

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 20, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Dave Praeuner, Jacob Braithwait, Tim Braithwait, Ryan Hamilton, Todd Willard, Mike Herbst 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 Kuether called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and presided. Chairman Kuether 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 Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 6, 2023 were approved as printed.

At 9:11 a.m. the legal was read for the opening of sealed bids for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel. The bids were opened in the presence of all present, read, copied and given to all present.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to honor and accept all sealed bids as presented by each vendor for culverts, signs, posts, grader blades and gravel for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, with some of the bids only stating a 30-to-90-day acceptance cost from today. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the gas pipeline undercrossing of a county road by NuStar Pipeline in pt SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 1 West, Pierce County. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on county equipment to sell by sealed bids or online auction company. No decision was made.

Discussion was held by the Board on the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. Co. Treasurer Chris Bahr notified Board that she sold a total of 27 tax sale certificates amounting to \$42,525.30 as of Monday, March 20, 2023.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Public Tax Sale which is now closed, but private sales continue. The Pierce County Treasurer's Office sold a total of 27 tax sale certificates amounting to \$42,525.30 as of Monday, March 20, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Brian McDonald was present.

The legal was read for the 9:30 a.m. opening of sealed bids for the McLean South Bridge #13935 JEO Project #211865. The sealed bids were opened in the presence of all present. Three bids were received: Herbst Construction, Inc. Lemars, IA at a total cost of \$722,113.00 with a start date of January 15, 2024; Lincoln-Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. Lincoln, NE at a total cost of \$654,216.00 with a start date of September 5, 2023 and Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Schmit, to approve and accept the bid from Theisen Construction, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023

pending the review of the numbers by Hwy Supt. McDonald. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a grant to purchase stop signs. Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald will look into applying for said grant.

Discussion was held on a Change Order for the Plainview South Project and the Willard Bridge. No decisions were made and will be placed on next agenda.

Discussion was held on the mowing of roads for 2023.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, The County will not be mowing the roads in 2023 and the responsibility is on the landowners to mow all roadway ditches running along their land twice a year, before July 15th and again before September 15th. If the County has to mow the cost to the landowner will be \$300.00 per mile. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, 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, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$3,245.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Classic Rentals-service-\$224.60; Rhonda Cortner-mileage-\$200.43; Crowne Plaza Kearney-lodging-\$311.36; Dollar General-supplies-\$67.35; Floor Maint. & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$599.58; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Hilltop Drugs ITC-prisoner meds-\$45.76; Kim Huwaldt-mileage-\$28.34; Jones Automotive-repairs-\$43.59; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Nan Kment-mileage-\$33.58; BJ Koeppe-reimbursed mileage-\$21.79; Mary Kruger-reimbursed mileage-\$20.48; LexisNexis-software-\$168.00; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$27.62; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; MidAmerica Admin & Retirement Solutions-administrative costs-\$840.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,203.21; NE Assn of Co. Extension Boards-dues & registration-\$140.00; NE Health & Human Services-housing-\$354.00; Norfolk City-Region 11 EMS 2023-2024 FY support-\$19,658.00; NE Glass-repairs-\$660.00; NE Planning & Zoning Assn-dues-\$110.00; One Office Solutions-office supplies-\$335.61; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$283.16; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$2,434.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$554.30; Pierce Pharmacy-prisoner meds-\$54.38; Plainview News-ads-\$1,052.52; Quill-office supplies-\$174.96; Region IV Behavioral Health-quarterly support-\$5,759.75; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,992.25; Security Shredding-services-\$140.00; Sirchie-jail supplies-\$112.57; Joseph Smith-attorney costs-\$201.25; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Stonacek Funeral Chapel-transporting-\$600.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC-attorney costs-\$2,272.04; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$483.26; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$587.77; Weston Torson-meals & gas-\$111.44; Dan Unseld-mileage-\$29.65; Verizon Wireless-service-\$425.03; VISA-jail supplies-\$234.34; Western Oil-gas-\$367.96; Lori Wragge- mileage-\$11.31; Payroll-\$60,544.62.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Pat Abbenhaus-reimbursed supplies-\$56.18; Alpha Workforce Health-drug testing-\$25.00; Appera-service-\$96.90; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$8,749.13; Bauer Built Inc-repair parts-\$6,545.15; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,400.66; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$1,958.80; Lonnie Carlson-reimbursed supplies-\$49.56; Chad's Tire Service-repairs-\$149.88; Classic Carpet Care-service-\$161.66; Cornhusker Intl Trucks-repair parts-\$518.87; Farmer Pride-diesel-\$8,198.98; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$106.41; Filter Care of NE-repairs-\$62.75; Kimball Midwest-repair parts-\$1,369.74; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$386.76; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$664.38; Manzer Equipment Inc-repairs-\$3,276.35;

McLean Village-utilities-\$95.25; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$5,285.35; Menards-supplies-\$123.81; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,384.73; NMC Exchange LLC-repairs-\$3,400.29; NC PPD-utilities-\$262.59; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,200.12; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$565.15; Paul's Welding-repairs-\$487.96; Plainview Telephone Co Inc-service-\$97.43; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$483.56; RDO Truck Centers Co-repairs-\$85.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,041.75; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$661.96; Sapp Bros Norfolk-repair parts-\$325.80; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$358.90; Tom's Service-gas-\$840.09; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$460.98; West-Hodson Lumber Co Inc-supplies-\$4,836.90; Western Oil-gas-\$47.00; Payroll-\$32,504.09.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: Danko Emergency Equipment- equipment for Pierce-\$20,000.00.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS-health premium-\$1,056.22; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$8.16; Plainview News-ads-\$17.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: Midwest Card and ID Solutions LLC-5 subscriptions to the Salamander Program-\$750.00; Plainview Telephone-services-\$45.30.

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

Discussion was held on the installing of cameras at the county shops.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 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/ Tom Kuether
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
