

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

July 11, 2022

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 11, 2022, 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, PCED Susan Norris, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Jeremy Tarr, Jeff Stewart, Ignacio Gonzalez, Josh Schmitz, Corinne Donahue 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 27, 2022 were approved as printed.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter discussed with the Board the Zautke and Dendinger Lot Splits.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the Zautke East Lot Split in pt SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Pierce County, NE (5.22 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve the Donald Dendinger Lot Split in pt NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County, NE (16.06 acres). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Stewart, Ignacio Gonzalez, Josh Schmitz and Corinne Donahue with North Fork Area Transit was present to visit with the Board about setting up a Pierce County Route for affordable public transportation and monetary support. No decision was made.

Plainview City Adm. Jeremy Tarr and Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg were present to discuss an Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County and Plainview City for dispatching at a cost of \$500 per month.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Pierce County and the City of Plainview for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at a cost of \$500.00 per month for the purpose of covering the cost for dispatch service provided by Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

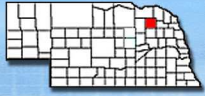
Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was present and discussion held on the approval of the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement, Uncollected Taxes Report and pledging of collateral.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, 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 Schmit, seconded by Kuether, 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.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, 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 2022 Pierce County Fair/beer garden and the dates of the events are July 27 thru July 31, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Wragge, to approve the under crossing and occupying right-of-way of a county road for Pierce Telephone, with a 6" fiber optic line, approximately in Blaine, Cleveland and South Branch Townships (see map), Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.



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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 2022/2023.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Kuether, to approve Resolution #2022-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2022-18

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 2022/2023 fiscal year.

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

1. Any board member may enter into a contract with Pierce County during the 2022/2023 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.

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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

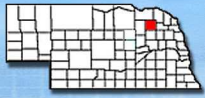
Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve the 2022/2023 employment contract between Pierce County and Tom Kuether, allowing County Board member to receive an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour, not to exceed \$19.00 for roadwork. Dated this 11th day of July, 2022 and whereas the original is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Schmit and Wragge; Kuether abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Agreement with Lutz & Company, PC to provide consulting services and compliance procedures with regards to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Wragge, to approve the Agreement for the 2022/2023 fiscal year with Lutz & Company, PC to provide consulting services and compliance procedures as needed with regards to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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 2022; approve Treasurer's receipts for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for June 2022 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$2,519,299.01 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: Mark D. Albin- crt appoint attorney- \$1,276.30; Antelope Co. Sheriffs Dept.- housing-\$4,280.00; Joe Aschoff-reimb.mtg mileage-\$48.08, Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$42.69; Ryan Brodersen-reimb.mtg mileage-\$63.44; Guy Ellsworth-reimb.mtg mileage-\$31.98; First Concord Benefits Group LLC- costs & deductibles-\$2.50;FP Finance Program-service-\$154.09; Dan Hollock-reimb-\$170.52; Dwaine Hoffman-reimb.mtg mileage-\$82.74;J's Place-service-\$3,340.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$299.95; Gerry Krueger-reimb.mtg mileage-\$21.24; Maximus-contract-\$840.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,279.72; MIPS-hardware/software & website support-\$2,698.99; Tom Nathan-reimb.mtg mileage-\$71.04; NE NE News Company-ads-\$433.48; Pierce Chamber of Commerce-dues-\$75.00; Pierce Co. Court-court claims-\$118.00; Pierce Co. Treasurer-garnishment fee-\$5.00; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-services-\$1,839.24; Precision IT-service- \$67.50; Kathleen Prince-reimb. premiums-



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\$67.55; Quill-office supplies-\$55.27; Region IV Inc-1st quarter billing-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas- employee share- \$3,911.98; Larry Schaefer- reimb. Mtg mileage- \$74.12; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food- \$ 152.38; Karen Timm-reimb. premium- \$4.25; Weston Torson-reimb-\$125.95; US Postal Service-postage-\$200.00; Byron Wragge-reimb.mtg mileage-\$49.77; Ryan Zimmerman-reimb.mtg mileage-\$69.48; Payroll-\$60,073.32.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: American Broadband-service-\$103.37; Appeara-service-\$122.80; B's Enterprises Inc-signs & parts-\$2,527.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$37,620.22; Bazile Aggregate Co.- gravel-\$7,172.22; Chad's Tire Service-parts/labor-\$74.50; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repairs-\$18.94; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$7,703.80; Gary Backhaus Gravel, LLC-gravel-\$403.13; JEO Consulting Group Inc-engineering-\$26,503.75; Kimball Midwest-parts-\$900.94; Lawson Products-supplies-\$115.80; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$188.76; Manzer Equipment-parts-\$191.65; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc-fuel-\$77.65; Meisinger Oil Co-fuel-\$4,127.67; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,350.73; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repairs-\$899.43; North Central PPD-service-\$223.80; Osmond Farm Supply-diesel-\$4,263.21; Paul's Welding-parts-\$21.60; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$180.56; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$72.89; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$96.82; Plainview City-utilities-\$84.88; Randolph Farm Supply-gas-\$5,365.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,045.61; Safety-Kleen Protective Serv.-supplies-\$953.68; Steinkraus Service-fuel-\$702.60; Wattier True Value-supplies-\$30.26; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co.- concrete-\$1,362.18; Payroll-\$32,068.20.

VISITORS PROMO: Pierce Lions Club-promotion-\$450.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-tech support-\$344.12.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Jenkins Electric Inc-radio tower repairs-\$19,353.83; Johnson's Inc.-service-\$38,000.00

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$82.26; NE Nebraska News Company-publishing-\$39.50; Pierce Co. Leader-publishing-\$7.20; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$117.66; Payroll-\$1,743.08

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$318.00; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$105.70

E911 FUND: AT&T-service-\$44.91; Pierce Telephone Co Inc-service-\$146.29; Plainview Telephone Co-service-\$45.30

HIGHWAY BONDS: Tom Hansen, CPA- service-\$3,484.23

Discussion held on the 22/23 FY budget.

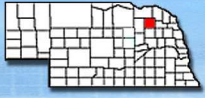
There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 10:17 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 9:10 A.M. as County Board of Commissioners, said meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

/s/ Terry J. Wragge
Chairman, Pierce County
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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