.00; Payroll-\$61,287.67.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$847.07; B's Enterprises-blades & signs-\$3,820.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$1,054.51; Bomgaars-supplies-\$289.83; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-\$668.59; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$106.38; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineer services-\$36,066.25; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$259.80; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$832.64; Lawson Products-supplies-\$637.71; Lind-Gubbels Inc-repair parts-\$128.26; Magdanz-supplies-\$179.41; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; Meisinger Oil Co-supplies-\$7,504.67; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,480.05; NE Glass-repairs-\$1,000.00; NE Power-utilities-\$248.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$3,617.40; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$146.45; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-title-\$10.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$198.09; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$20.97; R&D Welding-service-\$8.16; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-diesel-\$3,355.38; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,143.01; Tom's Service-gas-\$944.38; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$29.98; Payroll-\$33,750.37.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$72.53; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$49.03; CenturyLink-service-\$68.85; NE Emergency Service Communications-service-\$75.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$160.65.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$344.12.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$458.80; Menards-supplies-\$184.20; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs-\$140.00.

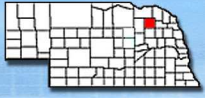
There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:28 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Tom Kuether
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



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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 23, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Co. Assessor Bailey Backer, Jim Schmit, Kent Shirley, Jeremy Kyndl, Mike Herbst, Dave Dixon, Christopher Gerdes, Cindy Gerdes 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 Wragge called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Wragge 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 Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved as printed.

Robert Latimer and Ben Fuller with Summit Carbon Project updated the Board on the carbon pipeline project coming thru Pierce County.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903/Bridge#C007012405. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. Five bids were received: Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA at a total cost of \$1,183,186.10 with a start date of August 7, 2023; Herbst Construction Inc., Lemars, IA at a total cost of \$1,223,655.00 with a start date of August 7, 2023; JJK Construction LLC, Ceresco, NE at a total cost of \$1,389,640.55 with a start date of August 4, 2023; Lincoln Midwest Infrastructure Inc, Lincoln, NE at a total cost of \$1,414,193.33 with a start date of September 1, 2023; and Simon Construction, North Platte, NE at a total cost of \$1,638,000.00 with a start date of September 5, 2024.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and award the bid to Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA at a total cost of \$1,183,186.10 with a start date of August 7, 2023 pending review of the bid by Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903/Bridge#C007012405. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a two special designated liquor licenses for Kay Hunt for events on Saturday, April 29, 2023 and Saturday, August 26, 2023, both from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Osmond North Project, billing Marshall Petersen for remaining costs for said project and installing cameras at the four road shops.

McLean Village Clerk Christopher Gerdes and McLean Village Board member Cindy Gerdes were present to discuss snow removal for McLean Village by the Pierce County Road Dept. In the past Pierce County opened McLean in exchange for utilities but now McLean has started billing Pierce County for this service therefore the county will need to bill for snow removal

at the cost of \$150/machine & person. Board directed Clerk Wragge to make an agreement between Pierce County and McLean Village for snow removal and bill accordingly.

Deputy Dan Hallock visited with the Board about placing tool boxes in sheriff's vehicles to be paid from county road budget because this is where the vehicles go to after sheriff's use instead of using as a trade in. The Board unanimously agreed to pay for the tool boxes for all the sheriff vehicles.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$95.00; Alcolock USA-supplies-\$129.80; All Hours Towing LLC-service-\$167.00; Antelope County Sheriff-paper service-\$65.00; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$40.50; Classic Rentals-service-\$376.50; Dollar General-supplies-\$29.85; Elite Court Reporting Service Inc-court reporting-\$334.05; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & office supplies-\$277.34; Ann Fenton-reimbursed mileage-\$43.84; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$209.01; Harold Hansen-prior service-\$23.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-\$224.89; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Aaron Keck-reimbursed mileage-\$10.65; BJ Koeppe-reimbursed mileage-\$21.79; Mary Kruger-reimbursed mileage-\$20.48; Verlyn Luebbe-prior service-\$46.16; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$29.14; Gwendolyn Mattson-prior service-\$57.70; Maximus Inc-2021 costs-\$650.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-quarterly costs-\$14,400.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,213.13; National Sheriffs Assn-dues-\$71.00; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-tires-\$599.67; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$186.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$172.00; Irma O'Neal-prior service-\$46.16; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$507.89; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$255.30; Physicians Laboratory PC-blood test-\$195.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$739.71; Plainview News-ads-\$84.44; Prime Stop-gas-\$177.99; Quill-office supplies-\$95.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,984.29; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; Carol Sokol-prior service-\$92.32; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$358.86; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,326.08; US Postal Service-postage-\$1,000.00; Verizon Wireless-service-\$424.85; VISA-jail supplies-\$147.58; Western Oil-gas-\$249.47; Julie Wingert-prior service-\$11.54; Winner's Circle-supplies-\$28.50; Lori Wragge-reimburse mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,447.39.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$90.54; B's Enterprises Inc-signs-\$3,820.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$2,066.05; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC-prisoner medical-\$150.00; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,919.99; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$240.89; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$5,391.95; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$652.35; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$2,462.85; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$6,089.64; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,256.98; N&B Gas Co-propane-\$1,432.18; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$151.35; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$5.98; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$429.08; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,946.19; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$333.95; Tom's Service-gas-\$924.41; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$205.48; Western Oil-gas-\$107.27; Payroll-\$30,834.37.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$1,056.22; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-quarterly costs-\$800.00; Midwest Bank,

NA-co share-\$72.53; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.16; Plainview News-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:19 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 6, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, EMS Bobbi Risor, Tim Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Ken Beaudette, Jarod Dendinger 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 21, 2023 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on problem bridges that need work.

Discussion was held on the two bid quotes received for the installation of panic distress buttons for the courthouse as the present ones do not work and were tied in with the old fire alarm system. The Courthouse Safety Committee was present to present the two bids: Jenkins Electric at a cost of \$18,485.71 for 24 hard wired buttons and Applied Connective at a cost of \$8,166.00 for the installation and hardware (35 thumb drive buttons) with an included cost of \$180.00 per month for managed services. Jarod Dendinger with Applied Connective, Albion, NE, was present to discuss the quote submitted to the Safety Committee for panic distress buttons for the courthouse. Applied Connective is the courthouse IT.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the bid quote with Applied Connective to install at a cost of \$8,166.00 for the installation and hardware for 35 panic distress thumb drive buttons with an included cost of \$180.00 per month for managed services. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Region 11 EMS Bobbi Risor and Norfolk Fire Chief Tim Wragge were present to explain to the County Board the new "Direct Report" changes and to implement the changes into the current Region 11 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman, County Clerk and Attorney to sign the updated Region 11 Interlocal Agreement with the "Direct Report" change. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the Salamander Program, 5 tracking apps that helps with tracking emergency workers if a disaster would happen. Pierce County will have 2 apps, Pierce City will have 2 apps and Osmond City will have 1 app for a total cost of \$750.00 split between the 3 entities, with the entities reimbursing Pierce County for their portion.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NE-Pierce County EM Salamander Renewal Agreement for April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Weinrich Lot Split in pt NE ¼ NE ¼ 27-25-1.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Weinrich Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ NE ¼ Section 27, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on County Burial Application #2023-1. No decision was made and was tabled for lack of application information.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the under crossing of a county road for Randy Gansebom, with a 2.5" electric line, approximately 1,320' north of 862 Rd, between Sections 10/11, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Application for 41 Undercrossing/ROWs for Turnkey Logistics on behalf of SCS Carbon Transit LLC for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project in Pierce County. A Road Use Agreement has been presented to Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for review. No decisions were made.

Discussion was held on road shop cameras that the Board will be moving forward with and getting bid quotes from Plainview Telephone Co.

Discussion was held on mowing of roadways. Clerk Wragge had been directed to place an ad in the newspapers asking for public input on whether the county should continue to mow the roads twice a year or put back on the landowner/renters and if not done then county does it at a cost per mile with bill placed in with tax statements. The County Board heard both ways from the public. No decision was made.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, Co. Sheriff, for January 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for February 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for February 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,567,511.95 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed costs-\$441.75; Black Hills Energy-service-\$51.61; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$121.91; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$210.79; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$252.26; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,307.58; MIPS-IT services-\$2,698.99; NACO-registrations-\$30.00; NE NE News Co-ads-\$581.07; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$15.99; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$367.50; Pierce Dental Office-prisoner medical-\$303.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,867.19; Pierce City-utilities-\$4,378.86; Prime Stop-gas-\$82.85; Vickie Prince-reimb. travel expenses-\$668.69; Quill-supplies-\$277.39; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,033.04; State of NE-network server-\$448.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$605.80; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$523.54; Payroll-\$61,162.97.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-crushed concrete-\$2,710.20; Ag & Industrial Equipment-repair parts-\$155.00; Bomgaars-supplies-\$130.15; Dd Steel-repairs-\$12.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$36,242.50; Lawson Products-supplies-\$1,228.27; Magdanz-supplies-\$29.99; Martin Marietta Materials-rock-\$1,077.48; Matheson-supplies-\$78.31; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$5,127.20; Menards-supplies-\$26.93; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,335.19; NE Weed Control Assn-registration-\$150.00; Northeast Power-utilities-\$265.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$311.22; Pierce Telephone-service-\$177.40; Pierce City-utilities-\$217.24; City of Plainview-utilities-\$88.35; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,998.07; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$839.96; Warren Garage Door Inc-repairs-\$403.75; Payroll-\$31,856.78.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$72.53; NE NE News Co-ads-\$37.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$49.03; CenturyLink-service-\$64.05; Pierce Telephone-service-\$139.29.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$149.45; Pierce Telephone-service-\$325.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$344.12.

INHERITANCE FUND: Estate of Eugene Milander-refund CS PR 21-38-\$54.98.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$122.41.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 20, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Dave Praeuner, Jacob Braithwait, Tim Braithwait, Ryan Hamilton, Todd Willard, Mike Herbst 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 6, 2023 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to honor and accept all sealed bids as presented by each vendor for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, with some of the bids only stating a 30-to-90-day acceptance cost from today. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the gas pipeline undercrossing of a county road by NuStar Pipeline in pt SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on county equipment to sell by sealed bids or online auction company. No decision was made.

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 27 tax sale certificates amounting to \$42,525.30 as of Monday, March 20, 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. The Pierce County Treasurer's Office sold a total of 27 tax sale certificates amounting to \$42,525.30 as of Monday, March 20, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the McLean South Bridge #13935 JEO Project #211865. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. Three bids were received: Herbst Construction, Inc. Lemars, IA at a total cost of \$722,113.00 with a start date of January 15, 2024; Lincoln-Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. Lincoln, NE at a total cost of \$654,216.00 with a start date of September 5, 2023 and Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve and accept the bid from Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023

pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a grant to purchase stop signs. Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald will look into applying for said grant.

Discussion was held on a Change Order for the Plainview South Project and the Willard Bridge. No decisions were made and will be placed on next agenda.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads for 2023.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, The County will not be mowing the roads in 2023 and the responsibility is on the landowners to mow all roadway ditches running along their land twice a year, before July 15th and again before September 15th. If the County has to mow the cost to the landowner will be \$300.00 per mile. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,245.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Classic Rentals-service-\$224.60; Rhonda Cortner-mileage-\$200.43; Crowne Plaza Kearney-lodging-\$311.36; Dollar General-supplies-\$67.35; Floor Maint. & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$599.58; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Hilltop Drugs Itc-prisoner meds-\$45.76; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-\$28.34; Jones Automotive-repairs-\$43.59; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Nan Kment-mileage-\$33.58; BJ Koeppe-reimbursed mileage-\$21.79; Mary Kruger-reimbursed mileage-\$20.48; LexisNexis-software-\$168.00; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$27.62; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-administrative costs-\$840.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,203.21; NE Assn of Co. Extension Boards-dues & registration-\$140.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$354.00; Norfolk City-Region 11 EMS 2023-2024 FY support-\$19,658.00; NE Glass-repairs-\$660.00; NE Planning & Zoning Assn-dues-\$110.00; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$335.61; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$283.16; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$2,434.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$554.30; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$54.38; Plainview News-ads-\$1,052.52; Quill-office supplies-\$174.96; Region IV Behavioral Health-quarterly support-\$5,759.75; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,992.25; Security Shredding-services-\$140.00; Sirchie-jail supplies-\$112.57; Joseph Smith-attorney costs-\$201.25; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transporting-\$600.00; Stratton, Delay, Doe, Carlson PC LLC-attorney costs-\$2,272.04; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$483.26; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$587.77; Weston Torson-meals & gas-\$111.44; Dan Unseld-mileage-\$29.65; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.03; VISA-jail supplies-\$234.34; Western Oil-gas-\$367.96; Lori Wragge- mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,544.62.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Pat Abbenhaus-reimbursed supplies-\$56.18; Alpha Workforce Health-drug testing-\$25.00; Appera-service-\$96.90; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$8,749.13; Bauer Built Inc-repair parts-\$6,545.15; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,400.66; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,958.80; Lonnie Carlson-reimbursed supplies-\$49.56; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$149.88; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$161.66; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$518.87; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$8,198.98; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$106.41; Filter Care of NE-repairs-\$62.75; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$1,369.74; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$386.76; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$664.38; Manzer Equipment Inc-repairs-\$3,276.35;

McLean Village-utilities-\$95.25; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$5,285.35; Menards-supplies-\$123.81; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,384.73; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-\$3,400.29; NC PPD-utilities-\$262.59; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,200.12; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$565.15; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$487.96; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$97.43; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$483.56; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-\$85.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,041.75; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$661.96; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-\$325.80; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$358.90; Tom's Service-gas-\$840.09; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$460.98; West-Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$4,836.90; Western Oil-gas-\$47.00; Payroll-\$32,504.09.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: Danko Emergency Equipment- equipment for Pierce-\$20,000.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$1,056.22; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.16; Plainview News-ads-\$17.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: Midwest Card and ID Solutions LLC-5 subscriptions to the Salamander Program-\$750.00; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

Discussion was held on the installing of cameras at the county shops.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 3, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock, Ben Fuller 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 20, 2023 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the Pierce Neligh Rd Project and change orders for said project, Willard Bridge, McLean South & Breslau bridge/culvert projects

