



Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 1, 2021

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, PCED Susan Norris, Kyle Tarr, Scott Kumm, Karen Foster, Brianna Gable, Benjamin Niyodusenga, Donna Christiansen, Lillian Uwanjye, Kathy Lauer and News Reporter Randee Falter.

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 Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of May 17, 2021 were approved as printed.

Plainview Librarian Donna Christiansen was present to discuss the three local city library budgets for 2021-2022 fiscal years. They had received \$18,000 or \$6,500 per library for 20/21 as approved in past budget and they submitted a request for a \$2,000 increase for the 21/22 fiscal year. The Board will take this into consideration when working on the county budget.

Discussion was held on political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority and they shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, whom is responsible for levying such taxes, on or before August 1st (SS 77-3443). The County Board will then determine final allocation of levy authority for its subdivision on or before September 1st. Scott Kumm and Kyle Tarr were present to discuss levy allocation for their fire districts. It was recommended by the Board a 3% increase to the fire districts and ag society asking for levy allocation.

Fair board members Kathy Lauer and Karen Foster were present to ask the Board for \$130,000 for General Fund, \$2,000 for school exhibits and \$35,000 for their Building Fund. Pierce County Ag Society must submit a preliminary request by August 1 and the Board will at that time consider their request.

The following County Officials and Dept. Heads were present to meet with the Board on budget expectations and allowed increases for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year: Shannon Wragge, Jean Lubke, Kristina Sehi, Susan Norris, Brad Albers, Christine Bahr, Brett Rix, Linda Mattson, Vickie Prince and Ted Lohrberg. The County Board would like everyone to keep their budget to around a 3% increase for the 21/22 fiscal year.

PCED Susan Norris visited with the Board about Excellence & Regional Awards received, ECAP & Rural Development and Housing Grant funds.

A conference call was received from Jared Reimers, Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith, to give an update and answer questions on the work being done by Smith.

County Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion was held on American Rescue Plan revenue fund and committee, E-Citation grant revenue fund and the pledging of old and new collateral.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to authorize Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr to set up 2 new bank accounts at Midwest Bank to hold the American Rescue Plan revenue and E-Citation Grant revenue, if received, as directed by NACO and NE State Auditor. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve the release of old collateral and the pledge of new collateral at Elkhorn Valley Bank, Pierce, 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.



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Discussion was held on an easement agreement between Pierce County and Christensen Farms for an off-load location on county property. Approval was tabled.

Discussion was held on County Burial No. 2021-4.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to deny payment on County Burial 2021-4 due to excess net worth of the decedent. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Coronavirus American Rescue Plan Act Federal Funds applied and received by the US Treasury. As directed by NACO and NE State Auditor, a committee should be formed for administration and disbursement.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to appoint the following elected officials to be the committee to administer the American Rescue Plan Act Funds: Tom Kuether, Shannon Wragge, Christine Bahr, Jean Lubke, Vickie Prince, Ted Lohrberg and Rick Eberhardt. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 8 special designated liquor licenses for Whitehouse/Taylor's Bar & Grill, Pierce, for the following events on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion: June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Randolph Flood Risk Project whereas Randolph City is asking for an additional \$25,509.72 from the current \$75,000 paid in 2018 and asking if Pierce County could take lead on the grading and dirt work west of bridge. The Board unanimously agreed that Pierce County would not pay additional funds nor were they able to do dirt work on the Randolph City Bridge Project.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve Resolution #2021-16 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2021-16

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>\$1,000,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

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

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Jim Schmit, District #2 Commissioner

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

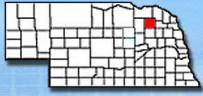
Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution #2021-17 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 17

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has stated beginning July 1, 2014, regular funding or set aside funds can be used to pay salaries and consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software pursuant to wireless ratio.

THEREFORE, Pierce County is directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to transfer \$23,276.53 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, direct the Pierce County Treasurer to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows:



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\$44,638.31 from the E911 Wireless Enhanced Fund (#2913) to General Fund (0100)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June 2021.

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/s/ Tom Kuether, District #1 Commissioner

/s/ Jim Schmit, District #2 Commissioner

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

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original 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.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to Amend and Correct Pay Application #4 from \$116,680.96 to \$27,219.80 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 Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to Authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #1 (decrease of \$5,450.80), Pay Application #5 for \$111,230.16 (Final) and the Certificate of Substantial Completion 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 Wragge, seconded by Kuether, 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: Mark Albin-court appointment-\$142.50; Antelope Co Sheriff-boarding costs-\$345.00; Black Hills Energy-service-\$35.54; Bob Barker Co Inc-supplies-\$728.60; Dana Safety Supply Inc-supplies-\$497.21; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$486.27; First Concord Benefits Group-deductibles & fees-\$1,168.11; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$41.65; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,471.60; MIPS-office supplies-\$514.14; NACO-registration-\$120.00; NE Health & Human Services-April 2021 costs-\$180.00; Norfolk Transmission-repairs-\$68.83; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-meals, mileage, supplies, postage, etc-\$199.51; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to RB Fund-\$1,000,000.00; Pierce County District Court-court costs-\$108.00; Pierce Postmaster-first class presort permit-\$240.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,494.30; Precision IT-support-\$67.50; Prime Stop-gas-\$231.23; Prince Auto Repair-repairs-\$118.66; Quill-supplies-\$171.27; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,185.72; Schroeder Land Surveying-county surveying-\$230.00; State of NE Networking-service-\$448.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$628.14; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$76.17; US Postal Service-meter postage-\$2,950.00; Payroll-\$48,368.00.

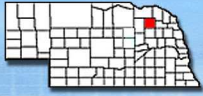
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bauer Built-repairs-\$414.50; Bomgaars-supplies-\$2.29; Century Link-service-\$76.52; DMS Equipment Services-half of auto lift-\$2,150.00; Jebro Inc-patching oil-\$3,751.61; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$9,426.00; Manzer Equipment Inc-repairs-\$639.99; Matheson Tri Gas Inc-oil-\$328.08; Matteo Sand & Gravel Inc-gravel-\$3,618.50; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$3,173.12; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,530.19; NE Machinery LLC-wheel loader tractor-\$114,850.00; NE Power-utilities-\$217.00; Greg Pfanstiel-tree-\$105.46; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-reimb. supplies and registration-\$40.04; Pierce City-utilities-\$188.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,222.29; Jeremy Suckstorf-reimbursement for half of auto lift-\$2,150.00; Theisen Construction Inc-Pay Application 4 & 5 for McLean SE #1 & #2-\$138,449.96; Warren Garage Door Inc-repairs-\$417.00; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$115.20; Payroll-\$34,838.32.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Five Rule-April 2021-\$11,202.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$103.45; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$114.23; Payroll-\$1,923.08.

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$48.16; CenturyLink-service-\$62.17.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$265.06; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer to General Fund-\$23,276.53; Racom-repairs-\$6,183.78.

HIGHWAY BOND FUND: JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$1,081.25.



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Discussion was held on the upcoming townhall meeting in Norfolk by Governor Ricketts on President Bidens 30x30 Plan.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, June 14, 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

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
