

# Pierce County Board Minutes



## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS November 20, 2017

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Marvin Elwood, Jr., Brad Albers and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Richard Koenig, Alisha Bolling, Tom Kuether, Rick Otto, Gaye Delka, Kate Valentine, Matt Hopkins, Ned Porter, Brian J. Schlote, Vickie Prince, Chris Delka, Rick Geier 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 hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Wragge called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Wragge 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 Elwood, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Albers and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 2 and 6, 2017 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Elwood, to approve Resolution #2017-30 as follows:

### RESOLUTION #2017-30

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2017-2018 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,750,000.00 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	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
Total	\$250,000.00

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

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Terry J. Wragge, Chairman

/s/ Marvin Elwood, Jr., 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: Elwood, Wragge and Albers. Nay: None. Motion carried.

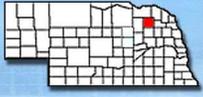
Motion by Albers, seconded by Elwood, to approve the holidays, meeting dates and pay claim dates for 2018 as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Albers and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Elwood, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman and Hwy Supt. to sign the 2017 Certification of County Highway Superintendent form which determines incentive state and federal funds for highway allocations as submitted. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Albers and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchasing of a new motor grader by state bids. The Board will get state bids for a Cat and John Deere motor graders.

The County Board discussed the proposed wind energy zoning regulations and continuing the moratorium for an additional 6 months.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, to approve Resolution #2017-32 as follows:



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## RESOLUTION #2017-32

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 wind energy conversion turbines; and

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

WHEREAS, the likelihood of wind farms 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 moratorium on accepting any wind farm applications was invoked and approved on June 19, 2017 and the Board wishes to extend said moratorium for another six months from December, 19, 2017.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Marvin Elwood, Jr., District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Terry J. Wragge, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Albers and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion &/or possible action on wind tower regulations will be placed on the January 2, 2018 County Board of Commissioners agenda at 9:11 a.m.

Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince presented a bid quote from Cornhusker State Industries to construct two 3'x5' counsel/attorney tables for the courtroom. Item will be placed on next agenda for approval.

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

Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince and Co. Assessor Peggy Wragge were present and discussion was held on the setting of 2019-2022 salaries for elected county officials.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Wragge, to approve Resolution #2017-31

## RESOLUTION #2017 - 31

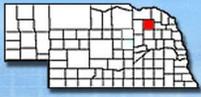
### PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, Section 23-1114 Nebraska Revised Statutes, requires the County Board to set the salaries of all elected county officials for the following four year term of office prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective county offices; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is an election year in which elective county offices are to be filled pursuant to the election process by virtue of primary elections held in May of 2018 and general elections held in November of 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners has carefully considered and analyzed the responsibilities and duties of the various elective offices, the Nebraska Association of County Officials' salary study, and salaries of comparable positions in other governmental sectors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pierce County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the following base salaries for the various elective offices for the term beginning January, 2019:



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Board of Commissioners (60% of base pay of \$54,800.00)	\$32,880.00
County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner	\$54,800.00
County Treasurer	\$54,800.00
County Assessor	\$54,800.00
Clerk of District Court	\$54,800.00
County Sheriff	\$54,800.00
County Attorney	\$54,800.00
County Surveyor	\$10.00 per year plus per diem expenses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that officials in each of the above offices shall be given annual salary increases in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 2020, \$2,500.00 for 2021 and \$3,000.00 for 2022 which shall be added to the previous year's salary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated base salary, the County Sheriff shall receive \$633.33 per month or \$7,600.00 per annum for the operation of the County Jail, with an additional annual increase of \$200.00 per annum for 2020, 2021 and 2022, which shall be added to the previous year's increase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated base salary, the County Attorney shall receive \$450.00 per month or \$5,400.00 per annum for specialized training and continuing legal education with an additional annual increase of \$200.00 per annum for 2020, 2021 and 2022, which shall be added to the previous year's increase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salaries for the appointed deputies of the County Attorney, Clerk of District Court, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, Clerk of District Court and County Sheriff shall be set at a minimum of 65% of the County Official's base salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall be enrolled in and receive the benefits of the County Employees' Retirement System as set forth by Section 23-2301 et seq. Nebraska Revised Statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall receive, during his or her term of office, the benefits of the same health, dental and medical group insurance plan which is offered to all county employees, subject to the same terms, conditions, and contributions and subject to any modifications of such plan made during the term of office.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Marvin Elwood, Jr., District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

