

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
August 3, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Mike Pommer, EMS Bobbi Risor, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Bobby Hamilton, John Hood, MJ Nacyrifner 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

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

The minutes of July 20, 2026 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize Clerk to go out for informal bid quotes for a new phone system in courthouse by Pierce Telephone Co and IT Applied Connective. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Joint Public Budget Postcard hearing date and Clerk Wragge has tentatively set the public hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. at the Plainview Public Library.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to set the Joint Public Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. at the Plainview Public Library. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for fiscal year 2026/2027 and on the opening of bids for the Pierce West 853 Culvert JEO Project #250652.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the Pierce West 853 Culvert JEO Project #250652. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. Two bids were received: A & R Construction Co. Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$249,266.83 with a start date of March 2027 and JMN Construction LLC, Valley, NE, at a total cost of \$269,378.15 with a start date of Fall 2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and accept the bid from A & R Construction Co. Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$249,266.83 with a start date of March 2027 pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Public Hearing to be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Susan Peters and Accountant Mike Pommer were present and discussion was held on the 26/27 fiscal year budget and on the levy allocations for the subdivisions. The levy allocation for the subdivisions will be approved on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 9:10 a.m. at the Commissioner Meeting because no valuations from the Assessors have been received yet.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for May and June 2026; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for June 2026; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2026 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$385,513.13 and to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D. Albin-court appt atty costs-\$1,339.70; Amazon Capital Services-supplies-\$16.14; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$32,333.21; Bishop Business-supplies-\$130.13; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$56.68; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-\$527.39; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$403.69; Madison County Treasurer-25/26 Zoning costs-\$68,496.26; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,517.54; NE HHSS-June 2026 Boarding-\$90.00; Pierce County Treasurer-voided checks and interest-\$2,438.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$42.48; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,715.78; Protex Central-fire alarm testing-\$501.20; Quill-supplies-\$430.45; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,922.01; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$701.95; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$434.03; Tom's Service-gas-\$1,230.11; Payroll-\$73,624.41.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bazile Aggregate Co LLC- gravel-\$37,880.05; Bishop Business-supplies-\$173.98; Bomgaars-supplies-\$195.73; C & N Firewood & Tree Removal LLC-tree removal-\$3,495.60; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$189.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$20,164.92; John Gubbels-reimbursed dirt work-\$700.00; Kings Crushing LLC-gravel-\$1,186.22; Matheson Inc-repairs-\$106.45; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,020.86; NE Power-service-\$256.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$222.82; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$1,411.54; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,656.96; Tom's Service-gas-\$455.95; True AG & Turf-repairs-\$100.08; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$6.99; Payroll-\$40,843.14.

GRANT FUND: Butler County Landfill Inc-2026 Scrap Tire Collection-\$36,277.54.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection, Chairman Carl Martinson and Commissioner John Steinkraus returned; Commissioner Brad Albers had asked to be excused from inspection.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:17 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Carl Martinson
Chairman, Pierce County
Board of Commissioners

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

I, Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk, do hereby certify that all the subjects contained in the foregoing proceedings are contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at my office; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of said meeting were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that any news media requesting notification concerning said meetings or said County Board were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk