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve Change Order #2 for the Pierce Neligh Rd 543-544 Avenue Unbonded Concrete Overlay JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction, Plainview, with an increase in cost of \$588,623.73 to add 2 miles to said project with new total of \$1,378,726.65. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve Change Order #3 for the Pierce Neligh Rd 543-544 Avenue Unbonded Concrete Overlay JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction, Plainview, with an increase in cost of \$1,212,553.80 to add Plainview South Overlay JEO Project #220075 to said project with new total of \$2,591,280.45. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Applications for 41 Undercrossing/ROWs for Turnkey Logistics on behalf of SCS Carbon Transit LLC for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project in Pierce County. Ben Fuller with Summit Carbon Solutions was present and answered questions the board had. A Road Use Agreement has been presented to Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for review. No decisions were made.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application for the under crossing of a county road for Robert Petersen with a 6" electric line, approximately 1,300' west of 546 Ave, in pt of the SE ¼ Section 1, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application for Two Rivers Irrigation, Neligh, for Gene Thomsen & Scott Clark for the under crossing of a county road, with a 2" electric line, approximately 1,300' east of 536 Ave, in pt of the SW ¼ Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on county equipment to sell by sealed bids or online auction company. It was decided to not sell county equipment at this time.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Ada, Idaho County Sheriff-court fees-\$55.00; American Legion Emblem Sales-grave markers-\$247.95; Black Hills Energy-service-\$51.73; Capital One-equipment, supplies-\$222.98; Crowne Plaza-lodging-\$269.90; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$35.60; Ann Fenton reimburse expenses-\$45.69; Jenkins Electric-remodeling-\$663.15; Love Signs-supplies-\$333.18; Madison Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$76.95; Madison Natl Life Ins. Co-premiums-\$54.20; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,357.72; MIPS-IT supplies-\$324.99; NE Assn of Co Treasurers-supplies-\$265.00; NE Assn of Co. Assessors-registration-\$60.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$22.48; Pierce Automotive Supply-repairs-\$13.98; Pierce District Court-court fees-\$72.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,556.73; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$274.35; Prime Stop-gas-\$232.00; Quill-supplies-\$77.76; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,030.98; Sirchie-supplies-\$23.27; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$448.00; Stratton,DeLay,Doele,Carlson-court appointed attorney-\$1,263.48; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$414.53; Tom's Services-gas & repairs-\$666.36; TWD Lock Safe & Key-repairs-\$809.00; Payroll-\$61,164.92.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Ag Express Electronics-repairs-\$713.81; Ag Heaters & Industrial Equip-repair parts-\$86.17; AKRS Equipment-repair parts-\$55.50; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts & signs-\$4,603.00; Bomgaars-supplies, equipment-\$1,438.75; Eastern NE Trailer-repair parts-\$93.05; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$32,108.75; Jerry's Hilltop-gasoline-\$289.17; Lawson Products-supplies-\$881.45; Lon's Johns-service-\$316.25; M&M Sanitation-service-\$90.00; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$273.78; Meisinger Oil-diesel-\$8,438.80; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,354.14; Midwest Service & Sales-supplies-\$275.00; Northeast Power-utilities-\$236.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$1,056.00; Overhead Door-repairs-\$2,313.00; Pierce Automotivie Supply-repair parts-\$635.18; Pierce City-utilities-\$212.71; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$15.52; Powerplan-repair parts-\$166.95; R&D Welding-parts-\$35.00; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel, gas-\$2,877.68; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair parts-\$311.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,014.74; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$424.79; West Hodson Lumber-crushed concrete-\$9,689.24; Payroll-\$32,104.25.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$172.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$201.98; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$49.03; CenturyLink-service-\$64.05; Jenkins Electric-remodeling repairs-\$8,707.37.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$149.45.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Jenkins Electric-remodeling repairs-\$3,535.28; West Hodson Lumber Co-supplies-\$179.25.

Sheriff Rick Eberhardt and Deputy Co. Sheriff Dan Hallock were present to update the county board on the implementation of the state wide radio system in Pierce Co.

Discussion held on hiring of additional road workers.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 17, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 3, 2023 were approved as printed.

Assessor Jean Lubke visited with the Board about needing to have her own vehicle as it was hard to share with other offices when there is so much appraisal work to complete. Board was going to work on a solution for the assessor's office.

Discussion was held on the carbon pipeline.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 3

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer of from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the months of January, February and March 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$9,602.57	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$9,602.57</u>	
Total	\$9,602.57	

Dated this 17th day of April, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of two special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events on Friday, May 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., 2023 and one on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the McLean South Bridge #13935 JEO Project No. 211865 with Theisen Construction Inc, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Willard Bridge.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve Rick Higgins to replace and complete term for Marilyn Meier on the Visitor Bureau Board with term to expire January 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on doing a sign & culvert audit report as directed by NIRMA.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the carbon pipeline.

Sheriff Rick Eberhardt was present to discuss the vehicle situation with Assessors office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff, for February and March 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for March 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for March 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,944,502.49 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-services-\$2,321.41; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-paper service-\$185.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$4,479.11; Big Red Printing Inc-supplies-\$726.76; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Central Plains Valuation LLC-software & support-\$8,000.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$216.46; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & supplies-\$518.23; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple-court appointed counsel-\$1,950.50; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$179.95; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Lorenz Automotive-supplies-\$23.98; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; MidAmerican Adm. & Retirement Solutions-April, May & June 23 funded HRA-\$14,000.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,298.92; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,698.99; NACO-directories-\$63.00; NE NE News-publishing-\$677.64; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-registration-\$150.00; NMC Exchange LLC-service to generator-\$1,038.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$1,989.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$186.91; Pierce Co Court-court cost-\$17.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$334.43; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage, meals, supplies etc.-\$286.12; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to PCED Fund-\$9,607.57; Pierce Dental Office-prisoner dental-\$1,082.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$1,875.88; Prime Stop-gas-\$229.55; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies-\$227.39; Quill-supplies-\$134.89; Region IV-quarterly billing-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,975.19; NE Secretary of State-supplies-\$10.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Terminix-service-\$91.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$526.09; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$633.49; Verizon-service-\$425.03; VISA-postage-\$480.00; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$580.33; Payroll-\$60,388.94.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appera-uniforms-\$119.75; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$3,270.08; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$5,881.37; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,091.54; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,015.72; Chad's Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$542.50; Classic Rentals-service-\$247.37; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$634.05; Dd Steel-supplies-\$72.22; Farmer's Pride-diesel & propane-\$4,570.50; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$107.21; Filtercare of NE-services-\$75.05; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc-gravel-\$275.58; Kayton International-repair parts-\$255.00; Lazy T Tire & Implement-repairs-\$109.40; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$767.55; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$647.51; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; McLean Village-utilities-\$111.43; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$3,047.17; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,359.54; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$34.12; N & B Gas Co-gas-\$1,243.51; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-gas-\$54.50; NE NE News Co-ads-\$123.60; NMC-repair parts-\$2,146.98; Norfolk Auto Center-repairs-\$69.00; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$231.99; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$493.45; Paul's Welding-supplies-\$114.52; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$96.00; Pierce Telephone-services-\$177.00; Plainview Telephone-telephone services-\$96.12; City of Plainview-utilities-\$88.35; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$951.96; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair parts-\$66.36; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,019.54; Safety Kleen-repairs-\$295.78; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$1,192.95; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-\$625.19; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$234.44; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$578.90; Western Oil-gas-\$385.17; Payroll-\$32,174.95.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-\$300.00; Village of Hadar-grant-\$300.00; Hadar Volunteer Fire & Rescue-grant-\$500.00; NE NE News Co-ads-\$5.50; Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau-grant-\$1,500.00; Osmond United Methodist Church-grant-\$500.00; Pfanny's Farm-grant-

\$500.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-grant-\$500.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$6.24.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Osmond Community Club-grant-\$1,000.00; Osmond Park Board-grant-\$1,000.00; Plainview Klown Doll Museum-grants-\$1,000.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premiums -\$1,056.22; MidAmerican Adm. & Retirement Solutions-April, May & June funded HRA-\$800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; NE NE News Co-ads-\$14.07; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$16.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: Pierce Telephone-services-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-service-\$45.30; RS Technologies Inc-software support-\$500.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-services-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$344.12.

COURTHOUSE JAIL & SINKING FUND: Flooring Solutions LLC-remodeling project-\$50.00; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$647.14; Kuether Ranch-remodeling project in Treasurers office-\$4,500.00; Tom Kuether-reimb. supplies from Menards for remodeling project-\$323.50.

Discussion was held on the PCED agreement.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:46 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Seth Harder, Ben Fuller, Brent Niese, Erik Schouaner, Matt Munro 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 17, 2023 were approved as printed.

Ben Fuller, Brent Niese, Erik Schouaner, Matt Munro with Summit Carbon Solutions and Seth Harder with Husker Ag was present to visit with the Board about the carbon pipeline project.

Discussion was held on the bridge inspector position for 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Randy Stromberg to inspect the bridges that need to be done in 2023 at a cost of \$125.00 per bridge with the option of increase if fuel costs continue to rise. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to amend today's agenda to correct Resolution 2023-5 as a transfer of \$1,500,000.00 from General to Road Bridge (RB). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Approve Resolution #2023-5 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 5

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$3,785,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,500,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution #2023-4 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 4

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the month of April 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$4,168.64	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$4,168.64</u>	
Total	\$4,168.64	

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the interlocal between Pierce County and PCED.

Discussion was held on applying for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2024 with NE DEQ.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Clerk to apply for grant funds for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2024 with Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division, with the project to be held at the Pierce Shop if granted. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Von Rentzell Lot Split and re-appointing past members to the Planning & Zoning Board, but also 3 others are needed on the board and an ad has been placed in the newspapers.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Aaron Von Rentzel Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ Section 1, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following to a 3 Year Term (May 2023-May 2026) to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board: Larry Schaefer, Gerry Krueger, Dwaine Hoffman and Tom Nathan. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the carbon pipeline project.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Plainview Chamber of Commerce

for an event on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 86384 537 Ave, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for an event on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 4 underground crossings or occupy right-of-way applications.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application to occupy county ROW of a county road for Pierce City with a 2.25" electric line to power a tile pump, approximately 1,000' south of 855 Rd, in pt of the NE ¼ Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to approve the 3 applications for the under crossing/ROW applications of a county road for Midstates Data Transport/Turnkey Telecom Solutions with a 1.25" fiber optic line, all along Old Hadar Rd, in pt of Sections 32/33, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on updating the Application to Occupy/Undercross County Roads at the direction of NIRMA. Board unanimously agreed it did need updated. Clerk Wragge will work on the updating and bring before the Board for approval.

Discussion was held on County Burial 2023-3.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve County Burial 2023-3 as submitted. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the NACO health & dental plans for the 23/24 FY that are coming up for renewal.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: American Legion Emblem Sales-grave markers-\$633.35; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-paper service-\$18.00; Capital One-supplies-\$119.88; Maria Izabel Chavez-interpreter-\$150.00; Consolidated Management Co-meals-\$65.50; Dollar General-supplies-\$65.85; Eakes-supplies-\$239.83; Ann Fenton-mileage-\$268.22; Hilltop Drugs-prisoner medical-\$15.69; Madison National Life-monthly premiums-\$54.20; Midstates Organized Crime-membership-\$200.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,266.07; NACO-registration-\$250.00; NE Health & Human Services-March 23 Boarding-\$183.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center-tuition & lodging-\$582.00; One Office-supplies-\$574.98; Physlab-autopsy-\$2,050.00; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer \$1,500,000.00 to RB and \$4,168.64 to PCED; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$34.87; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,121.38; Plainview News-ads-\$344.02; Prime Stop-gas-\$144.11; Quill-supplies-\$759.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,983.05; Schroeder Land Surveying-set corners-\$1,155.00; Sirchie-supplies-\$23.27; St of NE-network server-\$448.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,200.18; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$946.45; US Postal Service-meter postage-\$500.00; Payroll-\$60,478.09.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$20,436.46; Bomgaars-supplies-\$418.86; Clean Sweep Industries Inc-repair parts-\$492.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$5,815.81; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$15,073.75; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$358.55; Lawson Products-supplies-\$619.03; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$162.84; Matteo

Sand & Gravel Co Inc-gravel-\$8,713.46; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$5,104.55; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,317.27; Northeast Glass-repairs-\$1,000.00; Northeast Power-utilities-\$234.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repairs-\$1,001.21; Pierce City-utilities-\$209.06; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$62.12; Plainview News-ads-\$96.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,982.26; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$437.21; Payroll-\$31,622.51.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; Plainview News-ads-\$18.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.78; CenturyLink-service-\$63.91; NE NE News-ad-\$7.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$149.11.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND: Danko Emergency Equipment-Hadar Fire Dept fire equipment-\$20,000.00.

The Board tabled the quarterly jail and courthouse inspection.

County Attorney Ted Lohrberg and Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to go into executive session regarding personnel. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to come out of executive session regarding personnel. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt was present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to go into executive session regarding personnel. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to come out of executive session regarding personnel. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:33 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 15, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Deputy Co. Treasurer Heidi Erickson, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter Brian Schlote, David Hoffmann, Randall Wolken, Walter & Ronda Kennedy, Ben Fuller, Brent Niese, Jason Von Rentzell, Kenley Silhacek, Rick Bretschneider, Heidi Borg 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 1, 2023 were approved as printed.

Applied Connective IT Kenley Silhacek was present and discussed with the Board the networking for the courthouse and Planning & Zoning/PCED office.

BOLD NE & NE Easement Action Team was not able to be present to give information about the cons of the carbon pipeline. Discussion was still held among those present about the carbon pipeline.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman, Co. Clerk & Co Attorney to sign the updated NE NE Regional E911 Interlocal Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Approve the application for the under crossing of a county road for Cedar Feedlots for a 3" electric line, approximately 1,320' east of 551 Ave, in pt of the NW ¼ Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-9 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023 - 9

PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, an engineering study was made of the intersection of County Avenue 539 Avenue with 858 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, the findings of the engineering study revealed obstacles to visibility resulting in an unsafe condition that can be remedied by stopping east and west bound vehicles at the intersection of County Avenue 539 with 858 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the east and westbound vehicles be stopped at the intersection of County Avenue 539 with 858 Road, Pierce County Nebraska and that the necessary signs be installed.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following to a 3 Year Term (May 2023-May 2026) to the Pierce County Board of Adjustments: Dale Jaeger, Rich Lutz, Scott Kumm and Tom Nathan. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Approve Resolution #2023-7 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 7

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$3,785,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	<u>\$650,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$650,000.00</u>

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter discussed with the Board the openings on both the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment Boards and if the County Board knows of persons interested please have them contact Clerk Wragge or McWhorter.

Heidi Borg, Aide for US House of Representative Adrian Smith was present to give the Board an update of his office.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion held on the Pierce Neligh Rd Project, Stop Sign resolution and other problem roads and bridges.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #4 (add \$71,797.08 to adjust quantities with new total of \$2,663,077.53) and Pay Application #2 for \$1,065,749.68 for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:45 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application for GVR Family Limited Partnership to operate a medium cattle operation on property located in pt of the NE ¼ 36-28-2.

