



Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 19, 2020

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Marvin Elwood, Jr., Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Emergency Manager Bobbi Risor, Susan Norris 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 Wragge, to amend the agenda to add: Award bid for the repair/replacement of Bridges 01710 and 13715. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 October 5, 2020 were approved as printed.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald discussed the following bids received on Oct. 5, 2020: Bids for the Foster Northwest (Bridge #01710) (Project #190704) & Pierce Northeast (Bridge #13715) (Project #200261) were opened and read aloud. The following 6 bids were received for the Foster Northwest (Bridge 1710) (Project #190704): MC Wells Contracting LLC, Omaha, NE-base bid of \$587,945.00 with a start date of November 9, 2020; Simon Construction, North Platte, NE-base bid of \$554,100.00 with a start date of Feb. 15, 2021; Theisen Construction Inc.-Norfolk, NE -base bid of \$460,945.85 with a start date of June 1, 2021; JJK Construction LLC, Ceresco, NE-base bid of \$487,636.09 with a start date of November 13, 2020; Midwest Infrastructure Inc.-Lincoln, NE -base bid of \$496,739.56 with a start date of April 21, 2021; Herbst Construction Inc., LeMars, IA-base bid of \$524,973.00 with a start date of Jan. 11, 2021. The following 6 bids were received for the Pierce Northeast (Bridge 13715) (Project #200261): MC Wells Contracting LLC, Omaha, NE-base bid of \$410,790.00 with a start date of November 9, 2020; Simon Construction, North Platte, NE-base bid of \$413,900.00 with a start date of Feb. 15, 2021; Theisen Construction Inc.-Norfolk, NE -base bid of \$359,877.87 with a start date of June 1, 2021; JJK Construction LLC, Ceresco, NE-base bid of \$383,677.58 with a start date of November 13, 2020; Midwest Infrastructure Inc.-Lincoln, NE -base bid of \$410,211.51 with a start date of April 21, 2021; Herbst Construction Inc., LeMars, IA-base bid of \$385,177.50 with a start date of Jan. 11, 2021.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve and award the bid to Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk for the following: Foster Northwest (Bridge 1710) (Project #190704) - base bid of \$460,945.85 with a start date of June 1, 2021 and for the Pierce Northeast (Bridge 13715) (Project #200261) - base bid of \$359,877.87 with a start date of June 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on other bridge and road repair projects in the works to be completed.

PCED Director Susan Norris was present to update the Board on the Pierce/Madison County Comprehensive Plan to be updated and the \$215,000 grant awarded by the USDA Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC). The cost to each county, Pierce and Madison, will be \$16,125. Work on the comprehensive plan will begin in the next few months.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the awarded grant of \$215,000 by the USDA Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC) and the cost share match to each county, Pierce and Madison, of \$16,125. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the grant Norris is pursuing to recoup the 12.5% of the FEMA Disaster costs which are the responsibility of Pierce County. The Board praised Norris for the great work she has been doing.



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Discussion was held on the FEMA Flooding and reimbursement for the flood damages. All portal entry is completed and submitted but FEMA CDC continues to question the amount of damages in Pierce County. A conference call will be held this week to discuss with the CDC the severity of damages that Pierce County had pertaining to the pictures and hopefully reimbursement will begin.

Motion by Elwood, seconded by Schmit, to approve Resolution #2020-26 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2020-26

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2020-2021 County Road Fund budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 county budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$3,030,000.00 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>\$750,000.00</u>
Total	\$750,000.00

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

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Terry J. Wragge, Board Chairman

/s/ Jim Schmit, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Marvin Elwood, Jr., District #1 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, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on County Burial No. 2020-5.

