

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
September 14, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Bruce Zimmerman, Connie Zimmerman, Aaron Zimmerman, Mike Mayfield, Adam Venteicher, Matthew Jones, Adam Clayton, Tom Rudloff, Hersel Hicks, David Hood 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 Steinkraus, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 31, 2026 were approved as printed.

Matthew Jones with Nextera and Adam Clayton and Hersel Hicks with Blattner gave an update of the solar project and road update.

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

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the solar farm roads and on 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Clerk Wragge had been authorized to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan for 26/27 FY with a hearing date planned for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:11 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize Chairman Martinson and Hwy Supt. McDonald to sign, approve and adopt Resolution #2026-15, the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form for 2026 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve County Burial 2026-2 as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on 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 Steinkraus, to approve Resolution #2026-16, 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 #2026-16                                                                                                                      |                  |                  |                        |
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| PARCEL #                                                                                                                                 | NAME             | YEARS DELINQUENT | AMOUNT(Principal Only) |
| 700035782                                                                                                                                | Krista Schluns   | 2019-2025        | \$700.82               |
| (Certificate Matured 10-18-25, No Foreclosure was done by County Attorney Therefore re-issue with new certificate number) Tax Sale #1437 |                  |                  |                        |
| Add subsequent taxes to existing County Tax Sales:                                                                                       |                  |                  |                        |
| 700004333                                                                                                                                | Norris G. Leamer | 2021-2024        | \$261.66               |
| Tax Sale #1488                                                                                                                           |                  |                  |                        |

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 14, 2026, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.

/s/ Carl Martinson, Board Chairman  
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner  
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to accept and approve the list from Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr of past delinquent taxes. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff for July 2026; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for July and August 2026; approve Treasurer’s receipt’s for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for July 2026, total \$373,430.14 and for August 2026, total \$319,654.25 and 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Amazon-supplies-\$222.04; Antelope Co Sheriff-prisoner housing-\$225.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-\$4,484.48; Bishop Business-supplies-\$384.87; BCBS-health premiums-\$30,923.01; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$133.44; Cintas-supplies-\$70.07; Classic Carpet Care-service-

\$226.77; Ewalt Law Office PC LLO-court appointed attorney-\$3,913.25; Ann Fenton-reimbursed supplies-\$83.51; Highstreet Ins & Financial Services-bond-\$40.00; Intoximeters-supplies-\$345.00; Jan X-supplies-\$612.96; Johnson’s Inc-repairs-\$3,362.33; Lynn Peavey Company-supplies-\$57.51; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$153.54; Magdanz-supplies-\$191.13; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$5,384.15; MIPS Inc-software & support-\$3,335.63; NACO-registration-\$30.00; NE NE News-publishing-\$662.67; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$651.88; Pierce Co Court-court costs-\$295.00; Pierce Co Leader-publishing-\$310.25; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,788.28; Police Officers’ Assn of NE-dues-\$80.00; Vickie Prince-reimbursed supplies-\$209.62; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,904.57; Schindler Elevator Corp-inspection-\$2,071.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney-\$446.08; Terminex Processing-service-\$130.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$937.47; Tri County Title & Escrow-search-\$125.00; Verizon-service-\$399.38; Wayne County District Court-court costs-\$4,516.76; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$287.54; Wisner West Inc-gas-\$343.46; Payroll-\$72,336.67.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Allstar Parts-repair parts-\$1,221.46; Appeara-uniforms-\$106.32; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$83,354.80; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$4,904.67; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,275.58; Chad’s Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$108.50; Cintas-supplies-\$165.29; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$234.35; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-\$1,254.10; Culligan of Norfolk-service-\$256.00; Dd Steel LLC-supplies-\$14.40; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$19,384.86; Fastwyre-service-\$114.12; Filter Care of NE Inc-repairs-\$188.15; Intergrated Care-testing-\$105.00; JEO Consulting-engineering-\$23,370.00; Kayton Intl-repairs-\$52.85; Kelly Supply Co-supplies-\$42.14; Kings Crushing LLC-rock/gravel-\$11,190.11; Leiting Auto Supply-supplies-\$213.48; Magdanz-supplies-\$222.39; McLean Village-water, sewer, garbage-\$107.90; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$3,211.43; NMC Cat-repair parts-\$1,502.79; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc-repairs-\$132.25; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$186.81; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$4,034.25; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$656.74; Pierce Co Leader-publishing-\$99.76; Pierce Telephone-service-\$243.80; Plainview Telephone-service-\$100.52; Prince Auto Repair Inc-repairs-\$154.24; R & D Welding-repairs-\$8.93; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$652.89; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,872.69; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repairs-\$387.75; Truck Center Companies-repairs-\$100.53; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$6,551.83; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$9.78; Payroll-\$43,740.07.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** MIPS-IT service-\$361.88.

**INHERITANCE FUND:** North Central Health Dept.-Miles for Smiles Program-\$3,220.00; Edith Stalnaker Estate-refund of inheritance to estate-\$1,086.96.

**E911 FUND:** OPTK Networks-monthly 911 internet-\$529.40.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Pierce Telephone-service-\$69.95.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 A.M. and will meet at the 2026/2027 Budget Hearing and Budget Summary Public Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 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/ 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.

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

Chairman Martinson opened the 11:00 A.M. 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:01 a.m. for the Presentation of the Budget Summary to set the Tax Request different than prior fiscal year. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 FY budget. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 11:09 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 1:15 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.

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

Chairman Martinson opened the 11:15 A.M. 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:16 a.m. for the Approval and Final Setting of the Tax Request. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 FY budget. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 11:17 a.m.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 FY Pierce County Budget as submitted and approve Resolution #2026-17 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 17  
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2026/2027 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 2026-2027 property tax request be set at \$5,415,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 7%
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 .178375 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 \$0.172482 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 increase last years by 6%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2026.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2026.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, Chairman  
/s/ John Steinkraus, District #1 Commissioner  
/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 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: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 11:18 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 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  
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/s/ Shannon Wragge  
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