Chairman Kuether opened the 9:45 a.m. public hearing at 9:47 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Jason Von Rentzell 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 Kuether closed the hearing at 9:57 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-6 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023 – 6

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, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application of GVR Family Limited Partnership:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Waivers have been provided for homes within the ¼-mile setback.
4. The property is zoned A-1, Agriculture Intensive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to GVR Family Limited Partnership to operate a medium cattle operation of up to 999 head of feeder cattle under Section 402, Subsection B, Part 29, "A-1" Primary Agricultural District, Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

pt NE ¼ Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska (see attached for metes & bounds description)

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

Recommended Conditions:

1. This is a Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for the operation of up to 999 head of feeder cattle.

2. This Conditional Use Permit shall be for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of this resolution and may be renewed automatically pending no verifiable complaints.
3. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
4. DEQ permits shall be made part of the file.
5. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on 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 this 15th day of May 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lucas Popp with GWORKS did a Google Meet with the County Board to add a Road/Streets tab to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$6,000.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

Numerous County employees were present and discussion was held on the 2023-2024 premium rates and plans for the NACO health and dental plans.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize the Clerk to sign the NACO Sub-Group Application for the 2023/2024 fiscal year for the county health/dental insurance plan year with the following: Dental PPO BC/BS of NE dental plan with a paid premium for the employee only on dental at \$27.29 and Medical PPO BC/BS of NE Health Insurance plan with a \$2,600.00 deductible with a paid premium for the employee at \$1,070.96, for the employee/spouse or children at \$1,949.79 and for family at \$2,159.51 and approve a Funded Health Reimbursement Arrangement (Funded HRA) for active participating county employees in the health plan with the county contributing \$1,200 for single plan or \$2,800 for employee/spouse/children/family plan; all effective July 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-8 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-8

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska consent and agree that the following resolution was made and approved on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Pierce County Commissioners Meeting Room during a regular scheduled board meeting.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pierce County consent to adoption of Cash-In-Lieu as an option to our group medical insurance available to the elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, those elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska electing to participate in the Cash-In-Lieu option, after presenting notice of Proof of Coverage and submitting a signed Affidavit of Other Coverage to the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska be eligible for said cash-in-lieu benefits in the amount of \$550.00 monthly.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Cash-In-Lieu Option offered by National Insurance Services be offered to those elected officials and full time Pierce County employees wishing to participate according to the above requirements. Said Cash-In-Lieu payment shall be addressed as monthly income and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly.

This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2023

Dated this 15th day of May, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dustin Wills with Benefit Management was present to visit with the Board about how his company can assist in benefit management.

Beth Ferrell with NACO was present to give the Board updates on NACO & Legislation.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for April 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for April 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$4,938,787.69 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner housing-\$1,600.00; Applied Connective Technologies-service & software-\$3,242.80; Black Hills Energy-service-\$46.61; BCBS-health premiums-\$25,638.02; Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home-county burial 2023-3-\$2,435.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$229.48; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement-\$46.03; Ann Fenton-mileage & reimb. supplies-\$84.13; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$1,162.40; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Ted Lohrberg-reimb. subscription-\$540.00; Linda Mattson-reimburse supplies-\$168.38; Maximus-cost allocation plan-\$532.53; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,404.67; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,698.99; NACO Planning & Zoning-annual dues-\$40.00; Neligh Clinic LLC-prisoner medical-\$160.00; NE NE News-publishing-\$503.83; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$365.43; Pierce Co Court-court cost-\$157.50; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$280.44; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to Road-Bridge-\$650,000.00; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$1,832.19; Quill-supplies-\$592.53; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,110.77; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-removal & transportation-\$450.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$600.09; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$561.00; US Postal Service-CMRS-FP-postage-\$2,000.00; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$634.64; Payroll-\$62,290.07.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pierce Neligh Rd Project #211073-\$1,065,749.68; Appeara-uniforms-\$95.80; B's Enterprises-culverts & blades-\$18,190.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$14,623.57; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$4,392.96; Carlson Home & Auto Inc-supplies-\$515.75; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$630.86; Classic Rentals-service-\$200.18; Dd Steel-repair parts-\$72.22; Fastwyre-service-\$106.61; Filtercare-repairs-\$37.50; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$111.89; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$329.27; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$885.65; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$384.83; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$83.05; McLean Village-utilities-\$80.38; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,467.15; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,538.99; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$9.89; Nebraska Trucking-CDL training-\$349.00; NE NE News Company-ad-\$98.88; NMC-repair parts-\$975.87; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$246.77; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$2,904.04; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$308.90; Pierce Co Leader-ad-\$84.00; Pierce Telephone-services-\$178.62; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$307.26; Plainview Telephone-telephone services-\$96.77; City of Plainview-utilities-\$88.35; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-gas & diesel-\$3,400.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,177.93; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$312.00; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$915.46; Truck Center of Norfolk-repair parts-\$158.37; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete-supplies-\$1,012.30; Payroll-\$34,520.91.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premiums-\$1,056.22; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$72.53; NE NE News Co-publishing-\$7.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$19.68; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

E911 FUND: Pierce Telephone-services-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-service-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-services-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$1,005.85.

COURTHOUSE JAIL & SINKING FUND: Binswanger Glass-repairs-\$1,544.26.

BOND FUND: BOK Financial-principal & interest payment-\$257,658.75.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND: B's Enterprises Inc-911 sign posts-\$14,960.00.

Discussion was held on placing an ad in the newspapers, website and Facebook for part-time and full-time roadworkers, CDL's for roadworkers and on PCED.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
May 30, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Ken Beaudette, Richard Reed, Randy Wolken 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 15, 2023 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application for Richard & Jody Reed to build a home on less than 40 acres on property located in pt of the SE ¼ SW ¼ 20-26-4.

Chairman Kuether opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:15 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Richard Reed 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 Kuether closed the hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve Resolution #2023-10 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-10

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).

Finding of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive and meets the density requirements of the zoning district, will be the second 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 Richard and Jody Reed to build a home on less than 40 acres on the following described land:

Polt's Lotsplit #3 located in SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 20, 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 of 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.
7. The residential well must be at irrigation depth or deeper than the 4 surrounding irrigation wells.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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.

APPROVED and ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska this 30th day of May 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter discussed with the Board the opening on the Planning & Zoning Board and discussed the 5 applicants that submitted a letter of interest.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following to a 3 Year Term (May 2023-May 2026) to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board: Bonita Lederer. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Fred Weber with Porter & Co. PC was unable to appear at scheduled time and re-scheduled for the June 12, 2023 board meeting.

Madison County Veterans Service office employee Rachele Pospisil called and requested to be removed from the agenda.

Discussion was held on the implementation of the GWORKS Road/Streets tab/software to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$4,500.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

A call was placed to Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald and discussion held on the Pierce Neligh Rd Project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #5 (add \$14,927.32 to adjust quantities with new total of \$2,678,004.85) and Pay Application #3 for \$923,607.86 for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Eddie Bomar with NE Machinery and Ken Beaudette with Murphy Tractor were present and discussion was held on the purchasing of a new motor grader by state bids and or Sourcewell. This meeting will be recessed to Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to allow time for Murphy Tractor to submit a bid for a motor grader.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Avera-physical-\$150.00; Candlewood Suites Kearney-lodging-\$439.85; Cintas-supplies-\$228.34; Coast to Coast Solutions-supplies-\$586.12; Dollar General-supplies-\$61.05; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & supplies-\$601.82; GWorks-software & support-\$27,477.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$29.90; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$698.00; Kate M. Jorgensen-public defender-\$4,166.67; Nan Kment-mileage-\$33.58; Mary Kruger-mileage-\$20.48; Jean Lubke-reimb. supplies-\$79.97; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$29.65; MidAmerican Adm. & Retirement Solutions-adm. fees-\$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,625.65; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$538.94; NE Co. Attorney Association-dues-\$1,057.00; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$180.00; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-\$5,224.69; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$4,589.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$103.50; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$36.40; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,267.04; Plainview News-ads-\$273.26; Prime Stop North-gas-\$186.53; Quill-supplies-\$268.92; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,990.31; State of NE Central Finance-support-\$506.88; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$553.47; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$833.34; Dan Unseld-mileage-\$29.65; US Postal Service-metered mail-\$2,300.00; Verizon-service-\$424.76; VISA-supplies-\$63.77; Lori Wragge-mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,465.70.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Ag & Industrial Equipment-supplies-\$155.00; Bauer Built-repair parts-\$2,187.20; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$14,150.84; Black Hills Energy-gas-\$146.84; Bomgaars-supplies-\$57.95; Cintas-supplies-\$559.14; Jebro Inc-hot mix-\$4,480.20; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$37,317.50; Lind-Gubbels Inc-supplies-\$20.82; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$222.99; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,522.06; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,512.50; Northeast Power-utilities-\$225.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$1,831.46; Pierce City-utilities-\$186.37; Plainview News-ads-\$84.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,096.96; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$266.54; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-\$457.43; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,212.51; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$135.09; Payroll-\$32,842.70.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Gold Shovel-website & support-\$8,800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$137.34; News Channel Nebraska-ads-\$250.00; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.78; CenturyLink-service-\$63.81; Page My Cell-service-\$600.00.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$148.89.

HWY BOND FUND: A & R Construction Co- Pay App 3 for Pierce-Neligh Rd Project 211073-\$923,607.86.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to recess County Board meeting to Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Kuether recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2023 and will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Chairman Kuether reconvened the meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Ken Beaudette and Eddie Bomar 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 Kuether

called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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.

Eddie Bomar with NE Machinery and Ken Beaudette with Murphy Tractor were present and discussion was held on the purchasing of a new motor grader by state bids/Sourcwell. 2 Bid Quotes were submitted to the County Clerk.

The opening of sealed bid quotes per State Bids/Sourcwell Contract #032119 for one new motor grader less the trade-in of equipment #103, 2004 Cat 160H Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HVCCP00226. The bids were read in the presence of all present. Two bids were received from two companies: (1) Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2023 Cat 140 AWD Motor Grader, 0 hours, cost of \$354,250.10 less \$72,800 for trade in of one 2004 Cat 160H Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HVCCP00226 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$281,450.10 with a 5 years/5000 hours full warranty and \$12,000.00 parts credit and (1) Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Sioux City, IA: (1) 2023 John Deere 772G 6WD Motor Grader, 0 hours, cost of \$438,648.00 less \$75,000.00 for the trade-in of one 2004 Cat 160H Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HVCCP00226 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$363,648.00 with a 7 years/5000 hours full warranty.

Discussion was held on the motor grader bids received.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Kuether, to approve and accept the bid from (1) Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, NE: (1) 2023 Cat 140 AWD Motor Grader, 0 hours, cost of \$354,250.10 less \$72,800 for trade in of one 2004 Cat 160H Motor Grader S/N CAT0160HVCCP00226 with a total cost to Pierce County of \$281,450.10 with a 5 years/5000 hours full warranty and \$12,000.00 parts credit. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board did the quarterly jail and courthouse inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:16 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 12, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Jennie Martinez, Custodian Linda Mattson, EMS Bobbi Risor, Jeremy Tarr, PCED Susan Norris, Chad Anderson, Bradley Lewon, Mel Hoffmann, Steve Jessen, Doug Koehler, William Douglas, Alfred Homan, Leola Homan 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 30, 2023 were approved as printed.

Plainview, Pierce and Osmond Librarians were unable to be present, but submitted their requests via email. Discussion was held on the three local city library budget requests for 2023-2024 fiscal years. They had received \$30,000.00 or \$10,000 per library for the 22/23 fiscal year and they submitted a request for a \$6,000.00 increase for the 23/24 fiscal year or \$2,000 per library. 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, whom is responsible for levying such taxes, on or before August 1st (SS 77-3443). The County Board will then determine final allocation of levy authority for its subdivision on or before September 1st. No political subdivisions were present. It was recommended by the Board a 3% increase to the fire districts and ag society asking for levy allocation.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Bohemian One Stop for an event on Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application for Pierce Telephone Company to Occupy ROW and or Undercross county roads with fiber optic line north of Pierce on Old 98/550 Ave to 861 Rd and then east 2 miles. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following County Officials and Dept. Heads were present to meet with the Board on budget expectations and allowed increases for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year: Shannon Wragge, Jean Lubke, Susan Norris, Christine Bahr, Brett Rix, Linda Mattson, Rick Eberhardt, Heather McWhorter and Ted Lohrberg. The County Board would like everyone to keep their budget to no more than a 3% increase for the 23/24 fiscal year.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application for North Fork Cattle Company, LLC to operate a large cattle operation on property located in pt of the SE ¼ 19-27-2.

Chairman Kuether opened the 9:30 a.m. public hearing at 9:33 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Doug Koehler 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 Kuether closed the hearing at 9:36 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-12

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, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application of North Fork Cattle LLC:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. There are no homes inside the 1,980-foot setback requirement.
4. The property is zoned A-1 Agricultural Intensive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to North Fork Cattle LLC to operate a large cattle operation the following described land:

Part of the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County,

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

Recommended Conditions:

1. This is a Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for the operation of up to 1800 head of feeder cattle.
2. This Conditional Use Permit shall be for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of this resolution and may be renewed automatically pending no verifiable complaints.
3. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
4. DEQ permits shall be made part of the file.
5. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on 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.

APPROVED and ADOPTED at Pierce County, Nebraska this 12th day of June 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the North Fork Cattle Company LLC Lot Split in pt NE ¼ SE ¼ 19-27-2.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the North Fork Cattle Company LLC Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ SE ¼ in Section 19, T27N, R2W (12.68 acres), Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023 - 11

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated beginning July 1, 2014, regular funding or set aside funds can be used to pay salaries and consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software pursuant to wireless ratio.

THEREFORE, Pierce County is directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to transfer \$40,691.82 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:

\$40,691.82 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner and Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Steve Jessen and numerous people were present for the presentation of Epic Option by Jessen.

Discussion was held on LB644, directing of the joint budget hearings for the counties, cities, villages, schools and colleges for the 23/24 fiscal year budgets.

