



# Pierce County Board Minutes



## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 26, 2019

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Marvin Elwood, Jr., Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Mark Hall, Mike Pommer 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 9:20 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 Schmit, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 12, 2019 were approved as printed.

Mike Pommer, County CPA, was present and discussion was held on the 19/20 FY budget and on the levy allocations for the subdivisions. The budget hearing for the 19/20 fiscal year will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Mark Hall was present to visit with the Board about the maintaining of minimum maintenance roads. Hall informed the Board that he has done work to build up a minimum maintenance road west of Pierce so that farm ground could be accessed and asked if it could periodically be maintained by the County which Commissioner Wragge agreed to.

Discussion was held on the Flooding, Husker Ethanol Plant and on the Phase 2 Areas in Pierce County for irrigation as put forth by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Discussion was held on the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form, resolution authorizing the signing of the certification by the County Board Chairman and Hwy Supt and Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS) Form that needs to be signed and returned to NDOR by October 31, 2019.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman and Hwy Supt. to sign Resolution 2019-26, authorizing whom can sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2019 and the NBSC 2019 Form 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, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Schmit, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a special designated liquor license for Charlie's Bar, Pierce, for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20, 2019, both days from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Elwood, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a special designated liquor license for Taylors Bar & Grill, Pierce, for an event at the Pierce Pavilion on Saturday, October 31, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Wragge, to accept and approve the public defender contracts with the current firms of Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland P.C., Norfolk, NE and Kate M. Jorgensen Law Office P.C., Wayne, NE, as Pierce County's Public Defender's at a salary of \$30,000.00 per year per firm for minimum of one year and maximum of two years. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Schmit, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign the Agreement with NE Dept. of Roads for Project NH-81-4(127) N-13, S JCT N-98 for the construction of a



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highway improvement project in Pierce County. Whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Schmit, 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, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** BCBS-health premiums-\$30,780.48; Consolidated Management Co-sheriff school-\$55.27; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland-public defender-\$2,500.00; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement, supplies-313.08; Expressions Floral & Gift Shoppe-supplies-\$45.80; First Concord Benefits-health deductible-\$1,387.19; J&S Plumbing LLC-repairs-\$95.98; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-\$489.93; Kate M. Jorgensen-public defender-\$2,500.00; Madison National Life Ins. Co.-premiums, life, long term disability-\$86.52; Hunter McWhorter-inspection service-\$476.00; Noah McWhorter-inspection service-\$693.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,893.47; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$96.49; Pierce Dental Office-prisoner health-\$326.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$352.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner health-\$49.10; Pierce Postmaster-postage-\$235.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,856.57; Plainview News-publishing-\$565.73; Prime Stop-gas-\$72.83; Quill-supplies-\$141.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,441.12; State of NE-computer service-\$114.38; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$771.29; Town & Country Ins-notary bond-\$40.00; TWD Lock Safe & Key-repairs-\$50.00; Wayne County District Court-judge costs 2018-\$4,505.08; Whitey's Sprinklers-service-\$40.00; Payroll-\$53,847.84.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** B's Enterprises Inc-supplies-\$2,400.00; Bauer Built-tires-\$1,227.60; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$40.95; CenturyLink-telephone service-\$65.40; Colonial Research-supplies-\$302.89; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$6,622.36; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$1,966.25; Northeast Power-utilities-\$300.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,775.23; Pierce Automotive Supply-supplies-\$253.24; Pierce City-utilities-\$117.41; Prince Auto Repair-services-\$134.19; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,594.33; Verizon-service-\$80.07; Payroll-\$25,933.34.

**E911 FUND:** CenturyLink-telephone service-\$48.7, Plainview Telephone-service-\$22.65.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** CenturyLink-telephone service-\$276.04, Plainview Telephone-service-\$128.35.

**HIGHWAY BONDS FUND:** A&R Construction Co-hauling rock-\$9,370.62; Cole Aschoff-hauling rock-\$51,595.38; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel & rock-\$21,133.78; Cedar Beef LLC-rock & trucking-\$17,287.83; Circle A-road repair-\$26,847.50; Dave Friedrich-hauling rock, gravel-\$3,465.00; HFMNCO LLC-bridge repair-\$1,550.00; Martin Marietta-gravel & rock-\$14,854.79; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co-gravel-\$6,096.12; Rollin' Coal Trucking LLC-hauling rock-\$1,560.51.

Discussion was held on State Legislature Steve Erdman's plan to reduce property taxes and his asking of each county in Nebraska to support his plan with a resolution stating such. Approval of resolution was tabled.

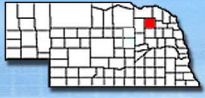
The Board did the quarterly jail and courthouse inspection and all three returned.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:56 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 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



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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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