

# Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
September 23, 2019

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Marvin Elwood, Jr., Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Ron Christensen, Michelle Reikofski, Lowell Schroeder, Tom Higginbotham, Kendall Steffensen 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 Schmit, to approve the agenda and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of September 9, 2019 were approved as printed.

Ron Christensen with Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC, explained to the Board the application to under cross and occupy county right-of-way in Pierce County.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Elwood, to approve the Application for Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC, to Occupy Right-of-Way and Under Cross Pierce County Roads starting on the north side of 866 Rd, eastside of Hwy 81 and continuing east along 866 Rd 3 miles to 558 Ave then north on the west side of 558 Ave for approximately 1,300'. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lowell Schroeder and Tom Higginbotham with NE NE Economic Development District was present to visit with the Board about the Pierce County's 2019 NE Affordable Housing Trust Fund Housing Rehabilitation, Down Payment Assistance and Demolition Application that has been approved in the amount of \$500,000 thru the NE Dept of Economic Development and NE NE Economic Development.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Wragge, to authorize and approve the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Nebraska Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Award Contract and the NE Nebraska Economic Development District Service/Consultant Agreement for General Administration. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michelle Reikofski, Osmond School President and county constituent, ask the Board to consider paving 865 Road from the Bloomfield blacktop road or 544 Ave east to Osmond City and continuing east to Hwy 20, approximately 4 miles. No decision was made.

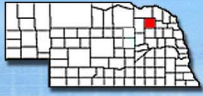
Kendall Steffensen, resident in the South Willow Lake/Schluns Subdivision was present to let the Board know that even after the County revoked the Conditional Use Permit on February 1, 2019, Krista Schluns continued to operate The Willow with the County not stopping her and further damaging the roads with all the traffic which Schluns has done nothing to maintain. Steffensen asked the Board if they would be willing to provide one time help in improving and or rebuilding the deteriorated subdivision roads. The County Board informed Steffensen the County cannot come into the subdivision to maintain because they are private driveways/easements to the homes and the County does not maintain other subdivisions private drives in Pierce County.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on the list of past delinquent taxes, authorization to have a tax sale and request to remove from the active tax list, submitted to the Board by the Co. Treasurer.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Elwood, to approve Resolution #2019-28, a request to strike the following personal property taxes from the active tax list as requested, as follows:

### RESOLUTION #2019-28

NAME	ADDRESS	TAX DISTRICT	YEARS	REASON	AMOUNT
Delois Clemens	Neligh	21	2016	No Value	\$30.64
James Clemens	Neligh	21	2016	No Value	\$29.34



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TOTAL \$59.98

SIGNED, PASSED and ADOPTED: September 23, 2019, at Pierce, Pierce County, Nebraska.

/s/ Terry J. Wragge, Board Chairman

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

/s/ Jim Schmit, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the originals are 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 Schmit, seconded by Elwood, to approve Resolution #2019-29, a request for permission to proceed with County Tax Sales on the delinquent real estate taxes and to add subsequent tax to existing County Tax Sales on the following listed real estate property from the active list, as follows:

## RESOLUTION #2019-29

PARCEL #	NAME	YEARS DELINQUENT	AMOUNT(Principal Only)
700010724	Donald Dasher	2016-2018	\$467.22
700010710	Donald Dasher	2016-2018	\$345.32
700016380	Jacob Gubbels	2016-2018	\$172.20
700009653	Sheryl Hobbs	2016-2018	\$61.02
700009485	Michael Holton	2016-2018	\$514.56
700005838	Penny M. Johns	2016-2018	\$1,129.98
700009597	Michael R. Kuhl	2016-2018	\$417.84
700009590	Michael R. Kuhl	2016-2018	\$30.26
700009555	PinnacleTelemarketing	2016-2018	\$941.54
700010361	Sheryl Ristow	2016-2018	\$856.02
TOTAL			\$4,935.96

## ADD SUBSEQUENT TAXES TO EXISTING COUNTY TAX SALES

700009408	Tom Beltz	2018	\$174.60
700014336	Chad Carlson	2018	\$56.24
700009415	Plainview City	2018	\$57.38
700009800	Elkhorn Valley Stg	2018	\$43.90
700006797	Dawn Howard	2018	\$73.56
700004333	Norris Leamer	2018	\$53.24
700001071	Pierce Elevator	2018	\$120.48
700013887	James Schmit	2018	\$162.84
TOTAL			\$742.24

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/s/ Terry J. Wragge, Board Chairman

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

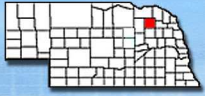
/s/ Jim Schmit, District #2 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the originals are 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.

Sandy Hansen, CPA, discussed with the Board the FEMA portal entry and reimbursement for the flood damages.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Wragge, to approve the applications for Robert Wingert for the 2 under crossings of a county road, both with a 8 to 12" tile line, one approximately 2,640' east of 543 Avenue and undercrossing 866 Road and the other 2,600' north of 866 Road and undercrossing 543 Avenue, both in pt of the SW ¼ Section 22, Township 28N, Range 3W in Pierce County, NE . Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.