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

Discussion was held on the implementation of the GWORKS Road/Streets tab/software to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$4,500.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the hiring of roads workers and a fulltime Hwy Superintendent.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, Co Sheriff for April and May 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for May 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine

Bahr, County Treasurer, for May 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$6,084,260.91 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$142.50; American Legion Emblem-grave markers-\$1,600.75; Antelope Co Sheriff-prisoner housing-\$120.00; Applied Connective-IT services-\$3,242.80; Avera Medical Group-employee medical-\$150.00; Black Hills Energy-service-\$45.20; Charmtex-supplies-\$343.80; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$248.47; CNA Surety-notary expense-\$40.00; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland,Easland-court appointed attorney-\$943.44; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$2,472.58; Ann Fenton-reimb. travel-\$168.98; FP Finance Program-postage meter rent-\$154.09; Hilltop Drugs-prisoner medical-\$16.17; Jeffrey L Hrouda-court appointed attorney-\$1,327.25; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$2,195.80; Justice Data Solutions Inc-software support-\$2,900.00; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; M&M Sanitation-service-\$285.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,591.99; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,698.99; NE NE News Company-ads-\$482.35; NIRMA-23/24 FY liability insurance premium-\$147,507.00; One Office Solution-office supplies-\$662.38; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$149.50; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$347.96; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner-medical-53.91; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,754.07; Platte Co Detention Facility-jail school-\$175.00; Quill-supplies-\$1,232.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,591.99; Briton Rodenborg-reimburse travel-\$385.30; Secretary of State-notary expense-\$30.00; Sirchie-supplies-\$133.85; NE State Patrol-license fees-\$187.50; Terminex-yrly service fee-\$851.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$791.00; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$763.04; Western Oil-gas--\$174.07; Payroll-\$61,619.76.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AgHeaters-Ag & Industrial Equipment-service-\$148.78; Appeara-service-\$119.75; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts-\$25,534.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$32,690.23; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$855.04; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$233.26; Colonial Research-supplies-\$956.94; DD Steel-repair parts-\$144.44; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$5,423.28; Fastwyre-telephone-\$106.81; Filter Care-repairs-\$43.90; Heartland Fire Protection-service-\$1,875.30; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$52.57; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$1,404.47; Lawson Products-supplies-\$292.04; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$100.14; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$4,492.72; M&M Sanitation Service-service-\$90.00; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$516.36; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-supplies-\$85.42; McLean-utilities-\$72.90; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$3,165.48; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,459.97; NE Nebr News Co-ads-\$123.60; NE Machinery Co-repair parts-\$5,121.40; North Central PPD-service-\$190.89; Northeast Glass-repairs-\$1,340.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$2,695.98; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$22.67; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$96.00; Pierce Telephone Service-\$176.52; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$96.12; Plainview City-utilities-\$84.80; Randolph Farm Supply-gas, supplies-\$436.72; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,108.24; Safety-Kleen-service-\$369.79; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$420.30; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$745.59; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$53.56; West-Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$32.50; Western Oil-gas-\$278.86; Payroll-\$33,219.70.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; NE NE News-ads-\$7.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

911 FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Co Treasurer-transfer to general fund-\$40,691.82;
Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$45.30.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-software support-\$344.12.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:38 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 26, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, PCED Susan Norris, Jeremy Tarr, Bob Wehrer, Josh Sirek, Sandra Griffin, Kyler Carmichael, Lou Ann Reed, Shannon Reed, Jane Kleeb, Rich Lutz, Steve Dolesh, Rick Bretschneider, CPA Fred Weber, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 12, 2023 were approved as printed.

Jane Kleeb with BOLD NE and NE Easement Action was present on educating the public on the groups point of view on the carbon pipeline in Nebraska.

Pierce County Economic Development (PCED) Board were present to discuss with the County Board the Interlocal Agreement that needs amended as per the direction of the State and County Auditor whereas the position and budget should not be under the county budget authority but only a cash amount given to PCED and they act as a separate entity.

CPA Fred Weber with Porter & Company, PC, was present to present and discuss with the Board the 2021/2022 fiscal year audit report and the PCED budget.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to accept and approve the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Audit Report as submitted and placed on file in the Pierce County Clerk's office. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Steve Dolesh and EMS Deputy Rich Lutz were present to discuss with the Board an emergency plan for the 2023 Pierce County Fair.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2023 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald visited with the Board about bridge and road project currently being done.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #6 (minus \$11,598.32 to adjust quantities with new total of \$2,666,406.53) and Pay Application #4 for \$277,048.99 for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #2 (minus \$88,028.50 to adjust quantities with new total of \$162,938.10) and Pay Application # 2 (final) for \$-17,061.90 for the North 1st Remanipulation-JEO Project #211905 with Midwest Coatings, Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$18,500.00 for the Pierce Southwest-JEO Project #211418 with Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald called into meeting to discuss Bridge #01813 bid quote of approximately \$14,000.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign the bid quote of approximately \$14,000.00 for Bridge #01813 repair with Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$171,000.00 for the Osmond South-JEO Project #211903 with Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-13 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 13

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the month of May and June 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$10,090.92	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$10,090.92</u>	
Total	\$10,090.92	

Dated this 26th day of June, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was visited with the Board about the Pledging of Singled Pooled Collateral with all banks.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve the County Treasurer to Pledge Single Pooled Collateral with all banks. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Faye Wood was present to ask the Board to address the planting in the county right-of-way being done. It is very dangerous as the corn is growing and you can't see at intersections or if an ATV comes out of a drive in the corn. The County Board will look into the planting in the county right-of-way, direct the Co. Attorney to send letters out that all roads need to mowed within 33 feet from center of road and if not done the county will be mowing their right- of-way.

Discussion was held on the changing of the HRA contribution for single health insurance employees. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the GWORKS software to add a Road/Streets tab to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$4,500.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the positions of a Full-Time Hwy Supt, Bridge Inspector and Weed Supt.

Eric Petsche with Applied Connective was present to train the Clerk and Board on the newly installed panic buttons in the board room.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT service, software and panic buttons-\$19,676.43; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$46,288.92; Bob Barker Company Inc-supplies-\$13.72; Candlewood Suites Kearney-lodging-\$279.90; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$239.90; Dollar General-supplies-\$14.20; Rick Eberhardt-reimbursed uniforms-\$512.48; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement- & supplies-\$1,949.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & supplies-\$248.67; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$1,584.80; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$3,002.00; Gworks-support-\$252.00; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$239.44; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$75.94; Jones Automotive-repairs-\$4,975.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Nan Kment-reim. mileage-\$78.60; Love Signs-signage in courthouse-\$332.18; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$29.65; Menards-supplies-\$209.98; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,509.48; Model Electric-repairs-\$728.97; NE Health & Human Services-May 2023 boarding-\$186.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$303.93; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$2,350.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$607.95; Pierce County Treasurer-garnishment & transfer to PCED-\$10,095.92; Pierce City-utilities-\$1,846.72; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$785.00; Plainview News-ads-\$520.18; Prime Stop-gas-\$84.78; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies, travel & lodging-\$555.39; Quill-office supplies-\$327.70; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,931.89; Brett Rix-reimb. mileage-\$42.95; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$712.10; Terminix-service-

\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$481.59; Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,432.95; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$424.76; Verizon Wireless-service-\$424.76; VISA-supplies-\$21.42; Payroll-\$60,714.50.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #1 for Pierce Neligh Rd Project-\$277,048.99; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$64.00; B’s Enterprises Inc-blades & culverts-\$20,400.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$6,974.25; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$27,442.87; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$46.89; CHI Health-testing-\$126.00; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$197.81; Dixon Construction-Osmond South Pay App 1-\$171,000.00; Janssen Construction Inc-culvert reinstall-\$1,000.00; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$265.90; Lawson Products-supplies-\$279.85; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,001.58; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,501.06; Moeller Equipment-tractor-\$51,000.00; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repairs-\$72.24; NE Machinery LLC-motor grader-\$281,450.10; NE Power-utilities-\$123.00; Osmond City-quarterly garbage-\$81.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$309.10; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$279.56; Pierce City-utilities-\$175.39; Plainview News-ad-\$48.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,145.86; Theisen Construction Inc-Pierce SW Pay App 1-\$18,500.00; Tom’s Service LLC-repairs & gas-\$773.25; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$53.55; Payroll-\$33,776.95.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS of NE-premium-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Plainview News-ad-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: Century Link-service-\$64.00; Norfolk City-equipment-\$5,709.33.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Century Link-service-\$149.34; Norfolk City-equipment-\$3,806.22.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:29 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 10, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether was absent. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Nate Murray, Nick Anderson, Sara Twibell, Heidi Kuklis, Mindy Spencer, Will Fogle, Jean Retzlaff, Ben Fuller, Brent Niese, Randy Wolken and News Reporter Randee Falter.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to appoint Brad Albers as Chairman Pro Tem. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Albers called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Albers 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 26, 2023 were approved as printed.

Nate Murray and Nick Anderson with NextLink were present to offer broadband to the rural areas of Pierce County.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and Uncollected Taxes Report.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and Uncollected Tax Statement as presented by the County Treasurer. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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 2023 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 26 thru July 30, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for June 2023; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$2,611,340.55 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,367.80; Joe Aschoff-mtg mileage-\$76.81, Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.66; Carney Law-court appointed attorney-\$1,536.35; Classic Rentals-service-\$262.03; Eakes-contract service-\$35.60; Guy Ellsworth-mtg mileage-\$35.16; Ann Fenton-reimbursed supplies-\$24.97; Dwaine Hoffman-mtg mileage-\$63.85; Gerry Krueger-mtg mileage-\$14.72; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Madison Natl Life-insurance premiums-\$54.20; Magdanz-supplies-\$1,056.49; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; MidAmerica Admin & retirement Solutions-HRA contribution for 1st qtr-\$14,500.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,643.17; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,762.44; Tom Nathan-mtg mileage-\$73.66; NE NE News Company-ads-\$434.48; Pierce Co. Court-court costs-\$168.00; Pierce Co petty cash-reimbursement-\$97.79; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,926.77; Quill-office supplies-\$139.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,090.20; Larry Schaefer- mtg mileage- \$40.90; Security Shredding-service-\$122.50; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-autopsy expense-\$605.00; Byron Wragge-mtg mileage-\$18.37; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed mileage-\$222.70; Ryan Zimmerman-mtg mileage-\$38.30; Payroll-\$62,436.18.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-service-\$98.12; Chad's Tire Service-parts/labor-\$135.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$221.34; DD Steel-repairs-\$36.11; Elkhorn Rural Public Power-county bridge project-\$4,872.72; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,283.29; Filtercare of NE-service-\$137.25; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$25,535.00; Kayton International-repair parts-\$74.75; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$442.64; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$97.99; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$158.10; Magdanz-supplies-\$381.18; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-fuel-\$83.05; Meisinger Oil Co-fuel-\$1,684.31; Menards-supplies-\$95.94; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,333.57; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$18.38; North Central PPD-service-\$171.32; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$2,688.84; Paul's Welding-service-\$22.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$179.80; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$58.32; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$96.13; Plainview City-utilities-\$84.95; Randolph Farm Supply-gas-\$5,986.09; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,031.66; Safety-Kleen Protective Serv.-supplies-\$289.38; Sapp Bros-supplies-\$662.85; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$499.92; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co.- crushed concrete-\$1,681.68; Payroll-\$31,577.25.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-tech support-\$349.12.

VETERAN'S AID FUND: Pierce County Vet Service Officer-replenish bank acct-\$1,000.00; Pierce County petty cash-reimbursement-\$206.37.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: MidAmerica admin & retirement solutions-HRA contribution 1st qtr-\$700.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; NE Nebraska News Company-publishing-\$7.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$325.00.

E911 FUND: AT&T-service-\$47.78; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$139.29.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Magdanz-remodel supplies-\$49.37.

Tabled was the approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co.

Ben Fuller and Brent Niese with Summit Carbon Solutions were present to give the Board an update of the carbon pipeline coming into Pierce County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to amend and approve the agenda to add North Central District Dept.- Approve 5 Year Monetary Commitment to Miles of Smiles Program for \$3,220 per year. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sara Twibell, Heidi Kuklis and Mindy Spencer with the NC Health District Dept. was present to ask the Board for 5 Year monetary support for the Miles for Smiles Program whereas the health dept. goes into schools in the county to offer fluoride treatments and dental education to students age Pre K-8th grade.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve a 5 Year Monetary Commitment to Miles of Smiles Program for \$3,220 per year to the NC Health District Dept. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the Porter Construction Land Fill road complaints and the conditional use permit conditions placed on the landfill.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Albers adjourned the meeting at 10:05 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023 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/ Brad Albers
Chairman Pro Tem, 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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 24, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Ben Fuller, Randy Wolken, Jean Retzlaff 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 10, 2023 were approved as printed.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Distress Warrant Report to be submitted by County Sheriff to County Treasurer by August 1. The Distress Warrants were submitted to Treasurer by the Sheriff.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Distress Warrant Report as being submitted in a timely manner. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ben Fuller with Summit Carbon Solutions was present to give the Board an update of the carbon pipeline coming into Pierce County. The approval of the 41 undercrossings and 82 driveway permits were tabled until a later date.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Keystone Bar, Plainview, for a event on Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2023 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Project for 23/24 FY, Bloomfield Rd, Pierce-Neligh Rd Project, Willard Bridge and other problem roads and bridges that need attention.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Clerk to advertise for microsurfacing repair of the Bloomfield Rd. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on farmers planting within the county right-of-way and trees hanging over the county roadways.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$180.50; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$47,167.75; CVSOAN-registration-\$60.00; Dollar General-supplies-\$53.60; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland-court appt attorney-\$870.38; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$20.46; Expressions Floral & Gift Shoppe-supplies-\$37.28; Farm & Home Publishers-supplies-\$420.00; FP Finance-meter rent-\$154.09; Graham Tire Norfolk-tires-\$552.00; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$472.70; Kate Jorgensen-public defender-\$4,166.67; Madison Co Clerk-zoning cost share for 2022/2023 FY-\$59,978.56; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,617.32; NE NE Health & Human services-boarding-\$180.00; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-\$374.55; One Office Solution-supplies-\$31.05; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$228.04; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$99.93; Physicians Laboratory-autopsy-\$200.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$245.46; Pierce County Treasurer-interest-\$249.15; City of Pierce-utilities-\$2,376.99; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$316.02; Prime Stop-gas-\$222.02; Quill-office supplies-\$76.16; Region IV-services-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,083.30; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE-computer service-\$58.88; Terminix-services-\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,436.05; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,130.18; Verizon Wireless-service-\$426.05; VISA-supplies-\$245.00; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$247.81; Payroll-\$62,359.27 - As per statute SS 23-122: 3 County Commissioners-\$3,250.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-\$5,416.64/Mo.; 3 County Deputies-\$4,062.50/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$3,629.17/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,366.67/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$5,933.33/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$28.43/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$26.68/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$25.25/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$24.25/Hr.; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-\$18.00/hr; 1 FT Custodian-\$18.25/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$18.00/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$16.30/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$21.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$19.50/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$18.00/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$17.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$15.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$14.50/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$20.00/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$16.00/hr; 2 PT Clerical-\$10.75/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$21.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$19.25/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$18.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$17.00/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$20.50/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$20.00/hr.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: B's Enterprises Inc-signs -\$5,880.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$15,221.97; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$1,776.79; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$42.15; Bloomfield Medical Clinic-personnel medical-\$150.00; Fastwyre-telephone-\$107.01; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$55.00; Kelly Supply Co-supplies-\$46.71; Lawson Products-supplies-\$51.45; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$145.21; McLean-utilities-\$71.55; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,303.82; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$575.41; Pierce Automotive Supply-repairs-\$473.44; City of Pierce-utilities-\$163.05; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,005.41; Rollin' Coal Trucking-service-\$934.40; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$506.70; Theisen Construction-bridge repair-\$14,000.00; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,658.86; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$37.50; Western Oil-gasoline-\$143.74; Payroll-\$31,188.75 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-\$100.00/Mo.; 1 FT Mechanic-\$28.00/hr; 7 FT Road Workers-\$23.00/hr; 2 FT Road Worker-\$22.00/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$21.00/hr; 4 FT Road Workers-\$19.50/hr; 1 PT Road Worker-\$16.00/hr; 1 Weed Sprayer-\$19.00/hr; 1 Weed Sprayer-\$15.00/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-\$125.00/bridge.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$1,121.3; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$8.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 FT director-\$3,776.67/Mo.

