

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
September 5, 2023

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Clerk of District Court Vickie Prince, Co. Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter, Tim Braithwait, Bob Wehrer, Michelle Reikofski, PCED Susan Norris, Josh Sirek, Jim Schmit, Chad Anderson 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 and minutes. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of August 21, 2023 were approved as printed.

Discussion held on the Pierce Neligh Rd Project.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Chairman to sign the Change Order #7 (increase of \$3,356.64 for final quantities), Pay Application #5 (final) for \$3,356.64 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion 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 recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of 3 special designated liquor licenses for Taylormade Catering/White house for events at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Pavilion from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the following dates: Saturday, October 14, Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 30, all in 2023, Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Pierce County Economic Development Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to withdraw from the PCED Interlocal Agreement with an effective date of June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, found at Neb. Rev. SS 13-801, between Pierce County and the following for levy allocation and support pursuant to Neb. Rev. SS 77-3442(8): Pierce City, Plainview City, Osmond City, Pierce County Agricultural Society, Pierce Rural Fire, Plainview Rural Fire, Osmond Rural Fire and Hadar Rural Fire. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Michelle Reikofski and Jim Schmit visited with the Board about the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan and if and where on plan is the Osmond School Rd (865 Rd). Board stated that it is on the 1 & 6 Year Rd Plan but the projects are not in no order but by urgency to get done and some projects have been on the plan for many years.

The County Board did the courthouse and jail inspection and all three returned.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to go into executive session regarding personnel at 9:55 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to come out of executive session regarding personnel at 10:17 a.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, 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: Black Hills Energy-utilities-\$44.56; Bob Barker Co Inc-jail supplies-\$136.55; Cintas-supplies-\$206.66; Egley,Fullner,Montag,Morland,Easland PC-court appointed attorney-\$1,742.81; Faith Regional Health Services-prisoner medical-\$3,400.00; Iowa Prison Industries-supplies-\$91.90; Johnson's Inc-repairs-\$1,530.81; Lynn Peavey Co-supplies-\$80.00; Madison County Sheriff-prisoner boarding-\$1,471.17; Madison County Treasurer-District Judge court costs-\$89.15; Microfilming Imaging Systems Inc-scanner rent-\$46.00; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,437.18; MIPS-computer support-\$2,762.44; NE NE News Co-ads-\$27.75; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$93.00; Pierce Co. District Court-fees-\$252.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$1,951.47; Plainview News Inc-ads-\$261.89; Prime Stop-gas-\$46.90; Quill-supplies-\$729.12; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,077.82; Sanne Repair LLC-repairs-\$664.80; Schindler Elevator Corp-inspection costs-\$1,708.68; State of NE Central Finance-computer network service-\$653.22; Terminex-service-\$96.16; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$637.62; Tom's Service-gas & repairs-\$783.50; TWD Lock Safe & Key-supplies-\$2.80; Wayne Co Treasurer-District Judge court costs-\$5,037.89; Payroll-\$59,828.55.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: AKRS-repair parts-\$54.31; B's Enterprises Inc-culverts-\$35,216.00; Bazile Aggregate Co-gravel-\$37,655.12; Bomgaars-supplies-\$59.95; Cintas-supplies-\$199.03; Colonial Research Chemical Corp-supplies-\$197.86; Dinkel's-repairs-\$1,300.00; Farmers Pride-diesel-\$1,438.12; Heartland Fire Protection Co-inspections-\$850.80; JEO Consulting-engineering-\$18,716.25; Kimball Midwest-shop supplies-\$1,018.03; Matteo Sand & Gravel-gravel-\$251.26; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$10,187.42; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,392.16; NE Power-utilities-\$276.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$3,167.10; Pierce City-utilities-\$163.17; Plainview Auto Supply Inc-repair parts-\$50.24; RDO Truck Centers-repair parts-\$27.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,067.90; Safety Kleen Systems Inc-repairs-\$654.37 Tom's Service-gas-\$1,219.52; True Ag & Turf-repair parts-\$1,134.87; Wattier True Value-repair parts-\$13.99; West Hodson Lumber Co Inc-gravel-\$6,073.15; Payroll-\$32,383.35.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: MIPS-computer support-\$349.12.

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

ROAD/BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: A & R Construction Co-Pay Application #5(final) for Pierce-Neligh Road 543-544 Avenue Unbonded Concrete Overlay-\$3,356.64,

E911 FUND: AT & T-service-\$47.85; CenturyLink-service-\$67.17; Geocomm Inc-GIS MSAG Maint. & support-\$4,728.00; Motorola Solutions Inc-software & support for statewide radio project-\$2,968.42.

E911 WIRELESS FUND: CenturyLink-service-\$156.73; Motorola Solutions Inc-software & support for statewide radio project-\$121,234.58.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL SINKING FUND: Applied Connective Technologies-duress buttons, installation & service-\$8,166.00.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a Fulltime Hwy Supt and Bridge Inspector as Clerk was directed to place an ad in newspapers and NE Works.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing presentation meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 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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Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:00 A.M. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:08 a.m. for the Presentation of the Budget Summary to set the Tax Request different than prior fiscal year. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2023/2024 FY budget to the Board and all those

present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2023/2024 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:10 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:11 A.M. and will meet at a budget hearing meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:15 A.M. or immediately following the close of the Tax Request Public hearing 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
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/s/ Shannon Wragge
Pierce County Clerk

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Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Kuether opened the 11:15 A.M. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing at 11:15 a.m. for the Approval and Final Setting of the Tax Request. Accountant Mike Pommer presented the 2023/2024 FY budget to the board and all those present and discussion was held on the budget and valuation. There were no written comments for or against the 2023/2024 FY budget. Chairman Kuether closed the hearing at 11:16 a.m.

Motion by Martinson, seconded by Albers, to approve and adopt the 2023-2024 FY Pierce County Budget as submitted, approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority and approve Resolution #2023-20 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2023 – 20

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the County of Pierce passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Pierce that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Pierce, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$4,440,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be .191650 per \$100 of assessed value
4. The County of Pierce proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.196292 per \$100 of assessed value
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of County of Pierce will decrease last years by -7%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 30, 2023.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023.

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Tom Kuether, 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.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 11:16 A.M. and will meet at a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 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
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