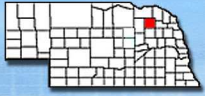
Motion by Wragge, seconded by Elwood, to approve County Burial 2020-5. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current auditor contract with Beau Redowl for the 19/20 fiscal year, whereas, the State Auditor's Office is not accepting his audits at this time therefore Pierce County needs to find a firm to do this audit and comply with state statute. A bid quote was received from the State Auditor at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and one received from Porter & Company from Sioux City, IA, at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve and accept the bid quote from Porter & Company, Sioux City, IA, at a cost not to exceed \$11,000. Roll call vote: Aye: Elwood, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for September 2020; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for September 2020 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$681,166.47.00 and 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: Ashburn Funeral Homes Inc-co. burial-\$2,435.00; Big Red Printing-forms-\$517.98; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,230.08; Classic Rentals-service-\$276.13; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland PC-public defender-\$2,500.00; Election Systems & Software-coding & ballots-\$7,730.86; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement-\$21.47; First Concord-adm costs-\$210.00; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Jack's Uniforms-uniforms-\$894.88; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$3,396.63; Johnson's Plumbing & Heating-repairs-\$164.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$2,500.00; LexisNexis-law library-\$140.00; Magdanz-supplies-\$41.97; Microfilm Imaging Systems-equip. rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,015.40; Mips-microfilming, website, tech support-\$627.46; NE Assn of Co Officials-registration-\$500.00; NE Nebr. News-publishing-\$1,390.99; One Office Solution-



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supplies-\$219.52; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$239.96; Pierce Co. Court-court fees-\$102.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$1,446.22; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to Road & Bridge Fund-\$750,000.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds.-\$65.06; Pierce Telephone-service-\$3,658.75; Precision Technology-software support-\$110.00; Prime Stop-gas-\$175.30; Kathy Prince-reimburse supplies-\$63.74; PrintElect-supplies-\$116.45; Quill-office supplies-\$369.33; Region IV Behavioral Health System-2nd qtr.20/21 FY support-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,670.66; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; Silver State-training-\$125.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$79.88; Stonacek Memorial Chapel-co. burial-\$2,435.00; US Postal Service-postage-\$500.00; VISA-jail supplies-\$171.67; Western Oil-gas-\$190.59; Payroll-\$55,958.21.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-supplies-\$204.71; Appeara-uniforms-\$107.95; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$50,251.88; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$12,262.80; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$40.22; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$508.77; CenturyLink-telephone service-\$70.74; Classic Rentals-service-\$238.14; Dinkel's-tractor rent-\$13,290.40; Eastern Nebraska Telephone-service-\$111.60; Farmer's Pride-diesel, propane-\$5,003.40; Filtercare of Nebr.-service-\$16.40; Inland Truck Parts & Service-repair parts-\$3,141.40; Jerry's Hilltop-gas-\$72.24; Johnson Repair-maintenance-\$77.45; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$319.91; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$265.86; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$138.00; Matheson Tri-Gas-acetylene gas-\$77.65; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc-gravel-\$2,344.88; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$2,156.36; Menards-supplies-\$20.15; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,286.80; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$50.08; NE Nebr Tire & Trailer-tires, repairs-\$1,666.00; Nebr. Machinery-repair parts-\$9,702.84; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$303.16; Osmond Farm Supply Center-diesel-\$1,336.76; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$308.20; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$182.01; Plainview Auto supply-repair parts-\$64.25; Plainview Telephone-telephone-\$48.82; City of Plainview-utilities-\$63.36; Power Plan-repair parts-\$1,614.20; Randolph Farm Supply-gas, diesel-\$1,792.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,935.56; Sapp Brothers-oil-\$110.00; Steinkraus-gas-\$77.50; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$167.26; West Hodson Lumber-supplies-\$7.58; Western Oil-gas-\$255.94; Payroll-\$30,573.31.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: NE NE News Co-ads-\$6.27; Pierce Co. Leader-ads-\$5.85; Pierce Sesquicentennial Committee-grants-\$1,000.00; St John's Lutheran Church-grants-\$300.00.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Osmond City Park-grants-\$1,000.00; Pierce Co. Agricultural Society-grants-\$1,000.00; Pierce Historical Society-grants-\$1,000.00; St John's Lutheran Church-grants-\$1,000.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-tech support-\$328.45.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$147.11; NE Nebr. News Co-ads-\$5.85; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$114.23; Payroll-\$1,923.09.

E911 FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$78.08; Plainview Telephone-service-\$28.69.

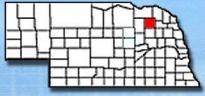
E911 WIRELESS FUND: Geocomm-software support-\$14,977.00; Pierce Telephone-service-\$332.88; Plainview Telephone-service-\$122.31.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 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



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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