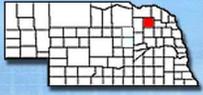
/s/ Terry J. Wragge, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Albers and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Wragge, 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: Elwood and Wragge; Albers abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc-prisoner medical-\$27.90; Antelope County Sheriff-inmate housing-\$1,600.00; Mary Ann Bach-mileage-\$33.54; BCBS-health premiums-\$26,307.44; Cable One-service-\$99.85; Bailey Carpenter-mileage-\$180.83; Classic Rentals-service-\$247.92; Elite Office Products-maint. agreements-\$46.87; Ann Fenton-mileage & registration-\$464.06; First Concord-deductibles & fees-\$2,794.07; Hometown Market-prisoner food-\$2,820.51; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-jail & sheriff supplies-\$1,452.82; Mitch Jensen-mileage-\$15.14; Kate M. Jorgensen-public defender-\$2,500.00; LexisNexis-



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law library-\$381.92; Lynn Peavey Company-supplies-\$38.10; Madison Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$1,685.00; Marvin Planning Consultants Inc-consultant fees for updating zoning regulations-\$812.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,436.79; Morland, Eastland, Lohrberg PC-public defender-\$2,500.00; NACO-registration-\$250.00; NE NE Juvenile Services-juvenile housing-\$833.75; NESCA-EMD training-\$50.00; NE Community College-classes/books-\$90.00; Brian Oestreich-prisoner food-\$36.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$29.04; Osmond Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$77.21; Penny Pedersen-mileage-\$19.26; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy costs-\$1,320.00; Pierce Auto-supplies-\$191.46; Pierce County Treasurer-garnishment fee-\$5.00; Plainview News-ads-\$262.08; Quill-supplies-\$59.97; R Xtreme Graphics-supplies-\$28.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,080.83; Security Shredding Services-shredding-\$105.00; State of NE Networking-service-\$92.88; Wanek Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$25.84; Whitey's Sprinklers-winterize sprinklers-\$125.00; Payroll-\$46,799.86.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Alpha Workforce Health-DOT physicals-\$85.00; Appera-service-\$84.40; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$10,385.76; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$4,779.00; Big John Mfg Co Inc-supplies-\$4.75; Black Hills Energy-service-\$121.30; Classic Rentals-service-\$194.77; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,115.71; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$2,214.00; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$149.55; Kayton International Inc-repair parts-\$687.04; Kumm Gas Co Inc-repair parts-\$15.11; Lawson Products-repair parts-\$200.62; Leiting Auto Supply-supplies & repair parts-\$248.59; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$54.56; Manzer Equipment Inc-repair parts-\$2,606.35; Midwest Bank-co share-\$1,835.10; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$6.69; Mitteis Gravel LLC-gravel-\$3,857.91; NE Machinery Co-repairs & parts-\$6,493.08; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$2,063.50; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$350.45; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$250.00; Pierce County Treasurer-garnishment fee-\$2.50; Plainview Auto Supply-repair parts-\$47.93; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$2,369.80; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$50.96; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,602.46; Sapp Bros Petroleum Inc-supplies-\$133.10; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co-crushed concrete-\$2,829.68; Steinkraus Service-repairs & diesel-\$2,370.15; Truck Center Co-repair parts-\$28.72; Verizon-service-\$80.07; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$54.35; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$509.42; Payroll-\$24,201.54.

**E911 FUND:** Plainview Telephone-service-\$22.65.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$137.72; Plainview Telephone-service-\$128.35; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.52; Payroll-\$1,800.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND:** BOK Financial-bond payment-\$210,000.00; Bush & Roe Financial Inc-additional general liability insurance as per workers compensation audit-\$22,258.00.

**HIGHWAY BOND FUND:** BOK Financial-bond payment-\$196,790.00.

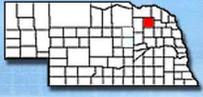
**COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND:** Connecting Point-wiring in courtroom-\$38.00.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 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/ Terry J. Wragge  
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



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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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