

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 26, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr, Co. Assessor Jean Lubke, PCED Susan Norris, Jeremy Tarr, Bob Wehrer, Josh Sirek, Sandra Griffin, Kyler Carmichael, Lou Ann Reed, Shannon Reed, Jane Kleeb, Rich Lutz, Steve Dolesh, Rick Bretschneider, CPA Fred Weber, Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald 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 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 Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 12, 2023 were approved as printed.

Jane Kleeb with BOLD NE and NE Easement Action was present on educating the public on the groups point of view on the carbon pipeline in Nebraska.

Pierce County Economic Development (PCED) Board were present to discuss with the County Board the Interlocal Agreement that needs amended as per the direction of the State and County Auditor whereas the position and budget should not be under the county budget authority but only a cash amount given to PCED and they act as a separate entity.

CPA Fred Weber with Porter & Company, PC, was present to present and discuss with the Board the 2021/2022 fiscal year audit report and the PCED budget.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to accept and approve the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Audit Report as submitted and placed on file in the Pierce County Clerk's office. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Steve Dolesh and EMS Deputy Rich Lutz were present to discuss with the Board an emergency plan for the 2023 Pierce County Fair.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Incident Action Plan for the 2023 Pierce County Fair. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald visited with the Board about bridge and road project currently being done.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #6 (minus \$11,598.32 to adjust quantities with new total of \$2,666,406.53) and Pay Application #4 for \$277,048.99 for the Pierce-Neligh Rd 543-544 Ave Unbonded Concrete Overlay-JEO Project #211073 with A & R Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Change Order #2 (minus \$88,028.50 to adjust quantities with new total of \$162,938.10) and Pay Application # 2 (final) for \$-17,061.90 for the North 1st Remanipulation-JEO Project #211905 with Midwest Coatings, Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$18,500.00 for the Pierce Southwest-JEO Project #211418 with Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald called into meeting to discuss Bridge #01813 bid quote of approximately \$14,000.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign the bid quote of approximately \$14,000.00 for Bridge #01813 repair with Theisen Construction Inc. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign Pay Application #1 for \$171,000.00 for the Osmond South-JEO Project #211903 with Dixon Construction Co. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve Resolution #2023-13 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 - 13

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 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 month of May and June 2023.

General Fund (0100)	\$10,090.92	to
Pierce County Economic Development Fund (2606)	<u>\$10,090.92</u>	
Total	\$10,090.92	

Dated this 26th day of June, 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.

Co. Treasurer Christine Bahr was visited with the Board about the Pledging of Singled Pooled Collateral with all banks.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve the County Treasurer to Pledge Single Pooled Collateral with all banks. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Faye Wood was present to ask the Board to address the planting in the county right-of-way being done. It is very dangerous as the corn is growing and you can't see at intersections or if an ATV comes out of a drive in the corn. The County Board will look into the planting in the county right-of-way, direct the Co. Attorney to send letters out that all roads need to mowed within 33 feet from center of road and if not done the county will be mowing their right- of-way.

Discussion was held on the changing of the HRA contribution for single health insurance employees. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the GWORKS software to add a Road/Streets tab to the county GWORKS program at a cost of \$8,000.00 for implementation and \$4,500.00 yearly cost. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on the positions of a Full-Time Hwy Supt, Bridge Inspector and Weed Supt.

Eric Petsche with Applied Connective was present to train the Clerk and Board on the newly installed panic buttons in the board room.

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 service, software and panic buttons-\$19,676.43; BCBS of NE-premiums-\$46,288.92; Bob Barker Company Inc-supplies-\$13.72; Candlewood Suites Kearney-lodging-\$279.90; Comfort Inn-lodging-\$239.90; Dollar General-supplies-\$14.20; Rick Eberhardt-reimbursed uniforms-\$512.48; Elite Office Products-maint. agreement- & supplies-\$1,949.00; Ann Fenton-reimb. mileage & supplies-\$248.67; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supplies-supplies-\$1,584.80; Government Forms & Supplies-supplies-\$3,002.00; Gworks-support-\$252.00; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$239.44; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment-supplies-\$75.94; Jones Automotive-repairs-\$4,975.00; Kate M. Jorgensen PC LLO-public defender-\$4,166.67; Nan Kment-reim. mileage-\$78.60; Love Signs-signage in courthouse-\$332.18; Madison County District Court-court costs-\$50.00; Madison County Sheriff-paper service-\$29.65; Menards-supplies-\$209.98; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,509.48; Model Electric-repairs-\$728.97; NE Health & Human Services-May 2023 boarding-\$186.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$303.93; Physicians Laboratory PC-autopsy-\$2,350.00; Pierce County Leader-ads-\$607.95; Pierce County Treasurer-garnishment & transfer to PCED-\$10,095.92; Pierce City-utilities-\$1,846.72; PIP Marketing Signs Print-supplies-\$785.00; Plainview News-ads-\$520.18; Prime Stop-gas-\$84.78; Vickie Prince-reimb. supplies, travel & lodging-\$555.39; Quill-office supplies-\$327.70; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$3,931.89; Brett Rix-reimb. mileage-\$42.95; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$712.10; Terminix-service-

\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$481.59; Tom’s Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,432.95; US Postal Service CMRS-FP-meter postage-\$424.76; Verizon Wireless-service-\$424.76; VISA-supplies-\$21.42; Payroll-\$60,714.50.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #1 for Pierce Neligh Rd Project-\$277,048.99; Alpha Workforce Health-testing-\$64.00; B’s Enterprises Inc-blades & culverts-\$20,400.00; Backus Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$6,974.25; Bazile Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$27,442.87; Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$46.89; CHI Health-testing-\$126.00; Colonial Research Chem Corp-chemicals-\$197.81; Dixon Construction-Osmond South Pay App 1-\$171,000.00; Janssen Construction Inc-culvert reinstall-\$1,000.00; Kimball Midwest-supplies-\$265.90; Lawson Products-supplies-\$279.85; Meisinger Oil Co-diesel-\$5,001.58; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$2,501.06; Moeller Equipment-tractor-\$51,000.00; NE NE Tire & Trailer Sales LLC-repairs-\$72.24; NE Machinery LLC-motor grader-\$281,450.10; NE Power-utilities-\$123.00; Osmond City-quarterly garbage-\$81.00; Osmond Mini Mart-gas-\$309.10; Pierce Automotive Supply-repair parts-\$279.56; Pierce City-utilities-\$175.39; Plainview News-ad-\$48.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,145.86; Theisen Construction Inc-Pierce SW Pay App 1-\$18,500.00; Tom’s Service LLC-repairs & gas-\$773.25; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$53.55; Payroll-\$33,776.95.

PIERCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: BCBS of NE-premium-\$2,186.80; Midwest Bank, NA-co share-\$125.87; Plainview News-ad-\$8.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$121.19; Payroll-\$1,795.37.

E911 FUND: Century Link-service-\$64.00; Norfolk City-equipment-\$5,709.33.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Century Link-service-\$149.34; Norfolk City-equipment-\$3,806.22.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:29 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 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
