COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
October 26, 2026

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on October 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Pierce County Multi-Purpose Room with the following members present: John Steinkraus, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Dave Hood, Mike Mayfield, Bonita Lederer, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Zoning Jennie Martinez, 36 citizens for the public hearing 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 Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of October 13, 2026 were approved as printed.

The public hearing for KGP Services LLC, expansion of construction and demolition landfill was requested to be withdrawn on October 7, 2026.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign the 2026 Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form which determines incentive state and federal funds for highway allocations as submitted and Resolution # 2026-22, authorizing the signing of the Year End Certification by the County Board Chairperson. 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 selling of the old hog buying station next to the District 2 Osmond Shop on Hwy 121. The property was bought in 2011 for $45,000 and Steve Manzer with Manzer Equipment is asking to purchase.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Steinkraus, to not sell the old hog buying station next to the District 2 Osmond Shop on Hwy 121. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus and Martinson; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, to approve Pay Application #1 for the Pierce West - JEO Project #250652 with A & R Construction Co for an amount of $223,947.05. Roll call vote: Aye: Steinkraus, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The legal was read for the 9:15 a.m. public hearing to receive public comments to discuss the implementation of a 6-month moratorium on accepting Data Center Applications.

Chairman Martinson opened the 9:15 a.m. public hearing at 9:16 a.m. Zoning Admin. Heather McWhorter answered questions the Board had. 36 Citizens were present and all comments made by the following were for having a 6-month moratorium: Roger Brandt, Paul Widhalm, Verjean Lippman, Brandon Bolt, Kari Buss, Cherlyn Thelen, Todd Dickey, Jan Harris, Ron Lippman, Chuck Foxhoven, Stephanie Sukup, Seth Eggerling, Tim Weinrich, Adam Remmich and Tami Timmerman. No one spoke in favor of not having a moratorium. Chairman Martinson closed the hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution 2026-21, which is to approve a 6-month evaluation period to research and educate on data centers as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026 - 21

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce, Nebraska has a comprehensive development plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce, Nebraska has zoning regulations in place which are intended to direct the location of specific uses and provide for proper separation of conflicting uses: and

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce, Nebraska has seen an interest in proposed Industrial Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Pierce County wishes to study the existing zoning regulations related to this use; and

WHEREAS the likelihood of Industrial Data Centers in Pierce County is probable, the County Board desires to implement regulations which are appropriate for the county and its residents, and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that the most appropriate way to achieve such appropriateness is to work on said regulations without the possibility of new applications coming forward,

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing statement, the County Board of Pierce County, Nebraska, hereby adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Pierce County, Nebraska, that a six-month pause on accepting any Industrial Data Center applications to allow for research and education is hereby invoked and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said six-month pause shall become effective as of the date of the approval of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of October 2026.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner and Chairman

/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: Albers and Martinson. Nay: Steinkraus. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinkraus, seconded by Albers, 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-$16.99; BCBS-health premiums-$33,101.97; Bishop Business-supplies-$77.36; Classic Carpet Care-service-$237.62; Eakes Office Solutions-supplies-$665.53; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland-court appointed costs-$406.25; ES & S-election-$3,611.53; FP Finance Program-meter lease-$197.05; Holiday Inn Kearney-lodging-$139.95; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-$97.94; Johnsons Inc-repairs-$4,340.13; Kate Jorgensen PC-public defender-$4,862.50; Maximus Inc-service-$1,000.00; Midwest Bank-co share-$5,396.38; NE Fire Marshal Agency-inspection-$120.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$146.57; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$1,720.99; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-$289.17; Pierce City-utilities-$2,460.71; Plainview News-publishing-$1,086.04; Vickie Prince-reimbursement-$369.65; Quill-supplies-$401.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$4,959.52; Secretary of State-election supplies-$78.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-$33.00; Sirchie LLC-supplies-$28.15; State of NE-network charges-$46.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-$661.77; Tilden Drug-prisoner meds-$18.10; Tom's Service-gas-$757.79; Verizon-service-$399.38 VISA-jail supplies-$109.00; Payroll-$72,384.56.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pierce West 853 Rd Culvert Project-$223,947.05; B's Enterprises-culverts-$10,969.50; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-$68,811.96; Black Hills Energy-service-$56.32; Bomgaars-supplies-$288.62; Classic Carpet Care-service-$210.48; Kings Crushing LLC-gravel-$9,716.72; Lawson Products-repair parts-$377.25; Midwest Bank-co share-$3,020.07; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-$5,050.50; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-$344.45; Pierce County Leader-publishing-$110.08; Pierce City-utilities-$255.35; Plainview News-publishing-$116.96; RDO Truck Center Co-repair parts-$390.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-$2,680.37; Safety Kleen-repairs-$289.80; Tom's Service LLC-gas-$412.72; Wattier's True Value-shop supplies-$11.98; Payroll-$40,904.94.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Pierce County Leader-publishing-$8.50.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: State of NE Central Financing-online services-$150.00.

E911 FUND: City of Norfolk-911 services-$130.48.

Discussion was held that Zoning Board members are still needed from the Randolph area yet.

There being no further business, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:41 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 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