INHERITANCE FUND: North Central District Health Dept-Miles of Smiles donation-\$3,220.00.

911 SERVICES FUND: Plainview Telephone-service-\$63.42.

911 WIRELESS FUND: Plainview Telephone-service-\$147.98.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Jenkins Electric-repairs on lighting-\$13,061.60.

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 2023/2024.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-14 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-14

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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 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/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the 2023/2024 employment contract between Pierce County and Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$17.00 for roadwork. Dated this 24th day of July, 2023 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Work was done on the 23/24 fiscal year budget.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 7, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Mike Pommer, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Rick Adams, Emily Milewoski, John Palmtag 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 24, 2023 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Alltel Corporation dba Verizon Wireless for a Tower Development Permit on property located in pt of the NW ¼ 10-28-1.

Chairman Kuether opened the hearing at 9:12 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Verizon representatives Ricks Adams, Emily Milewoski and John Palmtag were present and answered questions the Board had on the application for the Tower Development Permit. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-15 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-15

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).

Finding of Facts

1. Property is in an A-1, Agricultural Intensive District.
2. Tower currently exists on the property approximately 900 feet from the proposed location of the new tower.
3. The nearest occupied structure is over 1,000 feet away.
4. A Removal Bond of \$50,000 has been provided to the Zoning Administrator.
5. A Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation has been provided to Zoning Administrator from the Federal Aviation Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a Tower Development Permit to Alltel Corporation dba Verizon on the

following described land:

NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the conditions below 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 shall be for a period of fifty-years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska.
2. The applicant must provide a lease, purchase agreement or easement to secure rights to the required setbacks of one foot for every foot of height of the tower.
3. All self-supporting lattice or guyed towers shall be enclosed within a security fence or other structure designed to preclude unauthorized access.
4. If the tower shall cease to be used for a period of one (1) year, the Pierce County Zoning Administrator shall determine if the tower has been abandoned. Once the Zoning Administrator has determined the tower to be abandoned, the tower shall be removed in 75 days after receiving notice from the Zoning Administrator.
5. This conditional use permit shall become invalid if construction of the tower is not begun within one year of the date of approval of this application.
6. This conditional use permit may be transferred in any manner to an individual, or a partnership or corporation other than Alltel Corporation dba Verizon within the fifty-year time limit of this permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 this 7th day of May 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #1 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:13 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning an amendment to Article 2 of Pierce County Zoning Regulations to define a Shouse and the characteristics required.

Chairman Kuether opened the hearing at 9:20 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and answered questions the Board had on the regulations. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 9:27 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-16 as follows:
RESOLUTION #2023-16

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE IN THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SECTIONS 23-114.01 THROUGH 223-114.05 AND 23-165 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF NEBRASKA, 1943.

WHEREAS, having received a recommendation for approval from the Pierce County Planning Commission and proper notice was published and public hearing held as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby amends the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution by amending the following language into the Zoning Regulations, specifically by amending, ARTICLE TWO CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS 2.01 Construction and General Terminology as follows:

Dwelling Unit, Special Types: Any dwelling type consisting of single-family attached, multifamily, mobile home that does not meet the typical construction style of traditional stick framed structures.

1. Cargo Container Dwelling: A dwelling unit constructed of one or more new or used cargo containers used for multi-modal shipping and meeting the definition of dwelling unit above. Must meet the aesthetic of the neighborhood.
2. Grain Bin Dwelling Unit: A dwelling unit constructed of one or more grain bins, new or used meeting the definition of Dwelling Unit above.
3. Quonset home: A home constructed beneath and in a structure referred to as a Quonset.
4. Shouse: A combination of a dwelling unit and machine shed under a common or connected roofing system. For purposes of a Shouse, these structures when on a farm, agricultural operation, or acreage shall not be classified as a farm building. In addition, the residence portion of the facility shall meet the definition of Dwelling Unit above.

Any residential structure meeting the definition of a Shouse shall meet the following criteria:

1. Shouses shall be structurally anchored to a permanent foundation and said foundation shall meet local, state, and/or federal building codes.
2. Once a Shouse has been established, the overall structure, including the shop area will no longer be considered an agricultural structure/building.
3. Shouse homes shall have at least six hundred square feet of habitable space and at least one habitable room with not less than 100 sf of gross floor area.
4. Other habitable rooms shall have not less than 50 sf floor area, except for kitchens.
5. Habitable rooms shall not be less than seven feet in any horizontal dimension.
6. Ceiling heights shall be a minimum of seven feet in habitable spaces, hallways, bathrooms, and toilet rooms.
7. Every dwelling shall have toilet facilities-water closet, lavatory, and a bathtub or shower.
8. Shouses shall have a kitchen area and sink.

9. The unit shall provide heating and cooling systems as required by local, state and/or federal codes.
10. All electrical shall follow all local, state and/or federal electrical codes.
11. The unit shall meet all egress requirements found in local, state, and/or federal codes.
12. Must meet the aesthetic of the neighborhood as determined by the Zoning Administrator
13. Must have finished walls separating the residential portion from the shed portion.
14. Must be submitted with a sketch showing the layout and minimum residential square footage required of six hundred square feet.

ADOPTED at Pierce, Nebraska this 7th day of May 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #1 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Vavra Lot Split in pt of NE ¼ NE ¼ Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for fiscal year 23/24. 1 & 6 Year Public Hearing will be Monday, Oct 16, 2023 at 9:11 a.m.

Accountant Mike Pommer was present and discussion was held on the 23/24 fiscal year budget and on the levy allocations for the subdivisions. The levy allocation for the subdivisions will be approved on Monday, August 21, 2023 at the 9:10 a.m. at commissioner meeting because no valuations from the Assessors have been received yet.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Greenhorn Entertainment LLC dba The Greenhorn, Stanton, for an event on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 3 special designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion Tomek Post 72, for events on Saturday, Sept. 2, Sept. 9 and Sept. 30, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., all at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #2 for \$160,784.54 for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903 to Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the underground application for Pierce City Utilities for the under crossings and occupying the ROW of county roads for the replacing of 3 – 2” pipes across H & N Blvd and running along northside of H & N Blvd in Sections 34/27 of Pierce Township, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for July 2023; approve Treasurer's receipts and disbursements for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for July 2023 and all placed on file in the County Clerk's office 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$494.00; Anderson Ford-vehicle purchase for Sheriff's Dept.-\$48,887.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,409.80; \$1,570.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$45.64; Cintas-supplies-\$589.51; D&L Towing & Recovery-service call-\$75.00; Eakes Office Solutions-contract service-\$294.23; Faith Regional Health Services-prisoner medical-\$285.00; Heartland Fire Protection-inspection fees-\$768.62; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Lynn Peavey Co-supplies-\$224.46; Madison Co Sheriff-service fees-\$29.65; Madison National Life Ins-premiums-\$86.72; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,799.17; MIPS Inc-computer support-\$2,762.44; NE NE News-ads-\$566.72; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$244.50; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$144.00; Pierce Telephone Co-service-\$1,904.88; PIP Marketing-supplies-\$107.29; Plainview News-ads-\$253.01; Prime Stop-gas-\$191.35; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,154.58; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$653.22; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,268.77; UNL Print & Copy Service-Supplies-\$347.60; Weston Torson-reimburse supplies-\$105.93; Payroll-\$64,600.59.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Appeara-uniforms-\$98.12; Bomgaars-supplies-\$3998; Chad's Tire Repair-service-\$53.00; Cintas-supplies-\$197.97; Colonial Research-supplies-\$546.76; Dixon Construction-Osmond South project-\$160,784.54; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$3,107.36; Fastwyre-telephone-\$106.41; Kayton International-repair parts-\$97.25; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$1,035.09; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$92.34; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$8,226.75; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,377.85; NE Power-service-\$412.00; Osmond Farm Service-diesel-\$1,699.44; Pierce Telephone-service-\$175.71; Plainview auto Supply-repair parts-\$25.54; Plainview Telephone-service-\$96.62; City of Plainview-utilities-\$85.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,059.44; Sapp Bros Inc, Norfolk-supplies-\$172.90; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$116.51; West-Hodson Lumber & Concrete-crushed concrete-\$4,136.88; Larry Wiegert-reimburse supply-\$32.00; Payroll-\$32,258.05.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; NE Nebr News-subscription-\$43.50; Plainview News-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.85; CenturyLink-service-\$62.28; City of Norfolk-share cost 911 equipment-\$44.74; Pierce Telephone-service-\$139.30; Plainview Telephone-service-\$45.30;.

WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$145.32 City of Norfolk-share cost 911 equipment-\$104.38; Pierce Telephone-service-\$325.05; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-computer support-\$349.12.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: Electronic Engineering-911 cable installation-\$7,177.08.

Discussion was held on the Public Defender Contract with Kate Jorgensen that is due Sept. 1, 2023 for renewal. Jorgensen would like an increase of \$5,000.00 per year said Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to accept and approve the public defender contract with the current firm of Kate M. Jorgensen Law Office P.C., Wayne, NE, as Pierce County's Public Defender at a salary of \$55,000.00 per year for minimum of one year and maximum of two years. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 21, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Rhonda Cortner, Doug Welk, Dale Clipson 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 7, 2023 were approved as printed.

Zoning Rhonda Cortner was present and answered questions the Board had on the TD Robinson Lot Split.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the TD Robinson Lot Split in pt of NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on levy allocation for the fire districts and agricultural society. The Board stated that since they kept a 3% increase for the County General and Road Fund Budgets, they should follow suit with the levy allocations for the Ag Society. The MFO agreement between the county fire districts states all parties agreed to a levy of .260 mill so therefore that is the max levy the County Board can approve for the fire districts and statute states that rural MFO fire districts need that same levy 1 in 3 years. The first year of the MFO for the county rural fire districts was 22/23 FY which had different levies, so therefore in 23/24 or 24/25 FY the levy must be the same for one of the fiscal years.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2023-17 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023 - 17

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the following Fire District Subdivisions in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, all Fire Districts are given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions (per \$100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivisions for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year be limited to and is approved as follows:

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Pierce Rural Fire	General	\$97,005.00	\$152,070.00	2.6000 cents
Plainview Rural Fire	General/Sinking	\$76,800.00	\$142,261.00	2.6000 cents
Osmond Rural Fire	General	\$97,030.62	\$134,457.00	2.6000 cents
Hadar Rural Fire	General	\$38,650.00	\$42,955.00	2.6000 cents

Dated this 21st day of August, 2023, at Pierce County, Nebraska.

Chairman of the Board of Equalization

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers

/s/ Carl Martinson

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 18

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the Pierce County Agricultural Society Subdivision in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, the Ag Society is to be given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions and may be given an additional 3.5 cents for capital construction and maintenance of county fairgrounds per Nebraska State Statutes 2-257 and 2-259 (per \$100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivision for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year be limited to .5473 cents for General is approved as follows:

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Pierce County Ag. Society	General	\$167,000.00	\$123,802.00

Dated this 21st day of August, 2023, at Pierce County, Nebraska.

Chairman of the Board of Equalization

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers

/s/ Carl Martinson

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Pommer discussed with the County Board the 23/24 FY budget request and the budget hearings.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Clerk to advertise and set public hearing date for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. to receive input regarding 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, followed by a second public hearing at 11:15 a.m. for the adoption of property tax at an amount different than prior fiscal year (per SS 148). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Project for 23/24 FY, Opening of sealed bids for the Bloomfield Rd Repairs 2023 and other problem roads and bridges that need attention.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Bloomfield Rd Repairs JEO Project #231163. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. One bid was received: Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka Astech Corp, St. Cloud, NE, at a total cost of \$128,623.20 with a start date of September 15, 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and award the bid to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka Astech Corp, St. Cloud, NE, at a total cost of \$128,623.20 with a start date of September 15, 2023 pending review of the bid by Hwy Supt Brian McDonald for the Bloomfield Rd Repairs JEO Project #231163. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Kayce M. Kallhoff as Manager of the Pierce Community Golfcourse on Liquor License I-010391 for the NE Liquor Control Commission. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Pay Application #2 for \$76,527.50 for the Pierce Southwest-JEO Project #211418 with Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-19 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 19

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the month of July and August 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$11,112.18	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$11,112.18</u>	
Total	\$11,112.18	

Dated this 21st day of August, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Economic Development Interlocal Agreement that needs amended as per the direction of the State and County Auditor whereas the position and budget should not be under the county budget authority but only a cash amount given to PCED and they act as a separate entity. A decision will be placed on the next agenda to terminate the interlocal with PCED and they will no longer be under the county's budget authority but go back to the way it was where the county donated a monetary donation to PCED and they are their own entity as directed by state and county auditors.

Discussion was held on the positions of a Full-Time Hwy Supt, Bridge Inspector and Weed Supt.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Clerk to advertise for a Fulltime Highway Supt. and Bridge Inspector. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the GWORKS software to add a Road/Streets tab to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$4,500.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

Motion by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed costs-\$728.41; AMH Family Practice-prisoner medical-\$558.00; Antelope Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$769.69; Antelope Memorial Hospital-prisoner medical-\$9,341.00; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$47,142.54; Classic Rentals-service-\$269.09; D & L Towing-abandoned car-\$120.00; Dollar General-jail supplies-\$91.45; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement-\$12.88; FP Finance Program-lease postage meter-\$180.09; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$331.94; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$166.60; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Mary Beth Kruger-mileage-\$20.48; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$608.14; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,493.11; NACO-registration-\$680.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$233.26; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$1,933.19; Pierce County Treasurer-intra-fund transfer to PCED for July and August wages-\$11,112.18; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$900.62; Prime Stop-gas-\$36.61; Quill-supplies-\$398.76; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,987.14; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$248.25; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$820.16; Tom's

Service-gas & repairs-\$1,196.27; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-repairs-\$100.00; Verizon-telephone-\$451.39; VISA-supplies-\$13.73; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$576.01; Willow Creek Vet-boarding-\$274.30; Lori Wragge-mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,599.80.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$152.90; B’s Enterprises Inc-repair parts and culverts-\$77,190.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$26,975.35; Black Hills Energy-service-\$44.51; C & N Tree Removal-tree removal-\$1,904.40; Classic Rentals-service-\$168.16; Courtesy Ford-repair parts-\$23.33; Filtercare of NE-repairs-\$133.05; Jerry’s Hilltop-gas-\$73.00; Dave Kruse-reimb. CDL-\$349.00; Lawson Products-supplies-\$517.96; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$92.76; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$1,331.55; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$49.97; McLean Village-utilities-\$73.35; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$3,590.42; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,480.33; Mitch’s Food Center-supplies-\$30.97; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$203.91; NE Glass-repairs-\$1,902.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$554.00; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$3,476.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,145.74; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$389.70; Tom’s Service-gas-\$1,591.49; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$708.49; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$61.96; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$130.25; Payroll-\$33,536.35.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application #2 for Pierce SW Project-\$76,527.50.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS of NE-premiums-\$2,486.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-updates & repairs-\$1,828.64; Racom-repairs-\$750.00; South Sioux City Law Enforcement Center-E911 site hosting-\$10,581.85.

