

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. County Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Mike Mayfield, Jeremy Tarr, Will Fogle, PCED Director Judith Stanton, Robert Smith, Bob Wehrer, Tom Rudloff, Beata Rudloff, Tom Meyer, NACO Rep. Beth Ferrell, Judge Ryan Stover, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, 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 Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Martinson stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the board room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

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

The minutes of July 6, 2026, were approved as printed.

PCED Board Member Todd Wragge and PCED Director Judith Stanton gave introductions to the County Board and updates of PCED.

Discussion was held on PCED and the monetary donation to give them for 26/27 fiscal year. Board directed Clerk to place \$75,061.00 into the 26/27 fiscal year budget for PCED monetary support. Pierce County is still in need of the audit report, by-laws and the 25/26 and 26/27 FY budget reports as stated in the interlocal agreement signed July 1, 2026 with PCED.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:15 a.m. public hearing at 9:31 a.m. regarding the Application to allow a New Manager for Pierce Community Golfcourse of Pierce on the Class I-133021 Liquor License. There were no written comments or objections and no one from the public was present for the hearing. Chairman Martinson closed the public hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Rick Higgins as the New Manager for the Class I-133021 Liquor License for Pierce Community Golfcourse in pt of the SW ¼ in Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Judge Ryan Stover was present to ask the Board for monetary support for an AI program called West Law Deep Research that will be used by the District Judges. The Board agreed to support the program at the approximate cost of \$2,568.00 per year.

Beth Ferrell with NACO was present to give updates.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement, the Schluns driveway tax sale that matured in October 2025. No one bought the taxes therefore County Attorney Lohrberg was directed by the County Board to start procedures for filing a foreclosure on the Schluns driveway property, the personal property taxes for Chad Bernhardt and Jason Eckert that need to be collected. The County Attorney needed to send letters letting them know and if no response then Sheriff's in respective counties would collect. No decisions were made.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Uncollected Taxes Report.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Uncollected Tax Report 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Distress Warrant Report to be submitted by County Sheriff to County Treasurer by August 1. The 29 Distress Warrants were submitted to Treasurer by the Sheriff and 3 are still outstanding and need to be collected. The Board unanimously approved the submitted Distress Warrant Report.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the 2026 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 3 special designated liquor licenses for the Pierce American Legion Post 72 for events for the Saturdays of August 8, 15 & 29, 2026, all from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Courthouse and Jail inspections were tabled.

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

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve to audit and allow the following claims presented for payment and instructed the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of same on the various funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Amazon-supplies-\$282.48; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-\$1,890.00; Applied Connective-IT Services-\$3,434.43; Cintas-supplies-\$32.99; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$316.83; Copple, Rocky, Schlecht PC-court appointed costs-\$1,642.64; Detechtachem Inc-supplies-\$98.27; Dollar General-supplies-\$57.80; Ann Fenton-mileage-\$76.13; Fischer Tree Central Inc-tree-\$500.00; FP Finance-meter rent-\$171.05; GBE-24/25 FY audit-\$9,000.00; Heartland Fire Protection Company-inspections-\$568.25; Hilltop Community Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$19.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$15.00; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$376.73; Kate Jorgensen PC-public defender-\$4,720.83; LexisNexis-service-\$196.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$322.32; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; MidAmerica Adm Solutions-admin fees-\$384.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,494.20; MIPS Inc-website and software support-\$3,083.23; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-testing-\$43.68; One Office Solutions-supplies & equipment-\$77.46; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$348.47; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$144.00; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$432.41; Plainview News-publishing-\$5,276.72; Prime Stop-gas-\$350.64; Quill-office supplies-\$27.15; Region IV Inc-quarterly support-\$2,340.25; NE Secretary of State-supplies-\$20.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,940.03; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE-computer service-\$196.00; Terminix-service-\$130.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,125.71; Tilden Drug-prisoner medical-\$79.78; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$1,430.25; Veritext LLC-service-\$399.38; VISA-supplies-\$90.40; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$454.75; Jacob Wostrel-reimbursed supplies-\$128.35; Payroll-\$73,314.39 - As per statute SS 23-122: 3 County Commissioners-\$3,655.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-\$6,091.67/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$4,568.75/Mo.; 2 County Deputies-\$4,873.33/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$4,203.25/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$7,104.17/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$6,658.33/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$33.85/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$31.85/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$30.18/Hr.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$29.02/Hr.; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-\$20.60/hr; 1 FT Custodian-\$21.10/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$27.65/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$23.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$21.00/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$20.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$20.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$22.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$17.75/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$16.75/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$23.00/hr; 3 PT Clerical-\$15.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$23.90/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$22.40/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$20.75/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$23.25/hr; 1 PT Dispatcher-\$22.55/hr.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$355.88; Allstar Parts LLC-repairs-\$83.09; Appeara-service-\$106.32; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts and signs-\$42,418.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$34,428.04; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$9,355.90; Chad's Tire Service-tires & repairs-\$425.00; Cintas-supplies-\$167.89; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$228.38; Dd Steel LLC-repair parts-\$14.40; Dinkel's-repair parts-\$472.50; Fastwyre-telephone-\$114.34; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$30,391.25; Kayton Intl-repair parts-\$127.10; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$754.36; Kings Crushing LLC-gravel-\$19,724.70; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$85.52; Magdanz-supplies-\$17.48; McLean-utilities-\$84.75; Midwest Service & Sales Co-supplies-\$2,302.50; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$3,007.91; NMC Exchange-repair parts-\$6,366.89; North Central PPD-utilities-\$186.26; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$177.45; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$1,000.51; Plainview News-publishing-\$96.32; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-services-\$100.52; City of Plainview-utilities-\$90.85; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$5,354.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,645.46; Sapp Bros-supplies-\$129.25; Steinkraus Service-gas & supplies-\$780.95; Tom's Service-gas \$894.81; Vis's Engine Service-repairs-\$308.63; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$72.91; Western Oil-gasoline-\$107.26; Payroll-\$40,673.92 - As per statute SS 23-122: 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-\$100.00/Mo.; 1 Rd Foreman-\$5,208.33/MO; 1 FT Mechanic-\$32.15/hr; 4 FT Road Workers-\$26.60/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$25.55/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$22.50/hr; 5 FT Road Worker-\$24.35/hr; 3 PT Road Workers-\$23.65/hr; 1 PT Weed Supervisor-\$23.60/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$20.91/hr; 1 PT Weed Sprayer-\$16.60/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-\$125.00/bridge.

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

GRANT FUND: Butler County Landfill Inc-2026 tire pickup & recycling-\$36,277.54.

911 FUND: OPTK Networks-internet IT-\$529.40.

911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-cost share 911-\$290.96.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 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