

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

December 27, 2021

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, PCED Susan Norris, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Deputy Co. Clerk Susan Peters, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Jeremy Tarr, Josh Sirek, Dave Lienemann, Steve Dolesh, Bob Wehrer, Will Fogle, Darin Zuhlke 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 December 13, 2021 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Economic Development Employee Susan Norris and the PCED office in the courthouse that is not being used during regular business hours. If office is not going to be used it could be utilized by other county employees. Numerous people from the community and PCED Board members spoke positively on Norris doing a great job and not wanting the county to dissolve the interlocal agreement and wanted Norris continue to be a county employee. The County Board asked that she be in her courthouse office on certain days, signage placed with her contact and hours on door and website and that the office be shared 1 day a week with the zoning administrator.

Custodian Linda Mattson was present to present the Board with two bid quotes she has received from Johnson's Inc to replace Unit #2 heating/cooling at a cost of \$7,873.00 and from Gutter Monkeys, LLC to clean gutters on courthouse at a cost of \$110.00. The Board unanimously approved the bid quotes.

Weed and Sign Supt. Brad Albers updated the Board on safety issues at the county shops that need attention as directed by NIRMA, county liability insurance provider, and on the upcoming safety meeting for the road workers by NIRMA.

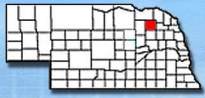
Discussion was held on the National Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreement and whether to join on to the settlement with other NE counties and political subdivisions.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to authorize Chairman to sign on to the two National Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements with the NE Attorney General's Office and other counties/political subdivisions. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve the application for Rick & Amy Bretschneider to under cross a county road with an approximate 2 1/2" electric line, approximately 1,300' north of 848 Rd and undercrossing 547 Ave in the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve the application for Kenneth Venteicher to under cross a county road with a 3" electrical line, approximately 1,400' west of 547 Ave and undercrossing 849 Rd in the NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution 2021-47, Certifying Proper Completion of Project for the County Bridge Matching Program for Bridge Structures C007004130 and C007001820, NDOT Program Agreement BL1923 as submitted by Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald 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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Commissioner Schmit discussed the selling to Manzer Equipment a portion of county property at the District 2 Osmond Shop where the old hog buying station sits. Other two board members did not want to sell as the property was just bought approximately 10 years ago.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a full-time highway superintendent and to change the road workers hours from a 50 hour work week to a 40 hour work week. No decisions were made.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, 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 appointed attorney-\$1,111.85; BCBS-health premiums-\$29,074.88; Candlewood Suites-lodging-\$1,264.45; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$120.61; Ann Fenton-reimbursed mileage-\$155.18; Floor Maintenance-supplies-\$502.85; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-uniforms-\$160.89; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$301.19; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; M&M Sanitation-service-\$255.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$3,958.68; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$180.00; One Office Solution-supplies-\$129.19; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$230.69; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$72.00; City of Pierce-utilities-\$2,695.80; Plainview News-ads-\$304.39; Precision IT-services-\$67.50; Quill-supplies-\$64.52; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,682.56; Brett Rix-reimbursed mileage-\$233.52; Security Shredding-service-\$105.00; Stonacek Memorial Chapel-autopsy costs-\$260.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele-court appointed attorney-\$1,680.42; Tom's Service-gas, diesel-\$986.04; TWD Lock, Safe & Key-services-\$30.00; Tyler Technologies-IT services-\$449.00; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed gas-\$78.81; Payroll-\$55,396.04.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Alpha Workforce Health-drug test costs-\$102.00; B's Enterprises-culverts-\$24,915.00; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$1,692.24; Big John-supplies-\$565.00; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$272.47; Bomgaars-supplies-\$839.80; Candlewood Suites-lodging-\$344.85; Century Link-telephone-\$79.13; CHI Health Co. Care-drug screens-\$168.00; Ecowater-repairs-\$111.82; Gerhold Concrete-crushed concrete-\$2,168.49; JEO Engineering-services-\$2,191.25; K Porter Construction Inc-bridge repair-\$22,422.15; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$37.12; M&M Sanitation-services-\$75.00; Matteo Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$677.04; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$1,051.60; Menards-supplies-\$249.48; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,395.55; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$219.55; City of Osmond-garbage fees-\$66.00; City of Pierce-utilities-\$172.86; Polt Brothers-repair parts-\$1,113.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,101.19; Tom's Service-gas, diesel-\$1,309.34; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$66.76; Shannon Wragge-reimbursed supplies-\$178.89; Payroll-\$32,522.42.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$902.98; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$89.68; Plainview News-ads-\$17.68; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$117.66; Payroll-\$1,743.08.

E911 FUND: AT&T-telephone service-\$46.70; Midwest Card & ID Solutions-supplies-\$441.51.

GRANTS FUND: Five Rule-comprehensive plan-\$11,202.00.

INHERITANCE FUND: Antelope Co Sheriff-inmate housing & medications-\$1,755.00; Dollar General-supplies-\$4.00; McKesson Medical-supplies-\$145.14; Norfolk Daily News-subscription-\$168.00; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$670.69; Wanek Pharmacy-prisoner medication-\$60.86.

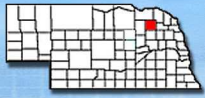
HIGHWAY BOND FUND: JEO Engineering-services-\$1,567.50.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Protex Central-equipment-\$2,193.80.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 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

/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