Discussion was held on the tire recycling grant that was applied for by Clerk. We will find out in January if we received the grant for 2024 as Pierce County did not get in 2023.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:31 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 5, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Tim Braithwait, Bob Wehrer, Michelle Reikofski, PCED Susan Norris, Josh Sirek, Jim Schmit, Chad Anderson 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 21, 2023 were approved as printed.

Discussion held on the Pierce Neligh Rd Project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign the Change Order #7 (increase of \$3,356.64 for final quantities), Pay Application #5 (final) for \$3,356.64 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 3 special designated liquor licenses for Taylormade Catering/White house for events at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the following dates: Saturday, October 14, Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 30, all in 2023, Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Economic Development Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to withdraw from the PCED Interlocal Agreement with an effective date of June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, found at Neb. Rev. SS 13-801, between Pierce County and the following for levy allocation and support pursuant to Neb. Rev. SS 77-3442(8): Pierce City, Plainview City, Osmond City, Pierce County Agricultural Society, Pierce Rural Fire, Plainview Rural Fire, Osmond Rural Fire and Hadar Rural Fire. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michelle Reikofski and Jim Schmit visited with the Board about the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan and if and where on plan is the Osmond School Rd (865 Rd). Board stated that it is on the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan but the projects are not in no order but by urgency to get done and some projects have been on the plan for many years.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to go into executive session regarding personnel at 9:55 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to come out of executive session regarding personnel at 10:17 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.56; Bob Barker Co Inc-jail supplies-\$136.55; Cintas-supplies-\$206.66; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland,Easland PC-court appointed attorney-\$1,742.81; Faith Regional Health Services-prisoner medical-\$3,400.00; Iowa Prison Industries-supplies-\$91.90; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$1,530.81; Lynn Peavey Co-supplies-\$80.00; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,471.17; Madison County Treasurer-District Judge court costs-\$89.15; Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,437.18; MIPS-computer support-\$2,762.44; NE NE News Co-ads-\$27.75; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$93.00; Pierce Co. District Court-fees-\$252.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$1,951.47; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$261.89; Prime Stop-gas-\$46.90; Quill-supplies-\$729.12; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,077.82; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-\$664.80; Schindler Elevator Corp-inspection costs-\$1,708.68; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$653.22; Terminex-service-\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$637.62; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$783.50; TWD Lock Safe & Key-supplies-\$2.80; Wayne Co Treasurer-District Judge court costs-\$5,037.89; Payroll-\$59,828.55.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$54.31; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts-\$35,216.00; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$37,655.12; Bomgaars-supplies-\$59.95; Cintas-supplies-\$199.03; Colonial Research Chemical Corp-supplies-\$197.86; Dinkel's-repairs-\$1,300.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,438.12; Heartland Fire Protection Co-inspections-\$850.80; JEO Consulting-engineering-\$18,716.25; Kimball Midwest-shop supplies-\$1,018.03; Matteo Sand & Gravel-grave-\$251.26; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$10,187.42; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,392.16; NE Power-utilities-\$276.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,167.10; Pierce City-utilities-\$163.17; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$50.24; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$27.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,067.90; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$654.37 Tom's Service-gas-\$1,219.52; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$1,134.87; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$13.99; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-gravel-\$6,073.15; Payroll-\$32,383.35.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-computer support-\$349.12.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Plainview News Inc-ad-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

ROAD/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #5(final) for Pierce-Neligh Road 543-544 Avenue Unbonded Concrete Overlay-\$3,356.64,

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.85; CenturyLink-service-\$67.17; Geocomm Inc-GIS MSAG Maint. & support-\$4,728.00; Motorola Solutions Inc-software & support for statewide radio project-\$2,968.42.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$156.73; Motorola Solutions Inc-software & support for statewide radio project-\$121,234.58.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-duress buttons, installation & service-\$8,166.00.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a Fulltime Hwy Supt and Bridge Inspector as Clerk was directed to place an ad in newspapers and NE Works.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing presentation meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 5, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy County Clerk Susan Peters and Mike Pommer 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:00 A.M. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:08 a.m. for the Presentation of the Budget Summary to set the Tax Request different than prior fiscal year. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2023/2024 FY budget to the Board and all those

present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2023/2024 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:10 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:11 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:15 A.M. or immediately following the close of the Tax Request Public hearing 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/ Tom Kuether
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 5, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 11:15 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy County Clerk Susan Peters and Mike Pommer 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:15 A.M. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:15 a.m. for the Approval and Final Setting of the Tax Request. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2023/2024 FY budget to the board and all those present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2023/2024 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:16 a.m.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and adopt the 2023-2024 FY Pierce County Budget as submitted, approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority and approve Resolution #2023-20 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 – 20

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the County of Pierce passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Pierce that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Pierce, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$4,440,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be .191650 per \$100 of assessed value
4. The County of Pierce proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.196292 per \$100 of assessed value
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of County of Pierce will decrease last years by -7%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2023.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:16 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 18, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Rob Latimer, Michelle Reikofski 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to amend the agenda and add Approve Underground Crossing for Jason von Rentzell with a 2” waterline in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ 30-28-1. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 5, 2023 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the underground crossing application for Jason von Rentzell with a 2” waterline in pt of NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the Distress Warrant Report which was submitted by County Sheriff, the list of past delinquent taxes and asked for authorization to have a county tax sale and to strike property taxes from the active list.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-23, a request for permission to proceed with a County Tax Sales on the delinquent real estate taxes listed for real estate property taxes from the active list, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-23			
PARCEL #	NAME	YEARS DELINQUENT	AMOUNT(Principal Only)
700009366	Thomas Beltz	2020-2022	\$436.32
700009408	Thomas Beltz	2020-2022	\$542.72
700009555	Pinnacle Telemarketing Ltd	2016-2022	\$2,229.88
700009257	J. Schmitz(Farm & Home Supply)	2020-2022	\$12.62
ADD SUBSEQUENT TAXES TO EXISTING COUNTY TAX SALES			
700009415	City of Plainview	2015-2022	\$766.72
700036743	Millard Friedrichsen	2019-2022	\$74.60
700009562	Joe Grof/Paul Blanchard	2017-2022	\$124.40
700006797	Dawn M. Howard	2015-2022	\$580.60
700012523	Mitch Jensen	2018-2022	\$336.42
700035782	Krista Schluns	2016-2022	\$458.78
700013887	James Schmit/Express Funding	2015-2022	\$1,159.12
700008991	Roger & Lindsay Stewart	2018-2022	\$66.04

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 18, 2023, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the originals are on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-24, a request for permission to strike the following listed property taxes from the active list, as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-24		
000018102 (personal property)	Richard D. Ulrich 2014-2020	\$1,963.00 (no response)

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 18, 2023, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the originals are on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Michelle Reikofski was present to question the Board about where on the plan is the Osmond School Rd (865 Rd). Board stated that it is on the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan but the projects are not in any particular order and urgent ones will get done first and some projects have been on the plan for many years.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Clerk to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan for 23/24 FY with a hearing date planned for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the stop sign grant from NDOR that was granted to Pierce County and current and upcoming road and bridge projects.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Chairman to sign the LPA Program Agreement (Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads) and Resolution #2023-22 with NE Dept of Roads. Whereas the originals are on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman Kuether and Hwy Supt. McDonald to sign, approve and adopt Resolution #2023-21, the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form for 2023 for Public Roads Classifications & Standards. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg and Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt were present.

Extension Agents Ann Fenton and Amy Topp were present to visit with the Board on the updated interlocal agreement sent to them for review and approval via email.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Chairman to sign the updated Interlocal between Pierce County and UNL Extension. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robert Latimer with Summit Carbon Project updated the Board on the carbon pipeline project coming thru Pierce County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #3 for \$240,612.07 for the Osmond South JEO Project #211903 to Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinsn, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #3 for \$304,487.87 for the Pierce Southwest JEO Project #211418 to Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement for the Bloomfield Road Repairs 2023 JEO Project 231163 with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka ASTECH Corp, St, MN. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the underground crossing application for Flesner Electric LLC with a 2" electrical line in pt of SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to go into executive session regarding personnel at 9:53 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to come out of executive session regarding personnel at 10:10 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for June and July 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for August 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for August 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$5,483,391.93 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: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,599.80; BCBS-health premiums-\$46,124.08; Bob Barker-supplies-\$88.56; Cintas-supplies-\$104.27; Classic Rentals-service-\$229.48; Dollar General-supplies-\$4.00; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$170.85; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; LexisNexis-law library-\$177.00; Jean Lubke-reimbursed supplies-\$384.25; M&M Sanitation-services-\$285.00; Madison Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$1,550.00; Madison Co Treasurer-District 7 probation costs-\$11,551.18; Magdanz-supplies-\$59.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; MidAmerica-HRA 2nd quarter fees-\$360.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,482.30; NACO-FY23/24 dues-\$1,975.91; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-FY 2024 matching funds-\$4,571.00; NE NE Economic Development-dues-\$915.00; NE NE Juvenile Services-yearly assessment-\$1,816.50; NE NE RC&D-dues-\$3,000.00; NE NE News-ads-\$1,316.52; NE Health and Human Services-August housing-\$258.00; NE Wind & Solar-convention registration-\$250.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$1,243.32; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$179.91; Osmond City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pierce City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$403.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$956.39; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-FY23/24 annual support-\$1,200.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$40.38; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,877.49; Plainview City-FY23/24 library assistance-\$10,300.00; Pommer Accounting LLC-services-\$2,900.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$98.84; Region 4 Behavior System-1st quarter costs-\$5,721.75; Retirement Plans

Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,882.45; Jessica Riedel-reimburse notary cost-\$109.32; State of NE Central Finance-IT support-\$213.75; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$615.59; Wes Torson-reimburse prisoner expense-\$59.96; Verizon-service-\$424.85; Visa-postage & prisoner food-\$131.61; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$448.98; Payroll-\$44,639.50.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$95.40; Appeara-uniforms-\$122.65; B’s Enterprises-signs-\$800.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$56,651.85; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$11,429.58; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$43.33; Chad’s Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$995.90; Classic Rentals-service-\$209.39; Fastwyre-service-\$111.82; Filtercare of NE-services-\$149.45; Kayton International-repair parts-\$127.00; Lawson Products-supplies-\$517.01; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$82.13; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$103.72; M&M Sanitation-service-\$90.00; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; McLean Village-water, sewer, garbage-\$90.45; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,622.84; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,365.55; NE NE News Co-ads-\$98.88; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$192.33; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$192.90; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$196.01; Paul’s Welding-service-\$643.12; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$84.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$176.73; Plainview Telephone-service-\$96.13; City of Plainview-utilities-\$84.80; Keith Pospisil-reimbursed CDL-\$60.00; Jeff Prince-reimbursed repair parts-\$157.88; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$7,965.92; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,044.42; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$105.00; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$121.99; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$18.98; Western Oil-gas-\$489.85; Payroll-\$23,606.43.

FEDERAL AID-ROADS: Dixon Construction Co-Osmond South Project-\$240,612.07.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Golden Shovel-website service-\$8,800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.14; Susan Norris-reimbursed conference registration-\$250.00; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-yearly dues-\$475.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$8.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,209.46.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-monthly 911 internet-\$529.40; Pierce Telephone-service-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

HIGHWAY BONDS: Theisen Construction- Pierce Southwest Project-\$304,487.87.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 2, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, EMS Bobbi Risor, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Michelle Reikofski 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 18, 2023 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter presented the Zautke Lot Split and discussion was held.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Zautke Lot Split, 5.51 acres in pt N ½ NW ¼ of Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, Pierce Neligh Rd Project and the bridge replacement for Breslau and Willard Bridges.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Clerk Wragge to advertise for bids for the replacement of the Breslau and Willard Bridges with bids to be opened on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-25 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 25

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 County Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund for financial support for said fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

General Fund (0100)	\$25,000.00	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	
Total	\$25,000.00	

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on placing notices in tax statements as in the past.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Clerk and Treasurer to place weed and tree notices into the 2024 tax statements. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the SDL for Pierce American Legion for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, November 4, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cost allocation plan with Maximus.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize Chairman and Clerk to sign Cost Allocation Plan for 23/24 FY with Maximus. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D. Albin-court appointed costs-\$3,947.24; American Legion Emblem Sales-supplies-\$633.35; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$280.00; Binswanger Glass-repairs-\$363.12; Black Hills Energy-service-\$45.51; Country Inn & Suites-lodging-\$249.00; Eakes Office-supplies-\$38.66; Elite Office Products-supplies & agreement-\$287.21; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$1,200.92; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$16.63; Mid America Adm. & Retirement Solutions-HRA Contribution-\$14,900.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,552.94; NACO-registration-\$225.00; NE Public Health Environment Lab-testing-\$138.35; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$77.89; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-dues-\$75.00; Pierce County Treasurer-transfers from General to PCED-\$25,000.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,375.31; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$766.48; Porter & Company, P.C.-21/22 FY audit-\$10,005.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$216.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,949.80; Brett Rix-mileage reimb.-\$173.58; Security Shredding-service-\$105.00; State of NE DAS Central Finance-service-\$653.22; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$639.06; Tom's Service LLC-gas-\$1,493.42; Woods Aitken LLP-support-\$162.50; Jacob Wostrel-apparel reimb.-\$127.33; Payroll-\$61,336.68.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-repair parts-\$15.45; B's Enterprises-culverts-\$4,200.00; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$12,174.24; Bomgaars-supplies-\$51.96; Farmers Pride-gas-\$9,159.33; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$331.04; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$2,322.60; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,501.74; NE Power-utilities-\$261.00; Osmond Farm Supply-gas-\$3,365.31; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$425.16; Pierce City-utilities-\$164.44; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$84.00; Randolph Farm Supply Inc-diesel-\$3,327.91; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,164.63; Safety-Kleen-service-

\$562.04; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,762.98; True Ag & Turf-supplies-\$1,304.83; Wattier True Value Hardware & Service Center-supplies-\$94.92; Payroll-\$33,816.24.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Mid America Adm. & Retirement Solutions-HRA Contribution-\$700.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.85; CenturyLink-service-\$62.27; City of Norfolk-service-\$44.74.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$145.31; City of Norfolk-service-\$104.38.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
October 16, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Kelli Dempster, Michelle Reikofski and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Carl Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Carl 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 2, 2023 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing of the 2023/24 Fiscal Year Pierce County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Chairman Pro Tem Martinson opened the hearing at 9:12 a.m. There were no written comments or objections from the public. Michelle Reikofski was present to ask the County Board to move Project C-70(499) 2027-28 up to high importance to asphalt 865 Rd running from the east city limits of Osmond and extending east to Hwy 20. Board told Reikofski that the project was on the road plan but no sure if and when it will happen. Discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan projects and Hwy Supt. McDonald answered questions the Board had on the plan. Chairman Pro Tem Martinson closed the hearing at 9:19 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and adopt Resolution #2023-26, the One and Six Year County Road Plan for Pierce County for 2023/2024 FY as presented by Brian McDonald, Hwy Superintendent. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman Pro Tem Martinson to sign Pay Application #4 for \$332,851.74 for the Osmond South-JEO Project #211903 with Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman Pro Tem Martinson to sign Pay Application #4 for \$213,162.72 for the Pierce Southwest-JEO Project #211418 with Theisen Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on current road and bridge projects.

