

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 17, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 17, 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, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg 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 9:11 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of April 3, 2023 were approved as printed.

Assessor Jean Lubke visited with the Board about needing to have her own vehicle as it was hard to share with other offices when there is so much appraisal work to complete. Board was going to work on a solution for the assessor’s office.

Discussion was held on the carbon pipeline.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 3

WHEREAS, due to Sections 13-315 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Budget includes a transfer of funds from General to Pierce County Economic Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 County Budget was balanced by a fund transfer of from the General Fund (0100) to the Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606) for wages and benefits for the PCED Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners that the Pierce County Clerk is directed to transfer the following funds thru the claim process as follows for wages and benefits for the PCED Director for the months of January, February and March 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$9,602.57	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$9,602.57</u>	
Total	\$9,602.57	

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, Board Chairman

/s/ Brad Albers, District #2 Commissioner

/s/ Carl Martinson, District #3 Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Shannon Wragge, Pierce County Clerk

Whereas the original for said resolution is on file at the office of the Pierce County Clerk and available for inspection. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of two special designated liquor licenses for Pierce American Legion for events on Friday, May 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., 2023 and one on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuether, seconded by Albers, to authorize Chairman to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the McLean South Bridge #13935 JEO Project No. 211865 with Theisen Construction Inc, Norfolk, NE at a total cost of \$543,911.73 with a start date of October 23, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Willard Bridge.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve Rick Higgins to replace and complete term for Marilyn Meier on the Visitor Bureau Board with term to expire January 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on doing a sign & culvert audit report as directed by NIRMA.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion was held on the carbon pipeline.

Sheriff Rick Eberhardt was present to discuss the vehicle situation with Assessors office.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Rick Eberhardt, County Sheriff, for February and March 2023; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for March 2023; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for March 2023 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,944,502.49 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, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Mark Albin-services-\$2,321.41; Antelope County Sheriff Dept-paper service-\$185.00; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$4,479.11; Big Red Printing Inc-supplies-\$726.76; Donald Blecha-prior service-\$45.00; BCBS-health premiums-\$27,697.97; Central Plains Valuation LLC-software & support-\$8,000.00; Classic Rentals-service-\$216.46; Elite Office Products-maintenance agreement & supplies-\$518.23; Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple-court appointed counsel-\$1,950.50; FP Finance Program-meter rent-\$180.09; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$179.95; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; LexisNexis-law library-\$168.00; Lorenz Automotive-supplies-\$23.98; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems-scanning services-\$92.00; MidAmerican Adm. & Retirement Solutions-April, May & June 23 funded HRA-\$14,000.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,298.92; MIPS-IT services, website, microfilming-\$2,698.99; NACO-directories-\$63.00; NE NE News-publishing-\$677.64; NE Assn of Co. Treasurers-registration-\$150.00; NMC Exchange LLC-service to generator-\$1,038.00; One Office Solutions-supplies-\$1,989.49; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$186.91; Pierce Co Court-court cost-\$17.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$334.43; Pierce County Petty Cash Fund-postage, meals, supplies etc.-\$286.12; Pierce County Treasurer-transfer from General to PCED Fund-\$9,607.57; Pierce Dental Office-prisoner dental-\$1,082.00; Pierce District Court-court costs-\$36.00; Pierce Telephone-telephone-\$1,875.88; Prime Stop-gas-\$229.55; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies-\$227.39; Quill-supplies-\$134.89; Region IV-quarterly billing-\$2,340.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,975.19; NE Secretary of State-supplies-\$10.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; State of NE Central Finance-computer service-\$58.88; Terminix-service-\$91.00; Tiger Town Food Center-prisoner food-\$526.09; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$633.49; Verizon-service-\$425.03; VISA-postage-\$480.00; Western Oil LLC-gas-\$580.33; Payroll-\$60,388.94.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND:** Apperaa-uniforms-\$119.75; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$3,270.08; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$5,881.37; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$1,091.54; Carlson Home & Auto-propane-\$2,015.72; Chad's Tire Service-tires and repairs-\$542.50; Classic Rentals-service-\$247.37; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$634.05; Dd Steel-supplies-\$72.22; Farmer's Pride-diesel & propane-\$4,570.50; Fastwyre Broadband-service-\$107.21; Filtercare of NE-services-\$75.05; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc-gravel-\$275.58; Kayton International-repair parts-\$255.00; Lazy T Tire & Implement-repairs-\$109.40; Leiting Auto Supply-repair parts-\$767.55; Lorenz Automotive-repair parts-\$647.51; Matheson Tri-Gas-supplies-\$85.42; McLean Village-utilities-\$111.43; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$3,047.17; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,359.54; Mitch's Food Center-supplies-\$34.12; N & B Gas Co-gas-\$1,243.51; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-gas-\$54.50; NE NE News Co-ads-\$123.60; NMC-repair parts-\$2,146.98; Norfolk Auto Center-repairs-\$69.00; North Central Public Power-utilities-\$231.99; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$493.45; Paul's Welding-supplies-\$114.52; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$96.00; Pierce Telephone-services-\$177.00; Plainview Telephone-telephone services-\$96.12; City of Plainview-utilities-\$88.35; Randolph Farm Supply-gas & diesel-\$951.96; RDO Truck Centers Co-repair parts-\$66.36; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,019.54; Safety Kleen-repairs-\$295.78; Steinkraus Service-gas-\$1,192.95; Tom's Service-gas & diesel-\$625.19; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$234.44; Weldon Parts Inc-repair parts-\$578.90; Western Oil-gas-\$385.17; Payroll-\$32,174.95.

**VISITOR PROMO FUND:** Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-\$300.00; Village of Hadar-grant-\$300.00; Hadar Volunteer Fire & Rescue-grant-\$500.00; NE NE News Co-ads-\$5.50; Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau-grant-\$1,500.00; Osmond United Methodist Church-grant-\$500.00; Pfanny's Farm-grant-

\$500.00; Pierce Co Threshing Bee-grant-\$500.00; Pierce County Ag Society-grant-\$500.00; Pierce Co Leader-ads-\$6.24.

**VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Osmond Community Club-grant-\$1,000.00; Osmond Park Board-grant-\$1,000.00; Plainview Klown Doll Museum-grants-\$1,000.00.

**PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** BCBS-health premiums -\$1,056.22; MidAmerican Adm. & Retirement Solutions-April, May & June funded HRA-\$800.00; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$86.27; NE NE News Co-ads-\$14.07; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$16.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

**E911 FUND:** Pierce Telephone-services-\$139.29; Plainview Telephone-service-\$45.30; RS Technologies Inc-software support-\$500.00.

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Pierce Telephone-services-\$325.00; Plainview Telephone-service-\$105.70.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND:** MIPS-online services-\$344.12.

**COURTHOUSE JAIL & SINKING FUND:** Flooring Solutions LLC-remodeling project-\$50.00; Jenkins Electric Inc-repairs-\$647.14; Kuether Ranch-remodeling project in Treasurers office-\$4,500.00; Tom Kuether-reimb. supplies from Menards for remodeling project-\$323.50.

Discussion was held on the PCED agreement.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:46 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 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

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