

Pierce County Board Minutes



COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 22, 2022

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Jim Schmit and Terry J. Wragge. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald, Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt, Dale Clipson, Ben Benton, Josh Kounovsky, Rich Lutz, Steve Dolesh 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 August 8, 2022 were approved as printed.

Discussion was held on levy allocation for the fire districts and agricultural society. The Board stated that since they kept a 3% increase for the County General and Road Fund Budgets, they should follow suit with the levy allocations for the Ag Society and Rural Fire Districts. The MFO agreement between the county fire districts states all parties agreed to a levy of .450 mill so therefore that is the max levy the County Board can approve for the fire districts and statute states that rural MFO fire districts only need same levy 1 in 3 years, that being, 2022/2023 FY can have different levies.

Motion by Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve Resolution 2022-20 as follows:

RESOLUTION #2022 - 20

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the following Fire District Subdivisions in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, all Fire Districts are given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions (per \$100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivisions for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year be limited to and is approved as follows:

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Pierce Rural Fire	General	\$93,810.00	\$95,197.16	1.8100 cents
Plainview Rural Fire	General/Sinking	\$76,910.00	\$89,883.80	1.8076 cents
Osmond Rural Fire	General	\$90,106.91	\$84,375.03	1.8406 cents
Hadar Rural Fire	General	\$39,700.00	\$37,171.36	2.5133 cents

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2022, at Pierce County, Nebraska.

Chairman of the Board of Equalization

/s/ Terry J. Wragge

/s/ Tom Kuether

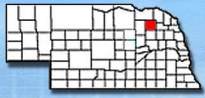
/s/ Jim Schmit

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 Wragge, seconded by Schmit, to approve Resolution #2022-21 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2022 - 21



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WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Board of Commissioners is the levy authority for the Pierce County Agricultural Society Subdivision in Pierce County,

WHEREAS, the Ag Society is to be given not more than 3.5 cents of the County's 15 cents for miscellaneous political subdivisions and may be given an additional 3.5 cents for capital construction and maintenance of county fairgrounds per Nebraska State Statutes 2-257 and 2-259 (per \$100 of valuation);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners/Board of Equalization that the tax allocation for the following subdivision for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year be limited to .5954 cents for General is approved as follows:

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Pierce County Ag. Society	General	\$167,000.00	\$120,195.78

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2022, at Pierce County, Nebraska.

Chairman of the Board of Equalization

/s/ Terry J. Wragge

/s/ Tom Kuether

/s/ Jim Schmit

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.

Mike Pommer discussed with the County Board the 22/23 FY budget request and the budget hearings.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to Authorize Clerk to advertise and set public hearing date for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to receive input regarding 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, followed by a second public hearing at 11:15 a.m. for the adoption of property tax at an amount different than prior fiscal year (per SS 148). Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Steve Dolesh, Rich Lutz and Josh Kounovsky from the local fire departments were present to request financial help with the purchase of fire radios and a repeater for Hadar at an approximate cost of \$400,000. No decision was made.

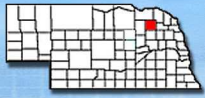
Randolph City Adm. Benjamin Benton was present and discussion was held on the Randolph Bridge Project and the monetary support of the project because of higher costs of the uncompleted project. Pierce County gave \$75,000 to the project in 2018, but Randolph City is asking for additional help. No decision was made.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present and discussion was held on the 1 & 6 Year Road Project for 22/23 FY, proposal from Theisen Construction Inc. for the re-decking of Bridge #04105 and other problem roads and bridges that need attention.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign the Proposal of \$49,998.00 for the re-decking of Bridge #04105. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve the 2 applications for Larry Funk for the under crossings of a county road with a 2" electric line, 1 approximately 34' south of 850 Rd and undercrossing 537 Ave between Sections 15/16 and 1 approximately 34' north of 847 Rd and undercrossing 535 Ave between Sections 29/30, both in Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Kuether, to approve Morgan Reigle as Manager of the Pierce Community Golfcourse on Liquor License I-010391 for the NE Liquor Control Commission. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.



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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: Antelope Co Sheriff-inmate housing-\$520.00; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$28,881.18; Bob Wehrer Const.-repairs-\$110.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$237.07; Dollar General-jail supplies-\$43.45; Rick Eberhardt-reimburse expenses-\$134.20; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland PC-court appoint.attorney-\$659.41; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement-\$20.00; First Concord-adm costs & deductibles-\$225.00; FP Finance Program-lease postage meter-\$154.09; J's Place-prisoner meals-\$1,790.00; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$256.58; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Menards-supplies-\$25.56; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$92.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,134.41; NACO-registration-\$270.00; NE Health & Human Services-July 2022 boarding-\$186.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$400.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$703.49; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$246.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$635.10; Pierce County Treasurer-intra-fund transfer to Grant fund for 22/23 FY support-\$50,000.00; Plainview News-ads-\$301.56; Precision IT-support-\$214.50; Prime Stop-gas-\$347.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,782.04; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$104.76; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$145.97; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$639.37; Verizon-telephone-\$439.31; VISA-postage, supplies-\$142.78; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$292.74; Payroll-\$58,174.34.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Alpha Workforce Health-drug/alcohol tests-\$52.00; American Broadband-telephone-\$104.78; Bazile Aggregate-gravel-\$4,806.34; Black Hills Energy-service-\$45.84; Chad's Tire Service-repairs, supplies-\$288.57; CHI Health-drug test-\$168.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$221.90; Farmer's Pride-diesel & chemicals-\$14,960.78; Key Sanitation-garbage-\$28.50; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$330.01; Lawson Products-supplies-\$26.08; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$596.18; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$690.14; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$4,864.27; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,342.46; NACO-registration-\$30.00; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$244.18; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,829.66; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$779.65; Prince Auto Repair-service-\$260.48; Ramada-lodging-\$158.00; Randolph Farm Supply-diesel & gas-\$4,264.93; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,038.34; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$315.70; Tom's Service-gas-\$982.87; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$58.46; Western Oil Inc-gas-\$533.09; Payroll-\$31,960.42.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: Jenkins Electric-fire alarm system-\$9,404.79.

GRANTS FUND: Butler County Office-tire recycle-\$28,497.64; Five Rule-comprehensive plan-\$22,404.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS of NE-premiums-\$1,056.22; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$55.60; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$94.13; Payroll-\$1,394.46.

E911 FUND: Farmer's Pride-tank lease-\$125.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$45.30.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

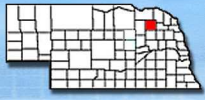
Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Lenton Lot Split in pt 30-25-1.

Motion by Schmit, seconded by Wragge, to approve the Lenton Lot Split in Government Lot 4 in pt of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Pierce Co. NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Schmit and Wragge. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Wragge adjourned the meeting at 11:04 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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



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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
