

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 26, 2021

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Brad Albers, Whitney Abbott, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald 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 Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of July 12, 2021 were approved as printed.

Whitney Abbott, Substance Abuse Preventative Coordinator with North Central Health District was present to update the Board on Compliance Checks in the area and Public Health Local Policy regarding Marijuana.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Project for 21/21 FY and other problem roads and bridges.

Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg was present and discussion was held on the public defender contracts due August 31, 2021. No decision was made.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the Dickie Lot Split in pt N ½ NW ¼ 23-25-1.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the Dickie Lot Split in pt N ½ NW ¼ in Section 23, Township25North, Range1West in Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the complaints Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter has been receiving on K. Porter's Conditional Use Permit that states conditions Porter must be doing to clear road of debris, but the conditions are not being followed. Board directed McWhorter to send letter letting him know that he must comply with the conditions in the Febr. 2013 CUP issued.

Discussion was held on the Planning and Zoning Meeting scheduled for tonight, Monday, July 26, 2021.

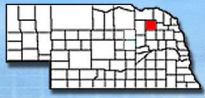
Discussion was held on the 30x30 Program directed by President Biden to conserve at least 30% of the lands and water in the US by 2030. No decision was made to pass a county resolution opposing the program.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve the 2021 Inventories for all county offices and the road departments as submitted. 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 for a special designated liquor license for Jerry's Hilltop for an event at the Pierce Pavilion from 3:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, 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: American Legion Emblem Sales-grave markers-\$799.20; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$26,493.96; Dollar General-supplies-\$220.58; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland-public defender-\$2,500.00; Elite Office Products-maintenance, agreement-\$20.00; First Concord-fees & deductible paid-\$1,279.90; FP Finance Program-postage meter rent-\$154.09; Jack's Uniforms-supplies-\$265.79; Jenkins Electric-repairs-\$75.00; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$374.00; Kate Jorgensen-



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public defender-\$2,500.00; Madison Co Clerk-FY 20/21 zoning costs-\$51,024.50; Marshall & Swift-supplies-\$656.20; Mattson Garage-repairs-\$191.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,113.91; NE NE Juvenile Services-services-\$1,957.50; NE NE News Co-publishing-\$37.00; NE UC Fund-unemployment ins.-\$400.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$169.72; Pierce Automotive Supply-repairs-\$79.75; County Leader-publishing-\$247.88; Pierce County Petty Cash-supplies, postage, mileage-\$102.56; Pierce Lockers-prisoner food-\$952.35; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner medical-\$3.40; City of Pierce-utilities-\$2,594.85; Plainview News-publishing-\$239.11; Kathleen Prince-reimburse supplies-\$315.99; Quill-office supplies-\$402.60; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,707.10; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE-computer service-\$79.88; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$1,554.30; US Postal Service-postage-\$1,500.00; Western Oil-gas-\$546.40; Payroll-\$56,889.92 - As per statute SS 23-122; 3 County Commissioners-\$2,965.00/Mo.; 4 County Officials-\$4,941.67/Mo.; 3 County Deputies-\$3,706.25/Mo.; 1 County Deputy-\$3,212.08/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$5,858.33/Mo.; 1 County Official-\$5,425.00/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$4,581.20/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$4,364.53/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$3,900.00/Mo.; 1 Sheriff's Deputy-\$3,813.33/Mo.; 1 PT Sheriff's Deputy-\$15.25/hr; 1 Veteran's Service Officer-\$15.00/hr; 1 FT Custodian-\$14.25/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$15.75/hr; 1 PT Custodian-\$15.80/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$15.50/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$15.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$14.50/hr; 2 FT Clerical-\$14.00/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$13.50/hr; 1 FT Clerical-\$11.50/hr; 1 PT Clerical-\$11.00/hr; 2 PT Clerical-\$9.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$21.00/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$16.75/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$14.50/hr; 1 FT Dispatcher-\$14.00/hr; FT Dispatcher-\$13.00/hr 1 FT Cook-\$14.50/hr; 1 PT Cook-\$14.00/hr 1 PT Cook-\$13.00/hr.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$31.29; Bomgaars-supplies-\$423.75; CenturyLink-service-\$79.38; Kelly Supply Co-supplies-\$25.80; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$350.30; Manzer Equipment-repair parts-\$593.79; Meisinger Oil-diesel-\$2,312.10; Menards-supplies-\$57.97; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,310.14; NE UC Fund-unemployment ins-\$19.01; Northeast Power-utilities-\$258.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$239.28; Pierce Auto Service-services-\$107.14; City of Pierce-utilities-186.33; Polt Brothers-equipment & repair parts-\$8,710.00 Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$1,891.20; Safety-Kleen-service-\$605.20; Wattier True Value Hardware-supplies-\$52.27; Western Oil-gasoline-\$202.19; Payroll-\$31,349.09 - As per statute SS 23-122; 1 PT Co. Hwy. Supt.-\$100.00/Mo.; 1 FT Mechanic-\$20.90/hr; 8 FT Road Workers-\$16.50/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$16.25/hr; 1 FT Road Worker-\$16.00/hr; 4 FT Road Workers-\$15.50/hr; 1 Weed Sprayer-16.00/hr; 1 Weed Sprayer-15.80/hr 1; 1 Weed Sprayer-12.50/hr; 2 PT Road Workers-\$15.00/hr; 1 PT Road Worker-\$14.75/hr; 1 Bridge Inspector-\$125.00/bridge.

E911 FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$42.53.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$284.60.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BC/BS of NE-health insurance-\$902.98; Brianna Gable-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$85.79; Benjamin Niyodusenga-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Plainview News-publishing-\$8.35; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$114.23; Lillian Uwanjye-contract labor-\$1,063.80; Payroll-\$1,692.31 - As per statute SS 23-122; 1 FT director-\$3,666.67/Mo.

Discussion held on the employment contracts allowing county board members to receive an hourly rate for roadwork.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution #2021-21 as follows:

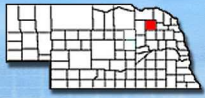
RESOLUTION #2021-21

WHEREAS, the Nebraska legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County officers in public contracts, and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work, and

WHEREAS, members of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners wish to enter into a contract with Pierce County to provide such services for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Nebraska, that:



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1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2021/2022 fiscal year for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioner.
2. Such commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01, et seq.

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

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve the 2021/2022 employment contracts between Pierce County and Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry Wragge, allowing each County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$15.00 an hour for roadwork. Dated this 26th day of July, 2021 and 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.

The courthouse and jail inspections were tabled.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 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
