

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 28, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Jennie Martinez, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Deputy Sheriff Dan Hallock, Mike Mayfield, David Hood, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg 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 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 and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 14, 2026, were approved as printed.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:11 a.m. public hearing at 9:12 a.m. There were no written comments or objections from the public. Discussion was held on the 2026/2027 1 & 6 Year Road Plan projects and Hwy Supt. McDonald answered questions the Board had on the plan. Chairman Martinson closed the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Pierce County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and adopt Resolution #2026-18, the One and Six Year County Road Plan for Pierce County for 2026/2027 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on road and bridge projects and the solar farm roads.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve and authorize Clerk and Treasurer to place weed and tree notices into the 2026 tax statements. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Underground/ROW Crossing of a county road for North Central PPD with a 2" 3-phase primary electric line crossing of 863 Rd 515' east of 540 Avenue and running down the center of 863 Rd between Sections 6/7, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Underground/ROW Crossing of a county road for Northeast Power with a 2" 3-wire electrical line running on the south side of 861 Rd between Sections 13/24, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Deputy Dan Hallock was present and discussion was held on the purchasing of body cams for the Sheriff and Deputies. Deputy Hallock presented the Board with a \$20,000.00 check from Blattner Energy LLC to go toward body cams. Deputy Hallock had received 3 bid quotes for \$69,000 to \$79,000 with 5-year contracts and the Board told him to go ahead and make the decision on the company he wanted to go with. Discussion was held on the possibility of using the opioid money for the cameras. Clerk Wragge would investigate using opioid money for body cams.

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

GENERAL FUND: Amazon Capital Services-supplies-\$37.99; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$1,000.95; Bishop Business-supplies-\$53.68; Cedar Co. Clerk-supplies-\$110.00; CharmTex-supplies-\$123.80; Dollar General-supplies-\$23.00; Eakes Office-supplies-\$63.83; Elections Systems & Software-programing and ballots-\$1,759.78; Fitzgerald,Vetter, & Temple-court appointed attorney-\$571.82; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$197.05; Kate Jorgensen-public defender-\$4,862.50; M&M Sanitation-service-\$330.00; Madison Co. Treasurer-share cost of probation-\$13,647.24; Madison National Life-insurance premiums-\$41.09; Mid America Admin. & Retirement Solutions-management fees-\$372.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,583.07; NE Assn. Co. Officials-registration-\$65.00; NE NE Area Agency on Aging-26/27 support-\$4,803.00; NE NE Economic Develop-26/27 support-\$930.00; NE NE Juvenile Services-26/27 support for juvenile services-\$1,829.25; NE NE RC&D-26/27 support-\$2,000.00; NE HHSS-July 2026 housing-\$186.00; NE Wind & Solar-registration-\$700.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$13.22; Pierce Auto Repair-service-\$293.33; Pierce Co Economic Devel.-Jul-Sep 2026 quarterly support-\$16,641.25; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$72.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$15.15; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,738.73; Plainview News Inc-publishing-\$471.17; Pommer Accounting-26/27 budget preparation-\$3,200.00; Region IV Behavioral Health-qrtly share cost-\$5,887.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,973.70; Sirchie-supplies-\$80.54; State of NE DAS Central Finance-services-\$701.95; State of NE DAS Central Finance-services-\$46.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$944.58; Tom's Service-repairs & gas-\$1,410.07; ULINE-supplies-\$524.28; Visa-postage-\$43.40; Payroll-\$72,980.80.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Agheaters-AG Industrial Equip.-repair parts-\$94.29; AKRS Equip. Solutions-repair parts-\$72.52; B's Enterprises-signs-\$3,564.00; Black Hills Energy-service-\$10.25; Bomgaars-supplies-\$64.98; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$196.05; Kings Crushing-gravel-\$3,147.74; M&M-service-\$105.00; Menards-supplies-\$849.99; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,967.82; Midwest Service & Sales-sign posts-\$3,500.00; NE NE News Co.-publishing-\$111.36; NE Weed Control Assn.-registration-\$125.00; Nippon Sanso Matheson-chemicals-\$109.60; NE Power-utilities-\$244.00; Osmond City-utilities-\$141.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$245.88; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$283.74; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,539.83; Safety Kleen-service-\$349.52; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$947.00; Tom's Service-gas-\$980.54; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$919.48; Van Diest Supply Co-chemicals-\$238.00; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$130.90; Payroll-\$38,794.82.

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

INHERITANCE FUND: Maurice & Edith Stalnaker Trust-refund-\$1,086.96

911 FUND: GeoComm Inc-service-\$4,750.00; City of Norfolk-share cost 911 calls-\$130.48; Wahltex-equipment-\$4,029.64.

STOP PROGRAM FUND: MPH Industries-equipment-\$2,243.26.

Discussion was held on upcoming zoning issues to come before the County Board and moving the October 26, 2026 Board Meeting into the multipurpose or court room.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 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
