

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 29, 2024

The Pierce County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 9:10 A.M. with the following members present: Tom Kuether, Brad Albers and Carl Martinson. Co. Clerk Shannon Wragge, Bobbi Pettit, Michelle Reikofski 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 April 15, 2024 were approved as printed.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to recommend approval to the NE Liquor Control Commission for the request of a special designated liquor license for Kay Hunt, Pierce, for an event on Saturday, June 15, 2024 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.

Discussion was held on applying for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2025 with NE DEQ.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize the Clerk to apply for grant funds for the Scrap Tire Grant Project for 2025 with Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division, with the project to be held at the Pierce Shop if granted. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the application to occupy ROW and under cross county roads for Eastern NE Telephone Co with fiber optic line, approximately 13 miles of roads in Mills and Blaine Townships, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to Authorize Chairman to sign Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the Pierce 2024 Paint Stripe – JEO Project #240905 with Traffic Solutions Inc, Harrisburg, SD. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Adm. Heather McWhorter was present and discussion held on the Fletcher Lot Split.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Fletcher Lot Split in pt of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Pierce County, NE. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the bridge inspector position for 2024.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to authorize and approve Randy Stromberg to inspect the bridges that need to be done in 2024 at a cost of \$125.00 per bridge with the option of increase if fuel costs continue to rise. Roll call vote: Aye: Kuether, Albers and Martinson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on current road and bridge projects.

Bobbi Pettit with Five Rule was present to update the Board on the Comprehensive Plan that will be presented to the Zoning Board for approval and then brought before the County Board for final approval.

Approval for the underground crossing for Cole Aschoff was tabled.

Motion by Albers, seconded by Martinson, to approve the fee reports as submitted by Co. Sheriff Rick Eberhardt; Vickie Prince, Clerk of District Court and Shannon Wragge, County Clerk for March 2024; approve Treasurer's receipt's for various funds for Christine Bahr, County Treasurer, for March 2024 and placed on file in the County Clerk's office, total \$1,462,053.51 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-court appointed attorney costs-\$4,144.55; Applied Connective Technologies-IT services-\$185.95; Binswanger Glass #580-repairs-\$78.00; Charm-Tex Inc-supplies-\$74.26; Eakes-supplies-\$279.32; Elite Office Products-supplies-\$2,278.00; Ann Fenton-mileage & reimbursed supplies-\$80.99; Holiday Inn, Kearney-lodging-\$347.85; Hometown Auto Repair-repairs-\$1,029.90; Kate M. Jorgensen, PC LLO-public defender-\$4,583.33; Billy Joe Koepp-mileage-\$22.06; Mary Kruger-mileage-\$20.72; Midwest Bank-co share-\$4,859.71; NACO-registration-\$125.00; NIRMA-CPR/EMT training-\$598.00; NE Health & Human Services-boarding-\$93.00; NPZA-registration-\$235.00; Pierce City-utilities-\$2,589.60; Prime Stop-gas-\$144.54; Quill-supplies-\$488.98; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$4,217.99; Brett Rix-mileage & meals-\$277.41; NE SOS-election supplies-\$10.00; Robert Seegebarth-prior service-\$33.00; St of NE-network server-\$63.75;

Melinda Stelling-mileage-\$12.68; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson PC LLC-court appointed attorney costs-\$477.80; Tiger Town-prisoner food-\$542.58; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$1,300.68; Tyler Technologies Inc-supplies-\$449.00; VISA-jail supplies-\$250.29; US Postal Service-meter postage-\$500.00; Payroll-\$65,388.06.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND: Bazille Aggregate Co LLC-gravel-\$11,163.18; Black Hills Energy-service-\$493.27; Bomgaars-supplies-\$575.89; Cintas-supplies-\$44.27; Colonial Research Chem Corp-supplies-\$991.89; Kelly Supply Co-supplies-\$70.65; Lawson Products-repair parts-\$423.25; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc-gravel-\$9,763.38; Meisinger Oil Co-oil-\$9,128.91; Menards-supplies-\$17.36; Midwest Bank-co share-\$2,685.23; Northeast Glass-repairs-\$550.00; Osmond Farm Supply Center Inc-diesel-\$2,762.10; Pierce City-utilities-\$196.62; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas Life Ins. Corp-co. share-\$2,354.01; Riverside Hydraulics Inc-repair parts-\$89.14; Tom's Service LLC-gas & repairs-\$866.40; Wattier's True Value-supplies-\$59.38; Payroll-\$36,383.53.

VISITOR PROMO FUND: Brandon Gerdes Memorial Foundation-grant-\$300.00.

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: St of NE-network server-\$150.00.

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

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk-March 2024 costs-\$149.12.

The Board tabled the quarterly jail and courthouse inspection.

Discussion was held on the updating of the interlocal between Pierce County and PCED.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuether adjourned the meeting at 10:23 A.M. and will meet again at a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 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
