COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
November 9, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, EM Bobbi Risor, Ext. Agent Ann Fenton, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, PCED Judith Stanton, Steve Haselhorst, Debbie Borg, Bob Wehrer, Hersel Hicks, David Hood, Commissioner Elect Mike Mayfield, Will Fogle, Jeff Kesting, Burg Salanse, Matthew Jones, Stephen Chase and News Report 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 Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 26, 2026, were approved as printed.

Debbi Borg with Senator Ricketts office gave the Board an update.

Will Fogle and Jeff Kesting with Pierce Telephone gave a bid quote for updating the phone system in the courthouse and explained the two ways the county could go. County Board and office heads reviewed the bid quote received for updating the phone system for the courthouse. The current phones and phone system is from 1994. The following bid quotes received from Pierce Telephone Co Inc were to buy the phones outright for $26,816.41 and continue to pay for the service each month or pay $1,728.88 monthly lease as the county does now and continue to pay for the service each month. No decision was made.

Ebony Cooksey with Nextlink was to call in to update the Board on Nextlink Internet in Pierce County, but no call was recieved.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to Approve Resolution #2026-23 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 23

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2026-2027 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of $2,380,200.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:

Road/Bridge Fund	$1,000,000.00
Total	$1,000,000.00

of the Property Taxes collected by the General Fund to above list. Disregard any previous resolutions on transfers.

Dated this 9th day of November, 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.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the Certification of Distress Warrants that have been delivered to the County Sheriff. After Distress Warrants are delivered to the Sheriff, the Sheriff then has 9 months or until August 1st to submit a report to the County Board for the amount collected and/or uncollected.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Notice that 22 Distress Warrants at a total of $9,538.38 were delivered to the Pierce County Sheriff. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve the Underground/ROW Crossing of a county road for Dwight Kahny with a 2" electric line 1,056' south of 865 Rd and undercrossing 545 Ave in pt NW ¼ Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve and appoint Christopher Unseld to a 3 year term to the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the holidays for 2027 and an error was seen and had to be corrected.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the Zimmerman Replat in pt NW ¼ NW ¼ 23-2-3, Lots 1 – 3.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Zimmerman Replat of Lots 1 - 3 in pt of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve Change Order #1 (add $745.41 for final quantity adjustment with total project cost of $250,012.24) and Pay Application #2 (final) for the Pierce West - JEO Project #250652 with A & R Construction Co for an amount of $26,065.19. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the Holidays, Meeting and Pay Claim Dates for 2027 as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Steve Haselhorst was present to ask the Board to change Pierce County Zoning Regulations so property owner cannot build within 5 acres of another resident. No decision could be made as item not on agenda.

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

PCED Judith Stanton gave an update to the Board.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for October 2026; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for October 2026 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total $450,540.73 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-$179.00; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-prisoner boarding-$895.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT service-$4,523.78; Bishop Business-supplies-$106.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-$57.79; BCBS-health premiums-$34,502.44; Bob Barker Company LLC-supplies-$31.53; Breanna Johnson-mileage-$154.07; City of Osmond-26/27 library support-$11,200.00; Crowne Plaza-lodging-$275.90; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$665.53; Elections Systems & Software-GN26 Election-$77.50; Ann Fenton-reimbursed travel & supplies-$315.89; Shauna Gossman-reimbursed travel-$549.40; IANR Finance Hub-supplies-$50.00; Johnson's Inc-repairs-$644.06; Bonita Lederer-reimbursed travel-$542.66; Magdanz-supplies-$204.90; Mark Albin Attorney-court appointed costs-$1,952.27; Jennie Martinez-reimbursed travel-$263.77; Heather McWhorter-reimbursed travel-$307.70; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,447.13; MIPS-IT service, website-$3,283.71; Modern Marketing-supplies-$548.26; NACO-registration-$990.00; NE Extension-Cedar County-registration-$265.00; NE NE News-publishing-$1,631.92; NE HHSS-September 2026 boarding-$90.00; Pieper & Story PC-court appointed costs-$2,317.95; Pierce Auto Repair LLC-repairs-$100.80; Pierce Co Court-court costs-$34.00; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimb. Mileage, postage & supplies-$259.34; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to Road/Bridge Fund-$1,000,000.00; Pierce High School Wresting-donation to wrestlers for setting up Pavilion polling site-$150.00; Pierce Old Time Threshing Bee-26/27 support-$1,200.00; Pierce Telephone-service-$1,839.50; City of Pierce-26/27 library support-$11,200.00; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-$260.08; City of Plainview-26/27 library support-$11,200.00; Vickie Prince-reimbursed travel-$258.40; Quill-supplies-$892.76; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,938.54; Security Shredding-shredding-$160.00; State of NE Central Finance-October costs-$701.95; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, PC-court appointed attorney costs-$672.50; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$465.41; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-$758.63; Western Oil Inc-gas-$437.41; Ron Westlake-reimbursed travel-$545.33; Payroll-$73,206.33.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay App 2 for JEO Project 250652-$26,065.19; Appeara-uniforms-$102.52; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$49,337.96; Bauer Built-repair parts-$464.00; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-$33,104.72; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-$746.90; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-$339.83; Culligan of Norfolk-service-

$99.00; Doug Langston-reimbursement-$30.00; Filtercare of NE-repairs-$79.85; Kayton Intl-repair parts-$352.60; Lawson Products-repair parts-$204.33; Magdanz-supplies-$126.14; McLean-utilities-$84.75; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-$3,235.78; NACO-registration-$165.00; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc-repair parts-$107.04; NC PPD-utilities-$175.31; NE Glass-repairs-$710.00; Northeast Power-utilities-$236.00; Overhead Door-repairs-$172.00; Paul's Welding-repairs-$866.94; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$241.65; Plainview City-utilities-$90.57; Polt Brothers Equipment-repair parts-$214.12; R & D Welding-repairs-$44.13; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,639.40; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-$390.40; Wattier's True Value-supplies-$20.99; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-$1,015.90; Western Oil Inc-gas-$779.87; Payroll-$40,284.31.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-online services-$413.80.

E911 FUND: Optk Networks-911 service-$529.40.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-$69.95.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, November 23, 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 l0 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

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