

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 5, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald 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 advanced notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 22, 2024 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present to visit with the County Board about the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity) Grant the City of Norfolk and Madison County will be pursuing and wanting Pierce County Board to form a partnership with them to build up roads and infrastructure in Madison and Pierce County.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Economic Development Interlocal Agreement.

Bobbi Pettit and Lowell Schroeder with Five Rule was present to update the Board on the Comprehensive Plan is close to being completed for approval.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Taylors/The Whitehouse for an event on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for certain quantities of culverts, gravel, signs & blades with bids to be opened Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:11 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on amending the Pierce County Employee Handbook pertaining to compensated time off and on changing the amount charged for machine hire by the County.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following adjustment for machine hire rates for 2024 with the following stipulations: (1) that adjustments in rates may be made at a later date, depending on the cost of fuel. (2) that Pierce County set these rates and does machine work only on request for a small job and when it would be difficult and impractical for a private contractor to haul his machinery to a location for such a small job and the County is already in that location.

\$250 per hour for Backhoe/Excavator with man;

\$175 per hour for Motor Grader with man;

\$250 per hour for Loader with man;

\$200 per hour for Scraper with man;

\$125 per hour for 10-yard Dump Truck with man

\$150 per mile for mowing of roadway ditches (SS 39-1811)

Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to amend the Pierce County Employee Handbook for compensated time off to the maximum comp hour an employee may keep in their bank is 150 hours for non-law enforcement and the employee must use the accrued comp time within 5 months of earning it. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the time clock program, hiring of a Hwy Supt., Sign Supt. and Weed Supt.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Mark D. Albin-court appointed costs-\$1,539.65; Axon Enterprises Inc-supplies-\$348.80; Black Hills Energy-service-\$2.15; Brogan Lamli PC LLO-court appointed costs-\$1,587.63; Eakes Office-supplies & contract fees-\$276.06; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland PC-court appointed costs-\$698.40; Elite Office Products- supplies & contract fees-\$279.78; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$102.95; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner medical-\$28.62; Madison National Life-life ADD, LTD premiums-\$43.36; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,763.45; NACO-registrations-\$100.00; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-2024 dues-\$50.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$345.69; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$362.83; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$108.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$3,072.31; Plainview News-ads-\$219.96; Prime Stop-gas-\$110.92; Quill-supplies-\$49.46; R&D Welding-repairs-\$30.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,131.49; Security Shredding-services-\$140.00; State of Nebraska-network server fees-\$659.71; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$206.58; Tom's Services-gas-\$544.67; Walmart-supplies-\$537.00; Winner's Circle-supplies-\$30.66; Wood Aitken-attorney costs-\$162.50; Payroll-\$64,060.23.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$708.46; Scott Alexander-refund for premiums-\$9.65; B's Enterprises-blades & signs-\$4,856.00; Black Hills Energy-service-\$695.01; Bomgaars-supplies-\$240.41; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$6,739.96; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineer services-\$7,492.50; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$94.18; Lawson Products-supplies-\$251.59; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$13,338.70; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,139.82; NE Power-utilities-\$260.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$5,837.20; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$717.47; Pierce City-utilities-\$166.83; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$39.81; Prince Auto Repair-repairs-\$155.17; R&D Welding-service-\$55.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,756.73; Sapp Bros Inc-supplies-\$256.50; Superior Fenders Inc-repair parts-\$2,000.00; Tom's Service-gas-\$1,227.18; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$444.44; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$75.33; Payroll-\$42,350.01

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$112.13; Plainview News-ads-\$9.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$109.07; Payroll-\$1,615.83.

INHERITANCE FUND: Cole Aschoff-snow removal-\$20,750.00; Evan Aschoff-snow removal-\$25,175.00; BW Excavating LLC-snow removal-\$5,425.30; Binger Farms Inc-snow removal-\$6,250.00; D & L Towing & Recovery-services-\$1,730.00; Top Gear Farms LLC-snow removal-\$3,131.25.

E911 FUND: OPTK Networks-service-\$529.40.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs & installation of lights-\$7,158.37.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:09 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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/ Tom Kuether
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
