

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 31, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus and Brad Albers; Carl Martinson was absent. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Jennie Martinez, Barb Burbach, Tom Rudloff, Beata Rudloff, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, David Hood, Mike Mayfield and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to appoint Brad Albers as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Carl Martinson. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson 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 shown hereafter 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 Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 17, 2026 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter presented the Keith Burbach Lot Split in pt of the W ½ NW ¼ 13-28-1.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Keith Burbach Lot Split in pt of the W ½ NW ¼ in Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Pay Application #1 (\$16,500-Final) and Certificate of Completion with Sir Lines-A-Lot for Paint Stripping JEO Project #261204. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Agreement, Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the Pierce West 853 Rd Culvert JEO Project # 250652 with A & R Construction Co. Plainview, NE, at a total cost of \$249,266.83 with a start date of March 2027. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 2026/2027 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: Steinkraus and Albers; Martinson absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Nextera could not be present to discuss the road issues and give updates but will be at the September 14, 2026 Board Meeting at 9:11 a.m.

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.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a Data Center coming into Pierce County.

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

GENERAL FUND: Amazon-suupplies-\$12.34; American Legion Emblem Sales-supplies-\$1,569.66; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$203.00; Bishop Business-supplies-\$143.10; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$33,028.73; Black Hills Energy-service-\$59.11; Charm-Tex-service-\$363.20; Dollar General-supplies-\$21.50; FP Finance Program-lease meter-\$171.05; Iowa Prison Industries-supplies-\$233.08; Johnsons Inc-repairs-\$122.54; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$33.43; Mark Albin Attorney-court appointed costs-\$200.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,322.83; MIPS-Website, software & support-\$678.68; One Office Solution-supplies-\$64.22; Pierce County Petty Cash-reimbursed mileage, meals, supplies & postage-\$241.38; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,818.49; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,841.32; State of NE Adm. Central Finance-support-\$747.95; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-County Burial 2026-2-\$3,200.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$867.64; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$694.69; UNL Haskell lab-registration-\$125.00; Payroll-\$71,432.05.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$43.60; B's Enterprises Inc-signs & culverts-\$16,132.00; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$4,652.82, Bomgaars-supplies-\$299.99; Culligan of Norfolk-service-\$32.00; Farmers Pride-propane & diesel-\$19,149.89; Heartland Fire Protection Co-inspections-\$543.00; Holiday Inn-Kearney-lodging-\$419.85; Jebro Inc-hot mix-\$6,493.50; Kings Crushing LLC-gravel-\$14,580.22; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,908.08; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc-repairs-\$109.60; Northeast Power-utilities-\$244.00; Pierce County Petty Cash-reimbursed CDL-\$64.00; Pierce

City-utilities-\$224.81; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,557.39; Safety Kleen-repairs-\$488.91; Tom’s Service-gas-\$400.96; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$134.91; Payroll-\$39,368.59.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Adm. Central Finance-support-\$150.00.

E911 FUND: City of Norfolk-support-\$130.48.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Albers adjourned the meeting at 10:13 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 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/ 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