Kelli Dempster with North Central Health Dept. was present to update the Board on the County Saturation Patrols and the Tobacco and Alcohol Compliance Checks done in Pierce County in 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the underground crossing/ROW application for Great Plains Communications for a .5" fiber optic line in pt NW ¼ 10-28-1. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D. Albin, PC-court appointed attorney-\$438.38; Applied Connective Technologies-IT support-\$3,721.25; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$44,971.25; Classic Rentals-service-\$269.08; D & L Towing & Recovery-service-\$1,830.00; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$20.00; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co-supplies-\$568.52; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$293.67; Lexis Nexis-software-\$177.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$142.95; Maximus-2022 Cost Allocation Plan-\$600.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,589.32; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-\$2,762.44; NACO-postcard joint public hearing-\$2,830.20; NE NE Juvenile Services-boarding-\$450.00; NE NE News-ads-\$744.37; ONE Office Solution-supplies-\$10.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$205.54; Pierce Co Court-fees-\$443.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$1,172.16; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage, mileage, meals, etc-\$243.66; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,763.63; Prime Stop-gas-\$255.31; Quill-supplies-\$173.95; Region IV Inc-quarterly contract fee-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,993.89; NE Secretary of State-notaries-\$30.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; Stratton,DeLay,Doele,Carlson,Buettner & Stover-court appointed attorney-\$410.30; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$531.55; Verizon-service-\$425.57; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$414.85; Payroll-\$61,836.52.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$428.17; Alpa Workforce Health-testing-\$26.00; Altwine Hardware-supplies-\$10.14; Appera-uniforms-\$98.12; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$19,759.68; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel & rock-\$6,601.23; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,033.03; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$803.82; CHI Health Co-drug testing-\$84.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$247.39; Farmer's Pride-diesel-\$9,916.40; Fastwyre-service-\$111.42; Filtercare of NE-services-\$108.45; JEO Consulting Group-engineering-\$23,495.00; Kayton Intl Inc-repair parts-\$456.25; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$225.95; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$77.90; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$164.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$131.10; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$83.05; McLean-utilities & garbage pickup-\$117.45; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$7,856.10; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,506.53; NE NE News-ads-\$203.94; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$15,396.68; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$185.43; Osmond City-garbage pickup-\$81.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$525.70; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$144.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$177.69; Plainview Telephone-service-\$97.45; City of Plainview-utilities-\$85.43; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$206.02; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$67.14; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,168.85; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-\$345.75; True Ag & Turf-seed-\$1,305.96; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$95.20; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$2,298.80; West-Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co-supplies-\$137.96; Western Oil-gas-\$174.83; Payroll-\$33,878.84

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Pierce County

Leader-ad-\$8.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: NE Link Holdings LLC-service-\$529.40; Pierce Telephone-service-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-\$349.12.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Growing Small Town NE Podcast-grant-\$1,500.00; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Osmond City-grant-\$1,000.00; Pfanny's Farm-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Baseball Backers-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-grant-\$1,000.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Community Golfcourse-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$6.24; Plainview Klown Museum-grant-\$450.00; St Johns Lutheran Church-grant-\$500.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: American Legion Post #72-grant-\$1,000.00; Eden Valley Cemetery-grant-\$500.00; Pierce County Agricultural Society-grant-\$1,000.00; Pierce Historical Society-grant-\$1,000.00.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: Dixon Construction Co-Pay Application #4 for Osmond South JEO Project 211903-\$332,851.74.

BOND FUND: Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application #4 for Pierce Southwest JEO Project 211418-\$213,162.72.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023 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 Pro Tem, 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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
October 30, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 16, 2023 were approved as printed.

Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock visited with the Board about the placing of a new side mount antenna on the courthouse because the current tower is not able to hold the statewide radio equipment. Board all agreed to proceed with the side mount antenna, but would like to know the cost once Hallock finds out.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Bid Proposal for Osmond South Project with Theisen Construction Inc for \$6,500.00 to excavate and use channel to straighten new wing addition. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and answered questions the Board had on the Conditional Use Permit that had an error in the legal description so needed to be corrected and approved.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2023-27 and Amendment to Resolution 2020-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-27
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #2020-2

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).

Finding of Facts

1. The application is consistent with the Madison County Comprehensive Plan and with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations
2. The solar array will be 443 MW and be located on approximately 2500 acres.
3. Is located in an Ag Intensive district that allows the use with a Conditional Use Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Boulevard Associates LLC to construct Goldenrod Solar Farm as per Section 6.04.01 Solar Farms of the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

E ½ of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 3 West

All of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 3 West minus Charlies Lot Split, a 21.26-acre tract in the N ½;

N ½ of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 3 West.

W ½ of Section 22, Township 25 Range 3 West;

All of Section 23, Township 25, Range 3 West minus 2 tracts in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ totaling 17.25 acres; and minus E ½ of NE ¼.

All of Section 26, Township 25, North Range 3 West;

SW ¼ of Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 3 West.

All properties lying 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.

Recommended Conditions:

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows applicant to build a 443 MW Solar Farm.
2. Applicant must obtain necessary permits from the State of Nebraska and follow all local permitting as well.
3. Applicant must abide by regulations with regard to signage, lighting and other applicable regulations as stated in the Pierce County Regulations.
4. An approved zoning permit must be obtained before construction of the solar array begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 this 30th day of October 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign the 2023 Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form which determines incentive state and federal funds for highway allocations as submitted and Resolution 2023-28,

authorizing the signing of the Year End Certification by the County Board Chairperson. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground/ROW Application for Pierce Telephone Co to lay fiber optic line for approximately 7 miles in Pierce, Slough, Logan and Allen Townships. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #1 (add \$545.28 to adjust quantities), Pay Application #1 (final) for \$129,168.48 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Bloomfield Road Repairs 2023 JEO Project 231163 with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka ASTECH Corp. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Certification of Distress Warrants that have been delivered to the County Sheriff. After Distress Warrants are delivered to the Sheriff, the Sheriff then has 9 months or until August 1st to submit a report to the County Board for the amount collected and/or uncollected. Treasurer Wragge submitted to Attorney Lohrberg during the board meeting, a list of mature county tax sale certificates that need to be foreclosed on by Lohrberg.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Notice that 18 Distress Warrants at a total of \$15,622.47 were delivered to the Pierce County Sheriff. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Resolution 2023-29, extend commitment to NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a Weed and Sign Supt. as Commissioner Brad Albers will be resigning on December 31, 2023

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Clerk Wragge to advertise for a Weed &/or Sign Supt. for Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Hwy Supt. applications received.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, Co. Sheriff, for August 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk, for September 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for September 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$224,463.34 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,930.00; Charm-Tex-supplies-\$343.80; Eakes Office-IT service-\$295.27; Ann Fenton-reimbursed lodging-\$63.18; Hilltop Drugs-prisoner medical-\$17.23; Kate Jorgensen PC-public defender-\$4,583.33; Jean Lubke-mileage-\$41.26; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,516.63; Jennie Martinez-mileage & meals-\$181.63; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,854.21; NE State Fire Marshal Elevator Division-inspection-\$120.00; NE Health & Human Services-Sept. boarding-\$90.00; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$50.47; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$16.55; Pierce City-

utilities-\$1,910.89; Plainview News-ads-\$328.05; Terese Polt-reimbursed mileage, lodging & registration-\$573.08; Prime Stop-gas-\$189.62; Quill-supplies-\$204.09; Randolph Times-subscription-\$47.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,144.82; RR Donnelley-supplies-\$154.84; State of NE-network charges-\$742.83; State of NE-network charges-\$213.75; Terminex-service-\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$568.54; Town & Country Ins-bonds-\$40.00; Payroll-\$63,453.52.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$220.51; ASTECH Corp-Payment 1(final) for the Bloomfield Rd Repairs 2023-\$129,168.48; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$1,751.83; Big John Mfg-repairs-\$27.83; Black Hills Energy-service-\$48.12; Bomgaars-supplies-\$60.45; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,358.18; GI Trailer-repair parts-\$207.04; JEO Consulting Group-engineering-\$30,445.00; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$3,214.04; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,502.94; NE Power-utilities-\$237.00; Pierce Automotive-repair parts-\$72.19; Pierce City-utilities-\$153.47; Plainview News-ads-\$48.00; Polt Bros Equipment-repair parts-\$447.33; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,105.66; Riverside Hydraulics Inc-repairs-\$799.00; Sapp Bros Inc-supplies-\$172.90; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$3.99; Payroll-\$32,717.81.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$123.61; Plainview News-ads-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

ARPA/COVID FUND: Electronic Engineering-statewide radio-\$6,098.28.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$49.69; CenturyLink-service-\$61.23; Norfolk City-911 service-\$149.12.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$142.87.

INHERITANCE FUND: WahlTek-phone recorders for Sheriff's Office-\$24,906.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
November 13, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, EMS Bobbi Risor, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Michelle Reikofski, Blaine Bockelman, Shauna Gossman, Josh Gossman, Keith Sunderman, Bonita Lederer, Brent Neice, Sheryl Prince, and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to appoint Brad Albers as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Albers called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem Albers 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 30, 2023 were approved as printed.

Bobbi Risor, EM with Region 11, was present to explain to the Board the 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the construction of Breslau North & Pierce North-JEO Project #221895 and #230074. The bids were opened in the presence of all present. The following two bids were received: (1) Vogtscapes, Bennet, NE, at a total cost of \$506,245.00 with a start date of March 2024 and (1) A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$467,581.53 with a start date of August 10, 2024.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and accept the bid from A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$467,581.53 with a start date of August 10, 2024, pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Brent Niece with Summit Carbon Solutions was present to give the Board an update of the carbon pipeline coming into Pierce County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the undercrossing application for Raymond Duerst for the under crossing of a county road, with a 2" electric line approximately 1,607' south of 858 Rd and undercrossing 541 Ave in pt of the SW ¼ Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the undercrossing application for Scott Clark for the under crossing of a county road, with a 2.5" electric line approximately 1,200' south of 854 Rd and undercrossing 540 Ave in pt of the NE ¼ Section 25, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #1 (increase of \$636.05), Pay Application #1 for \$29,934. for the Pierce Southwest 2023-JEO Projects #211418 with Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #5 for \$11,637.50 for the Osmond South-JEO Projects #211903 with Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the Lorenz's Lot Split in pt of the NW ¼ NW ¼ Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application for Josh Gossman to operate a medium hog operation on property located in pt of the E ½ SW ¼ 10-25-1.

Chairman Pro Tem Albers opened the 9:30 a.m. public hearing at 9:32 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Josh Gossman and Shauna Gossman 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 against the application. Chairman Pro Tem Albers closed the hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-30 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 30

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, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners, having given proper notice and holding public hearings as provided by law and under the authority of and subject to the provision the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution and Legislative Bill 186 (1978).

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Planning Commission and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners have established the following Statement of Finding of Facts for the Conditional Use Permit application of Aaron Stech:

1. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The application is consistent with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
3. Located in the A-1 Ag Intensive district.
4. Waiver has been provided for the home that is inside the ¼ mile setback.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grants a Conditional Use Permit to Josh Gossman to operate a medium hog operation of up to 1350 swine under Section 402, Subsection B, Part 29, "A-1" Primary Agricultural District, Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

E ½ SW ¼ minus a 5-acre tract located in Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska. (see attached)

This Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to those established with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision regulations:

1. This is a Medium Livestock Feeding Operation Conditional Use Permit for an operation of up to 1,350 swine.
2. All manure shall be applied on property as shown on the manure management plan developed by the applicant in accordance with Nebraska Title 130.
3. This conditional use permit shall be for a period of twenty years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
4. This conditional use permit shall become invalid if the application with Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy is not approved within one year of adoption of this resolution.
5. The permit may be transferred to a new owner, provided the Zoning Administrator is notified at least 30 days prior to closing.
6. A zoning permit must be obtained before beginning construction on any buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that upon taking effect of this Resolution, the above Conditional Use Permit shall be entered and shown on 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 this 13th day of November, 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A call was placed to Briana Duerst with the City of Norfolk to discuss the NE Solid Waste Coalition request to join by haulers. No decision was made.

Discussion held on 2024 holidays, meeting dates, pay claim dates.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the holidays, meeting dates and pay claim dates for 2024 as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Attorney Ted Lohrberg explained to Board about the Memorandum of Understanding between Pierce and Madison County.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to Authorize Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Pierce and Madison Counties stating that Madison County Attorney will be the lead county for the NE Crime Commission. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt for September 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for October 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for October 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$466,345.44 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed costs-\$3,583.83; Antelope County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,560.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$3,647.62; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$61.03; Bob Barker Co-supplies-\$141.80; Cintas-supplies-\$64.76; Classic Rentals-service-\$239.79; Crowne Plaza Kearney-lodging-\$243.90; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland PC-court pointed costs-\$2,284.20; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$136.14; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Gutter Monkeys-service-\$239.00; Kayla Hoffmann-mileage-\$78.60; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-\$28.34; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$507.58; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$198.20; Nan Kment-mileage-\$33.58; BJ Koeppe-mileage-\$21.79; Brittany Kolterman-reimb. registration-\$165.00; Mary Beth Kruger-mileage-\$20.48; LexisNexis-software support-\$177.00; Lorenz Automotive-supplies-\$67.95; Madison Co Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,600.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$961.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,608.13; MIPS-IT service, website-\$2,762.44; NACO-2023 2nd ½ dues & registration-\$2,125.91; Natl Assoc. of Co. Vets Service Officers-dues-\$50.00; NE NE News-ads-\$408.37; NE Sheriff's Assoc.-dues-\$320.00; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-\$128.50; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$66.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,835.45; Prime Stop-gas-\$271.89; Vickie Prince-mileage-\$78.60; Quill-supplies-\$171.98; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,982.05; Stratton, DeLay, Doe, Carlson, Buettner & Stover-court appointed costs-\$2,434.73; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$428.98; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-\$1,997.09; Verizon-service-\$425.84; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$339.07; Whitey's Sprinklers-repairs-\$125.00; Lori Wragge-mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$61,939.61.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$1.20; Altwine Hardware & Home LLC-supplies-\$16.76; Appera-uniforms-\$98.12; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$45,561.57; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$12,330.60; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$90.00; Chad's Tire Service-tires repairs-\$116.50; Classic Rentals-service-\$238.16; Colonial Research-supplies-\$399.12; Farmer's Pride-diesel-\$757.07; Fastwyre-telephone-\$111.62; Filtercare of NE-services-\$42.40; Hoffart Machine-repairs-\$35.70; Kayton International-supplies-\$1,036.46; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$369.03; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$333.37; Magdanz-supplies-\$42.96; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; McLean Village-utilities-\$74.70; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$6,760.26; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,474.04; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$29.35; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$1,214.94; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$173.98; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$4,019.40; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$18.35; Pierce Telephone-service-\$179.56; Pierce City-crushed concrete-\$24,570.00; Plainview Auto Supply-supplies-\$14.79; Plainview Telephone-service-\$97.45; Plainview City-utilities-\$85.90; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$4,118.30; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,140.18; Rollin Coal Trucking LLC-freight-\$1,031.87; Sapp Brothers-oil-\$256.50; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-\$802.55; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-\$1,706.41; West Hodson Lumber-supplies-\$15.49; Western Oil-gas-\$164.13; Payroll-\$33,454.13.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-IT service-\$349.12.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

ARPA/COVID FUND: Motorola Solutions Inc-statewide radio-\$358.50.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-service-\$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-E11 service-\$149.12; Pierce Telephone-service-\$261.69; Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: Dixon Construction Co-Pay Application #5 for Osmond South JEO Project 211903-\$11,537.50.