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Discussion was held on the approving of an interlocal agreement between Pierce County and Pierce City to provide keno at the Pierce Golf Course. Proceeds would be split between the two subdivisions with Pierce City taking care of the administrative work. Approval was tabled.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Schmit, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Change Order #1 (increase \$138.48), Pay Application #1 (Final) (\$152,396.44) and the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Theisen Construction Inc for the McLean SE Project #C007011615. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Weed Supt. Position whereas Gene French, Weed Supt. has given his notice of retirement on Nov. 1, 2019, but he would be willing to stay on payroll until next spring so he could help train and assist the new hire. The Board directed the Clerk to have French come to the October 21, 2019 meeting to discuss the position.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, 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:** Mark Albin-court appointed attorney-\$990.90; American Legion Emblem Sales-grave markers-\$1,343.55; Antelope Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$120.00; Mary Ann Bach-reimburse mileage-\$33.98; BCBS-health premiums-\$28,937.40; Bailey Carpenter-reimburse mileage-\$92.22; Classic Rentals-service-\$196.39; CTS-appraiser fees-\$31,530.00; Elite Office Products-printer & maint. agreement-\$368.61; Ann Fenton-reimburse mileage-\$171.95; Hometown Auto Repair-services-\$98.59; Aaron Keck-reimburse mileage-\$31.80; BJ Koepp-reimburse mileage-\$19.81; Gloria Kudera-reimburse mileage-\$13.27; M & M Sanitation Service-garbage service-\$420.00; Madison County Treasurer-17/18 FY reimb. costs for District 7 Probation-\$9,532.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems-rent scanning equipment-\$46.00; Microtel Inn & Suites-lodging-\$82.77; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,952.95; NE Nebr Area Agency on Aging-matching funds for 18/19 FY-\$4,107.00; NE Nebr Economic Development-membership fees for 18/19 FY-\$895.00; NE NE RC&D-18/19 FY dues-\$3,000.00; NACO-1<sup>st</sup> half dues-\$1,941.95; NE Health & Human Services-August 2018 housing-\$93.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$106.34; City of Osmond-library assistance-\$6000.00; Pierce Co Economic Development Corp-dues-\$24,000.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-rental for fairgrounds-\$1,150.00; Pierce Co Petty Cash-reimbursement-\$270.09; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$86.56; Pierce City-utilities & library assistance-\$8,491.40; Plainview News-publishing-\$448.70; City of Plainview-library assistance-\$6,000.00; Michael Pommer-services-\$8,300.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$144.11; Kathy Prince-reimburse notary expense-\$61.76; Quill-office supplies-\$90.51; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,515.62; State of NE-computer service-\$79.88; Candy Stemick-reimburse mileage-\$78.82; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$932.46; Town & Country Insurance-notary bond-\$40.00; Western Oil-gas-\$347.01; Lori Wragge-reimburse mileage-\$31.21; Shannon Wragge-reimburse mileage-\$292.58; Payroll-\$67,671.75.

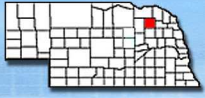
**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Alpha Workforce Health-drug testing-\$38.00; Big State Industrial Supply-supplies-\$89.82; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$42.08; Bomgaars-supplies-\$272.40; CenturyLink-telephone service-\$70.29; CHI Health Clinic-drug testing-\$77.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$165.45; Farmer's Pride-diesel, propane-\$5,285.66; M & M Sanitation Service-garbage service-\$60.00; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,867.64; Menards-supplies-\$361.51; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,244.27; Osmond Farm Supply Center-diesel-\$1,930.17; Pierce Automotive-repair parts-\$75.24; Pierce City-utilities-\$122.07; Randolph Farm Supply-gas, diesel-\$2,427.68; RDO-repair parts-\$476.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,906.84; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co-road salt-\$1,621.80; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$184.95; Weldon Parts-repair parts-\$274.93; Western Oil-gas-\$545.01; Payroll-\$29,559.02.

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

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Plainview Telephone-service-\$128.35.

**HIGHWAY BONDS FUND:** A&R Construction-hauling rock-\$5,052.78; Cole Aschoff-hauling rock-\$1,668.04; Evan Aschoff-hauling rock-\$24,732.00; BW Excavating-rebuilding roads-\$71,700.00; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$5,451.42; Cedar Beef-hauling rock-\$2,143.53; Matteo Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$6,652.92; Theisen Construction-bridge repair-\$152,396.44.

Discussion held on the purchase of a dump truck for the road dept.



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Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, to accept and approve the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit Report as submitted and placed on file in the Pierce County Clerk's office. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg requested to go into executive session with the County Board in regard to a possible litigation.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. regarding litigation issues. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to come out of executive session at 10:37 a.m. regarding litigation issues. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:38 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 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 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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