

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 12, 2021

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Deputy Co. Treasurer Heidi Erickson, Clerk of District Vickie Prince, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Kathy Prince, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Holli Christiansen, Sarah Cederburg, Brian J. Schlote, Marshall Petersen, Ivan Petersen, PCED Susan Norris, Brianna Gable, Benjamin Niyodusenga, Lillian Uwanjye 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 Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 28, 2021 were approved as printed.

The approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and Uncollected Taxes Report was discussed.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the Pierce County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and Uncollected Tax Statement as presented by the County Treasurer. 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 Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve the release of old collateral and the pledge of new collateral at Midwest 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.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to Authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #2 (increase of \$23,851.38), Pay Application #2 (Final) for \$124,232.96 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Road Remanipulation 2020-JEO Project #201038 with Sta-Bilt Construction Co, Harlan, IA. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on County Burial No. 2021-5.

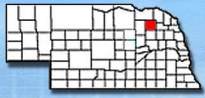
Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve payment of \$2,435.00 on County Burial 2021-5. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request for a special designated liquor license for the Pierce County Ag Society for the 2021 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 28 thru August 1, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Jerry's Hilltopp for an event on Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to authorize and approve the Board Chairman to sign Disaster Grant Drawdown #11 for \$4,518.98 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.

Marshall Petersen and Ivan Petersen were present to discuss the buildup and maintenance of 867 Rd between 547/548 Rd that they are trying to get a Conditional Use Permit for 75,000 sheep. The CUP is being tabled with the Pierce County Zoning Board to see if the County Board will approve the work on the road. County Board had directed Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald to do a road study to find the cost to build-up the



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minimum maintenance road. All 3 board members will need to approve the build-up of a minimum maintenance road before a CUP can be approved. A call was placed to Hwy Supt Brian McDonald pertaining to the buildup and maintenance of 867 Rd between 547/548 Rd. The cost to build up the road to NE Road Standards was around \$50,000 to \$60,000.

PCED Director Susan Norris re-submitted her budget with an 8.72% budget increase (\$64,192 for wages/benefits and \$25,000 for office support) and requested the County Board approve another fulltime county employee to the PCED office (paid for by funds from donations of banks and the towns of Plainview, Pierce, Osmond and Hadar).

Hollie Christiansen and Sarah Cederburg, local business owners, spoke against the work and support being done by Norris and an intense discussion was held.

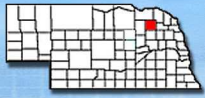
Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the asking of 8.72% increase in PCED budget (\$64,192 for wages/benefits and \$25,000 for office support) and to approve an additional fulltime employee in the PCED office upon the approval of a new interlocal agreement with the support of this new fulltime employee by donations and city funds, not county funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

EMS Deputy Rich Lutz was present to discuss with the Board a plan to upgrade to a statewide radio system that will benefit all EMS/police county wide and possibly use the ARPA (American Relief Plan) money for funding of the project. Clerk Wragge had emailed NACO for guidance on the use of ARPA money for the project.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for June 2021; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2021 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$3,046,669.54 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 Medical Group, Pierce-prisoner medical-\$287.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$12.20; Charm-Tex Inc-jail supplies-\$36.32; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$211.03; First Concord Benefits Group LLC-adm. costs & deductibles-\$819.69; Chari Hansen-reimb. premium-\$468.73; Holt County Sheriff's Office-court costs-\$6.50; LexisNexis-law library-\$140.00; Madison County District Court-mental health board costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$6.00; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$222.29; Christal McDonald, RPR, ICSR-court reporting-\$333.75; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,959.99; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,635.54; Model Electric-repairs-\$117.00; NACO-registration-\$750.00; NE NE News Company-ads-\$513.86; NIRMA-counsel-\$1,059.40; Valorie Olson, RMR-court reporting-\$1,012.50; William Ouren-autopsy costs-\$75.00; Pierce County Court-court costs-\$83.00; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$97.92; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$2,450.39; Prime Stop-gas-\$185.39; Quill-office supplies-\$259.96; Region IV Inc-1st quarter billing-\$2,340.25; Repco Marketing Inc-sheriff supplies-\$42.05; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,558.23; Jim Schmit-reimb. premiums-\$858.54; Stratton, Delay & Doelle-court appointed costs-\$3,064.94; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$537.79; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,114.43; VISA-jail supplies-\$139.82; Payroll-\$54,877.85.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS Equipment-repairs-\$51.16; Appera-service-\$108.25; B's Enterprises Inc-signs & blades-\$1,100.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$9,749.06; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$244.66; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$285.48; Dinkel's-repairs-\$2,166.00; Eastern NE Telephone-service-\$112.05; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$4,234.93; Filter Care-repairs-\$60.90; Inland Truck Parts-repair parts-\$43.51; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$925.00; Kayton Intl Inc-repairs-\$298.50; Lawson Products-supplies-\$397.29; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$377.28; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$498.24; Magdanz Inc-supplies-\$32.71; Manzer Equipment-repairs-\$247.14; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-gas-\$77.65; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$3,082.80; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,121.10; NACO-registration-\$150.00; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repairs-\$253.50; NE Machinery Co-repairs-\$1,874.31; North Central PPD-service-\$259.55; NE Glass-repairs-\$700.00; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$2,227.20; Osmond City-garbage fee-\$66.00;



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Overhead Door-repairs-\$122.75; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$181.36; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$23.10; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$99.74; Plainview City-utilities-\$85.04; Polt Brothers Equipment-repair parts-\$1,539.36; Power Plan-repairs-\$116.29; Randolph Farm Supply-gas-\$3,502.19; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,845.20; Speedway Auto Parts-sign-\$50.00; Sta-Bilt Construction Company-Pay Application #2 for Road Remanipulation 2020 Project-\$124,232.96; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$560.75; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$2,005.66; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$54.54; Payroll-\$28,877.67.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Criterion Pictures-move/license-\$350.00; Elite Office Products-color copies per maint. Agreement-\$56.10; Five Rule-July 2021 invoice for comprehensive plan-\$11,202.00; Brianna Gable-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Hollman Media-service-\$84.95; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$85.79; NE NE Economic Development District-registration-\$40.00; Benjamin Niyodusenga-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Susan Norris-reimb. supplies-\$1,404.65; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$114.23; Lillian Uwanjye-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Payroll-\$1,692.31.

911 FUND: Jenkins Electric Inc-radio tower repairs-\$500.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$71.22; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$19.63; Racom- repairs-\$840.00.

E911 FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$409.69; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$131.37.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-tech support-\$336.12.

GRANTS FUND: NE NE Economic Development-Draw Down #11 Housing Program-\$4,518.98.

Discussion held on the 21/22 FY budget, the PCED office and budget, Petersen's CUP, and anticipated FEMA Funds from 2019 Flooding.

Discussion held on the approval of the resolution and employment agreement allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork in fiscal year 2021/2022. Approval was tabled as was the reviewing of the Public Defender Contracts.

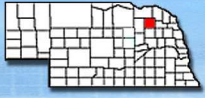
There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 11:08 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public 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
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