



Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 17, 2021

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Linda Peekenschneider, Susan Peters, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Heidi Erickson, Claesa Zautke, Doreen Hogan, Linda Mattson, Brad Albers, NACO Benefit Representatives Judd Allen and Mike Boden, OCI Insurance Agents Josh Sirek and Todd Drapal 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 Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 3, 2021 were approved as printed.

OCI Insurance Agents Josh Sirek and Todd Drapal were present to present a bid quote for the county group health/dental insurances. Numerous bid quotes, options and plans were presented for health, dental, vision, disability, accident and life insurances to the County Board from the OCI agents from the following companies: BCBS of NE, Medica, Principal, Mutual, UNUM. The premiums were comparable to NACO Benefit Services BCBS of NE's plans. Many county employees spoke and presented letters to the Board wishing to stay with NACO (NE Assn of County Officials) because of the past service, insurance plans and partnership. NACO Benefit Representatives Judd Allen and Mike Boden answered questions the Board and employees had.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on Pierce Neligh Rd, the Randolph Flood Risk Project, Foster Bridge and other problem roads and bridges.

Weed Supt. Brad Albers visited with the Board about spraying for NDOR state highways for a cost. Board unanimously agreed not to spray for the state.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve and authorize the Chairman & Clerk to sign the NACO Sub-Group Application for the 2021/2022 county health/dental insurance plan year as a \$2,500.00 deductible for the single BC/BS of NE Health Insurance policy with the county employee paying the first \$1,000.00 and the county paying the next \$1,500.00 of the deductible for the employee only and to approve the NACO BC/BS dental plan, with a paid premium for the employee only on both dental (\$22.44) and health (\$880.54). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve and authorize the Chairman & Clerk to sign the First Concord Insurance Buy-down Form. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

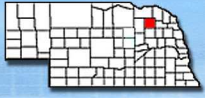
Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve Resolution #2021-15 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2021-15

Whereas, the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska consent and agree that the following resolution was made and approved on Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Pierce County Commissioners Meeting Room during a regular scheduled board meeting.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pierce County consent to adoption of Cash-In-Lieu as an option to our group medical insurance available to the elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, those elected officials and full-time employees of Pierce County, Nebraska electing to participate in the Cash-In-Lieu option, after presenting notice of Proof of Coverage and submitting a signed Affidavit of



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Other Coverage to the Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska be eligible for said cash-in-lieu benefits in the amount of \$500.00 monthly.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Cash-In-Lieu Option offered by First Concord Benefits Group be offered to those elected officials and full time Pierce County employees wishing to participate according to the above requirements. Said Cash-In-Lieu payment shall be addressed as monthly income and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly.

This policy will go into effect on July 1, 2021

Dated this 17th day of May, 2021

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Terry J. Wragge, Chairman

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Jim Schmit, 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: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on old and new collateral.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the release of old collateral and the pledge of new collateral at Security National Bank, Osmond, as submitted by Christine Bahr, Pierce County Treasurer and placed on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Coronavirus American Rescue Federal Funds being received soon by the US Treasury. Clerk Wragge and Treasurer Bahr are in the process of applying for these funds and setting up the appropriate county funds/functions as directed by NACO and NE State Auditor.

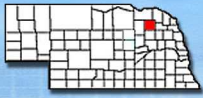
Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to Authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #2 (increase of \$3,718.71), Pay Application #6 for \$116,243.87 (final) and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Plainview South Overlay-JEO Project #190171 with A & R Construction Co, Plainview, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to Authorize Chairman to sign Pay Application #4 for \$116,680.96 for the McLean SE & McLean SE #2-JEO Projects #181711 & #181933 with Theisen Construction Inc, Norfolk, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign Disaster Grant Drawdown #10 for \$5,244.16 payable to NE Nebraska Economic Development District for Request for NE Affordable Housing Trust Funds (NAHTF). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for April 2021; approve the 2021 Jail Standards Compliance Report; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for April 2021 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$3,932,239.80 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: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Avera-prisoner medical-\$156.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$28,180.16; Classic Rentals-service-\$245.75; Dollar General-jail supplies-\$84.60; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland PC-public defender-\$2,500.00; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement- & supplies-\$762.89 First Concord-adm costs & deductible paid-\$399.27; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$236.15; Gworks-software & support-\$15,465.00; Chari Hansen-reimb. supplies-\$63.02; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$114.94; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$174.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$2,500.00; Lexisnexis-software-\$140.00; Lorenz Automotive-supplies-\$23.07; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$93.85; Linda Mattson-reimb. flowers-\$115.65; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc-equipment rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,949.82; Ashley Milander-meals-



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\$150.44; MIPS-equipment-\$13,988.31; NE NE News Company-publishing-\$865.68; NACO-membership dues-\$1,057.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$23.30; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$486.70; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$658.83; Pierce County Sheriff-paper service-\$64.24; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$15.47; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$3,706.13; Plainview News-publishing-\$1,058.48; Prime Stop-gas-\$209.35; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies-\$880.01; Quill-office supplies-\$327.86; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,728.75; Brett Rix-mileage-\$142.24; RRJ-supplies-\$161.83; Schroeder Land Surveying-survey corners-\$140.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$79.88; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$674.98; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$892.92; UNL-registration-\$873.21; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$1,000.00; VISA-sheriff & jail supplies-\$978.81; Western Oil-gas-\$273.18; Payroll-\$56,165.19.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #6 (final) for Plainview South Overlay Project-\$117,128.25; AKRS-supplies-\$84.80; Brad Albers-reimb. registration-\$285.00; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$51.00; Appera-service-\$85.70; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$55,845.05; Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$5,063.74; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$174.92; Certified Testing Services Inc-soil testing-\$1,101.00; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$631.72; CHI Health-OCC Health Services-testing-\$84.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$175.76; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$7.82; Eastern NE Telephone Co-service-\$112.20; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,320.84; Filter Care-service-\$140.75; Hydraulic Sales & Service-repairs-\$516.27; Kayton Intl Inc-repairs-\$406.36; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$9.98; Kumm Gas Inc-gas-\$20.18; Lawson Products-repair parts-\$34.87; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$370.10; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$744.21; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$128.69; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-gas-\$77.65; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc-gravel-\$13,621.18; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,316.30; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,255.51; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$7.17; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repairs-\$16.50; NE NE News Company-publishing-\$94.40; NE Weed Control Assn-dues-\$120.00; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-\$7,038.87; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$222.02; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$371.64; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$229.91; Pierce County Leader-publishing-\$81.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$179.46; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$97.80; Plainview City-utilities-\$87.04; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$2,187.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,954.15; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-\$3,295.90; Rice's Body Shop-repairs-\$240.95; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$523.45; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$525.50; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,189.04; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$77.84; West Hodson Lumber Company Inc-repairs & supplies-\$2,889.32; Western Oil-gas-\$95.00; Payroll-\$30,589.72.

GRANTS FUND: NE NE Economic Development-Draw Down #10 Housing Program-\$5,244.16.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Hollman Media-May 2021 service-\$84.95; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$147.11; MIPS-equipment-\$308.86; NE Community College-intern housing-\$5,121.45; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$114.23; Payroll-\$1,923.08.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-computer service-\$328.45.

E911 FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-\$88.08; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$28.69.

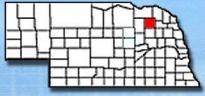
E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone-service-\$349.32; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$122.31.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads and the upcoming FEMA closeout recovery meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 11:19 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 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
