

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
March 18, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Brad Albers and Carl Martinson; Tom Kuether was absent. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, EMS Bobbi Risor, Weed Supt. Steve Gathman and News Reporter Randee Falter were present.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to appoint Carl Martinson as Chairman Pro Tem due to the absence of Chairman Tom Kuether. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 Pro Tem Martinson called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. and presided. Chairman Pro Tem 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 4, 2024 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held by the Board on the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr notified Board that she sold a total of 15 tax sale certificates amounting to \$26,064.29 as of Monday, March 18, 2024.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. The Pierce County Treasurer's Office sold a total of 15 tax sale certificates amounting to \$26,064.29 as of Monday, March 18, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a designated liquor license for Pierce American Legion for an event on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 2 designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2024-4 as follows and the Clerk's Certificate, a resolution appointing the representative and alternate to the NE NE Solid Waste Coalition Board:

RESOLUTION # 2024-4  
PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the County of Pierce, Nebraska is a member of the NORTHEAST NEBRASKA SOLID WASTE COALITION; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the NORTHEAST NEBRASKA SOLID WASTE COALITION, the County of Pierce, Nebraska is authorized to name a representative to the Board of Directors of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the County Board of the County of Pierce, Nebraska hereby adopt the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Pierce, Nebraska that:

- (1) Tom Kuether is hereby appointed as the representative of the County of Pierce, Nebraska to the NORTHEAST NEBRASKA SOLID WASTE COALITION Board of Directors and, in the event of his absence, then Brad Albers shall be declared as the alternate representative to the Board and shall act and vote on behalf of the County of Pierce, Nebraska.
- (2) That the above-named representative of the County of Pierce to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors shall serve as the representative until his or her successor is appointed by resolution of the County Board.

Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

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

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; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2 underground crossings or occupy right-of-way applications.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Underground Crossing Application of a county road for Craig Dohmen for a 1.5” natural gas line, just north of 865 Rd, in pt of the SW ¼ Section 29, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Underground Crossing/ROW Application of a county road for Pierce Telephone Co Inc with a 1.25” fiber optic line on roads in Slough, South Branch and Pierce Townships (see map), Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Duane Gubbels Lot Split in pt of the N ½ NW ¼ 3-27-2.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Duane Gubbels Lot Split in pt of the N ½ NW ¼ Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE (5.01 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the placing of stop signs at the intersection of 865 Rd and 538 Ave.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2024-5 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-5

PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, an engineering study was made of the intersection of County Avenue 538 with 865 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, the findings of the engineering study revealed obstacles to visibility resulting in an unsafe condition that can be remedied by stopping eastbound, westbound, and southbound vehicles at the intersection of County Avenue 538 with 865 Road in Pierce County, Nebraska. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that the eastbound, westbound, and southbound vehicles be stopped at the intersection of County Avenue 538 with 865 Road, Pierce County Nebraska and that the necessary signs be installed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

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

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; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, spraying of weeds and trimming of trees.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and direct the Clerk to place a public notice into county newspapers and county social media that the county will not be mowing county roads in 2024, not to plant within county right-of-way, no watering of county roads, and owners need to spray weeds and trim trees on their property. Roll call vote: Aye: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve 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: Albers and Martinson; Kuether absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,701.40; Bloomfield Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$34.80; BCBS-health premiums-\$50,215.79; CVSO-yearly dues-\$100.00; Charm-Tex-supplies-\$499.60; Classic Rentals-service-\$214.84; Elite office Products-maintenance -\$20.00; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$154.09; Ann Fenton-reimburse expenses & mileage-\$107.62; Gaylen Boettcher Baier PC-court appointed attorney-\$982.28; GBE, CPA-professional audit services-\$13,500.00; Jeffrey L Hrouda-court appointed attorney-\$975.75; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender & legal services-\$7,823.63; Brittany Kolterman-reimburse registration -\$100.00; LexisNexis-software-\$177.00; Madison Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$1,450.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$70.95; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,734.28; NE News Co-ads-\$552.37; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$93.84; Pierce Auto Repair-repairs-\$715.27; Pierce Co Court-court expenses-\$357.50; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$486.41; Pierce Co Pretty Cash-supplies, gas, mileage-\$108.03; Pierce Telephone-service-\$1,808.72; Prime Stop-gas-\$118.95; Vickie Prince-reimburse expenses-\$624.21; Quill-office supplies-\$190.77; Region IV Behavioral Health-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly support-\$11,443.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,102.33; Schroeder Land Surveying-service-\$365.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$63.75; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$431.35; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$687.05; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.93; VISA-jail supplies-\$152.73; Western Oil-gas-\$268.22; Payroll-\$63,668.46.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** A&R Construction-bridge repair-\$4,175.00; Altwine Hardware-supplies-\$49.94; Appera-service-\$98.12; B's Enterprises-signs & blades-\$38,741.00;

Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$851.95; Barco Municipal Products-supplies-\$362.99; Bauer Built Inc-repair parts-\$94.00; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,022.55; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$114.50; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$175.78; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$127.07; Courtesy Ford-repair parts-\$111.71; DD Steel-repairs-\$94.44; Farmers Pride-propane-\$711.17; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$111.42; Filter Care of NE-repairs-\$47.10; JEO-engineering-\$8,922.50; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$1,269.46; Kumm Gas-gas-\$22.80; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$472.48; Magdanz-supplies-\$154.82; Matheson-supplies-\$152.13; McLean Village-utilities-\$84.15; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$1,962.57; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,765.70; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$28.75; N&B Gas-propane-\$598.26; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-\$2,326.68; NC PPD-utilities-\$313.55; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,778.40; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$685.72; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$813.94; Pierce Co Petty Cash-supplies, mileage, supplies-\$114.81; Pierce Telephone-service-\$177.37; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service, equipment-\$1,313.46; City of Plainview-utilities-\$82.72; PowerPlan-repair parts-\$105.81; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$2,811.64; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-\$668.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,426.68; Rollin Coal Trucking-haul gravel-\$494.72; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$481.60; Tom's Service-gas-\$296.32; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$113.29; Western Oil-gas-\$170.50; Payroll-\$37,460.10.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$150.00.

**PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** BCBS-health premium-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; NE NE News-ads-\$7.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$16.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

**E911 FUND:** Midwest Card and ID Solutions LLC-5 subscriptions to the Salamander Program-\$750.00; OPTK Networks-service-\$529.40; Pierce Telephone-service-\$341.15.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Plainview Telephone-service-\$151.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND:** HFMNCO-snow removal-\$25,160.00.

**LOTTERY FUND:** NE Dept of Revenue-renewal fee-\$100.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tem Carl Martinson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 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/ Carl Martinson  
Chairman Pro Tem, 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

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