BOND FUND: BOK Financial-bond interest payment-\$5,221.25; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application #5 for Pierce Southwest JEO Project 211418-\$29,934.93.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Brad Albers adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023 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/ Chairman Pro Tem Brad Albers
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
November 27, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 13, 2023 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and answered questions the Board had on the Conditional Use Permit that needed amended to add a legal description for the 443 MW Solar Farm west of Pierce.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2023-31 and Amend Resolution 2023-27 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-31
AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #2023-27

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).

Finding of Facts

1. The application is consistent with the Madison County Comprehensive Plan and with the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations
2. The solar array will be 443 MW and be located on approximately 2500 acres.
3. Is located in an Ag Intensive district that allows the use with a Conditional Use Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby grant a permanent Conditional Use Permit to Boulevard Associates LLC to construct Goldenrod Solar Farm as per Section 6.04.01 Solar Farms of the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Resolution, on the following described land:

E ½ of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 3 West

All of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 3 West minus Charlies Lot Split, a 21.26-acre tract in the N ½;

N ½ of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 3 West.

W ½ of Section 22, Township 25 Range 3 West;

All of Section 23, Township 25, Range 3 West minus 2 tracts in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ totaling 17.25 acres; and minus E ½ of NE ¼.

All of Section 26, Township 25, North Range 3 West;

SW ¼ of Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 3 West.

All properties lying 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.

Recommended Conditions:

1. This Conditional Use Permit allows applicant to build a 443 MW Solar Farm.
2. Applicant must obtain necessary permits from the State of Nebraska and follow all local permitting as well.
3. Applicant must abide by regulations with regard to signage, lighting and other applicable regulations as stated in the Pierce County Regulations.
4. An approved zoning permit must be obtained before construction of the solar array begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 this 27th day of November 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Lon Knievel to the North Central Health District Board as a Spirited Citizen to represent Pierce County to replace and complete the term of Gary Hilkemann until December 31, 2023 and then appoint Lon Knievel to a 3-year term of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan and whom should be on the Board to represent Pierce County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to appoint Bonita Lederer to the 2025 Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan Board to represent Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the NE Solid Waste Coalition request to have Pierce County join. No money was needed to join but if there would need to be a cleanup in Pierce County then the county would be liable. If Pierce County does not join the haulers cannot come into Pierce County for pickup of waste. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the Road Worker Wage Scale. No decision was made.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and both returned.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark Albin-court appointed costs-\$672.05; BCBS-health premiums-\$44,050.47; Boone County Health Center-physical-\$75.00; Eakes-supplies-\$142.89; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland PC-court appointed costs-\$423.40; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$342.33; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$229.78; Kate Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Microfilm Imaging-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,676.52; NE Assn of Co. Assessors-dues-\$25.00; NE HHSS-Oct. 2023 boarding-\$93.00; NECC-registration-\$400.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$170.43; Physicians Laboratory-autopsy-\$2,734.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$260.13; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,116.21; Plainview News-ads-\$102.15; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,044.78; RRJ-supplies-\$55.24; Sirchie-supplies-\$50.71; State of NE-network charges-\$742.83; State of NE-network charges-\$213.75; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$518.18; US Postal Services-meter postage-\$2,000.00; VISA-supplies-\$85.49; Payroll-\$62,833.75.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bauer Built-repair parts-\$8,456.64; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$2,692.45; Black Hills Energy-propane-\$110.82; BCBS-health premiums-\$2,433.28; Bomgaars-supplies-\$54.35; Heartland Fire Protection Co-service extinguishers-\$96.00; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$57.03; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$588.92; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,595.06; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,433.28; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$492.31; Pierce City-Utilities-\$166.83; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$3,189.71; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,104.21; Riverside Hydraulics Inc-repairs-\$799.00; Safety Kleen-repairs-\$385.13; Payroll-\$32,921.26.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premiums-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.00; Plainview News-ads-\$9.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

E911 FUND: Page My Cell-yearly service-\$600.00; Racom-repairs-\$26.25.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:16 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023 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/ Chairman Pro Tem 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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
December 11, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Jim Maas, Gerard Polt, Stephanie Polt, Steve Rames, Anna Allen, Madison Co. Commissioner Eric Stinson, Madison Co. Hwy Supt. Richard Johnson 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 27, 2023 were approved as printed.

The legal was read for the 9:11 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments concerning the application of Stephanie & Nathan Polt to construct a hair salon on property described as the N ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ 8-27-3.

Chairman Kuether opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:11 a.m. Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter and Stephanie & Gerard Polt 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 Kuether closed the hearing at 9:13 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-32 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023 - 32

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).

Finding of Facts

1. The property is zoned A-1 Ag Intensive.
2. 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 Conditional Use Permit to Stephanie & Nathan Polt to construct a hair salon on the following described land:

N ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 27 North, Range 3 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the conditions below 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 the forfeiture of this Conditional Use Permit.

1. This is a Conditional Use Permit to operate a hair salon on the above-described property.
2. This Conditional Use Permit shall be for a period of twenty years and will become effective with the adoption of this resolution. The permit will be renewed automatically with no verifiable complaints received.
3. This permit is subject to all the Pierce County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and the governing powers of the State of Nebraska and shall be constructed to meet both groups.
4. A copy of the signed permit must be recorded with the Pierce Register of Deeds office by the applicant.
5. Parking for three vehicles must be provided per Pierce County Zoning Regulations based on size of the structure.
6. A zoning permit must be approved for the new structure prior to beginning construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Heger Lot Split in pt of the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 25 and the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 36, both in Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City of Norfolk Engineers Anna Allen and Steve Rames gave a presentation of a Notice of Funding for the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity) Grant the City of Norfolk and Madison County will be pursuing and the two would like Pierce County Board to form a partnership with them to build up roads and infrastructure in Madison and Pierce County. Pierce County Board unanimously agreed to join in the partnership to pursue the grant and an agreement/interlocal will be brought before the Board in January for final approval.

Discussion was held on the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition request to have Pierce County join. No money was needed to join but if there would need to be a cleanup then the county would be liable. If Pierce County does not join the haulers cannot come into Pierce County for pickup of waste.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and he updated the Board on the current road and bridge projects.

Pierce City Adm. Chad Anderson was present and discussion held on the joining of the waste coalition as Pierce City will be joining.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to authorize Clerk to send a letter of application to the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition to become a member. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Kuether, to approve the undercrossing application for Roger Eichberger for the under crossing of a county road, with an 8" tile line approximately 500 south of 861 Rd and undercrossing 538 Ave in pt of the N ½ NE ¼ Section 22 and pt N ½ NW of Section 23, Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #6 for \$171,957.88 for the Osmond South-JEO Project #211903 with Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$202,143.89 for the McLean South-JEO Project #211865 with Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #6 (Final) for \$101,826.98 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce Southwest-JEO Project #211418 with Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for a total cost of \$467,581.53 with a start date of August 10, 2024 for the Breslau North-JEO Project #221895 and Pierce North-JEO Project #230074 with A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Hiring of a Weed Superintendent. Board approved Commissioner/Weed Supt. Brad Albers to interview the applicant and offer them the position at \$21.00/hour.

Discussion was held on the Road Worker Wage Scale and hours worked per week. At Wednesday, December 13th Road Worker Safety Meeting Commissioner Albers will discuss with the road workers.

Discussion was held on the Comprehensive Plan that the county has not yet received from Bobbi Pettit with Five Rule. Board asked Clerk Wragge to contact Pettit and ask for a completion date and if she could come to an upcoming board meeting with an update of the project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for November 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for November 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$229,378.50 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D Albin-court appointed costs-\$900.38; Applied Connective Technologies-IT software & support-\$3,655.60; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$45.14; Candlewood Suites-lodging-\$329.90; Classic Rentals-service-\$209.95; Egley Fullner Montag Morland & Easland PC-court appoint costs-\$557.71; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$20.80; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage, registration & lodging-\$291.90; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; LexisNexis-law library-\$177.00; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner meds-\$57.53; Magdanz-supplies-\$762.14; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-\$92.00; MidAmerica Retirement Solutions-adm. costs-\$348.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,750.16; MIPS-IT services, website, micro filming-\$2,762.44; NE NE News-ads-\$377.81; One Office Solution-supplies-\$15.90; Pierce Co Court- court costs-\$118.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$2,501.22; Prime Stop-gas-\$189.94; Quill-supplies-\$9.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,130.05; Stratton Delay Doele Carlson Buettner & Stove PC-court appointed costs-\$9,146.20; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$283.53; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$2,038.90; Verizon-service-\$425.84; Payroll-\$64,067.36.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$409.74; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$13.00; Appeara-uniforms-\$122.65; B's Enterprises-blades-\$4,203.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$27,345.53; Chad's Tire Service-tires-\$90.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$183.91; Farmer's Pride-diesel-\$6,627.67; Fastenal-supplies-\$95.84; Inland Truck Parts & Service-repairs-\$1,034.44; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$25,125.00; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$14.72; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$249.73; M & M Sanitation Service-service-\$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$90.16; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$1,011.85; Menards-supplies-\$34.82; McLean Village-utilities-\$73.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$3,092.22; NE NE News Co-ads-\$492.58; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$13,953.74; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$212.94; NE Power-utilities-\$234.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$180.37; Plainview Telephone-service-\$96.64; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$235.81; City of Plainview-utilities-\$85.90; Power Plan-repairs-\$1,036.52; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$686.77; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,648.46; Safety Kleen-repairs-\$297.06; Steinkraus Service-gas & tires-\$218.20; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application #1 for McLean South JEO Project 211865-\$202,143.89; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,219.48; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$80.71; Payroll-\$41,534.86.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$98.40; NE NE News Co-ads-\$7.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$96.95; Payroll-\$1,436.29.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-911 service-\$149.12; Pierce Telephone-service-\$341.15; Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-support-\$349.12.

BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: Dixon Construction Co-Pay Application #6 for Osmond South JEO Project 211903-\$171,957.88.

BOND FUND: Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application #6 (final) for Pierce Southwest JEO Project 211418-\$101,826.98.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
December 26, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 11, 2023 were approved as printed.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Martinson, to approve Rick Higgins and Jean Bierschenk on the Pierce County Visitor Board for a 4 Year Term – January 2024 to December 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Sandra Silhacek on the NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Board for a 3 Year Term – January 2024 to December 2026. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-33 as follows:
RESOLUTION # 2023 - 33

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the months of September thru December 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$22,923.83	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$22,923.83</u>	
Total	\$22,923.83	

Dated this 26th day of December, 2023
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner
/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Time and Attendance Software Program with MIPS. No decision was made and item will be discussed further after a conference call with Nich Smith at MIPS at the Monday, January 8, 2024 board meeting.

Discussion was held on changing the roadworkers scheduled hours and comp time. No decision was made and item will be placed on the January 8, 2024 agenda.

Discussion held on the Hintz Lot Split in pt SE ¼ 2-25-3

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Hintz Lot Split of 10.92 acres in pt SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 2, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$2,531.00; Christine Bahr-mileage & meals-\$336.54; BCBS-health premiums-\$50,215.79; Susan Buckley-mileage & meals-\$43.06; Hilltop Drugs Etc-prisoner medical-\$22.48; Kayla Hoffmann-reimbursed supplies-\$170.39; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker-lodging-\$460.00; M&M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,500.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,685.42; Model Electric Inc-repairs-\$304.49; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-testing-\$105.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$90.00; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$192.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$1,480.78; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$513.09; Physicians Laboratory PC-testing-\$271.00; City of Pierce-utilities-\$2,506.79; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$232.04; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-mileage, meals, postage, supplies-\$188.35; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to PCED for wages & benefits-\$22,928.83; Pierce County District Court-court

costs-\$148.00; Plainview News-ads-\$247.30; Prime Stop-gas-\$267.26; Quill-supplies-\$326.28; The Radar Shop Inc-supplies-\$302.00; Region IV Behavioral Health Systems-2nd quarter dues-\$5,721.75; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,065.29; Brett Rix-reimb. travel -\$233.84; NE Secretary of State-election supplies-\$20.00; State of NE Central Finance-support-\$63.75; Stratton Delay Doele Carlson PC LLC-court appointed costs-\$1,212.10; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$571.98; Town & Country Insurance-notary bond-\$40.00; UNL Print & Copy Services-supplies-\$324.06; VISA-jail supplies-\$34.99; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$252.09; Payroll-\$63,220.77.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$5,487.57; Big John Mfg Co Inc-supplies-\$81.73; Black Hills Energy-service-\$319.41; Carlson Home & Auto Inc-propane-\$601.68; CHI Health Co. Care-drug screens-\$42.00; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$111.42; Jerry’s Hilltop-gas-\$54.00; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$287.39; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,193.76; Menards-supplies-\$233.83; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,376.95; NE Weed Control Assn-dues & registration-\$285.00; City of Osmond-garbage fees-\$81.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$463.65; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$192.00; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-CDL license-\$122.50; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-supplies-\$61.85; Plainview News-ads-\$144.00; City of Plainview-utilities-\$173.76; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,980.61; Wattier’s True Value-supplies-\$843.14; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$125.50; Payroll-\$32,175.36.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Finance-software support-\$150.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$610.50; Plainview News-printing-\$738.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-support-\$529.40; Page My Cell-service-\$600.00.

Discussion was held on shop cameras and installing time clocks/Time and Attendance Software for all county employees.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:05 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 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/ Tom Kuether
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
