PROCEEDINGS OF THE PIERCE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

 December 9, 2016

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 9, 2016. Auditor-Treasurer Fursather called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Christenson, Brossart, Hoffert, Larson and Migler present. Also present was Bryce Berginski, Pierce County Tribune.

Auditor-Treasurer, Fursather led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call for nominations for Chairman, for ensuing year, Brossart nominated Migler for Chairman. Following no further nominations, moved by Christenson, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Migler, for chairman. Motion carried.

Upon call for nominations for Vice-Chairman, for ensuing year, Migler nominated Brossart for Vice-Chairman. Following no further nominations, moved by Christenson, that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for Brossart for Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Fursather turned the meeting over to Chairman Migler.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Hoffert, to accept the November minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Larson, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to accept the financial report for the month of November. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheets. Migler informed the board that he was notified that the Veteran Service Officer has to be certified according to the NDCC and that our officer is no longer certified, as of 2014.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, to approve Treasurer’s checks #5694-5698, in the amount of $402.00, for the month of November. Motion carried.

Briefly discussed was snow removal at the courthouse and social services. The custodian needs to a better job of keeping the snow off the sidewalks and steps and work a split shift so that he is around until courthouse closes.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of November, for his department. Total calls-50; Medical calls-1; Fire calls-1; Traffic accidents-0; Assist Other Agencies -5; Prisoner Transports-6; Arrests-12; Citations-25; Papers Served-20; Warrants Served-6.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Christenson, to appoint Larson, as a member of the Lake Region District Health Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to appoint Hoffert, as a member of the County/City Library Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Hoffert, to appoint Christenson, as a member of the LEC Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to appoint Hoffert to the JDA Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Christenson, to appoint Migler, as a member of the Community Service Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Hoffert, to re-appoint Joe Bohl, as a member of the North Central Human Service Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart to re-appoint Duane Hawk, as a member of the Pierce County Water Resource Board for one year. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Christenson, to appoint Migler, as a member of the Zoning and Planning Board. Motion carried.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, joined the meeting. Mike went over the bills for the month of November.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid, were ordered paid for the month of November. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the financial report for the month of October. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, gave the board an update on the inmate population for November, which was 117. The high for inmates for November was 128 and the low was 110. Today’s inmate population is 117. There were 79 bookings and 81 released. Personnel- 2 new hires; one retired. Pierce County’s prisoner expense for the month was $13,000.00. YTD cost for Pierce County is $165,000.00. There was a profit of $46,821.33 for the month of October. YTD profit $103,646.80. Mike informed the board that DOCR was here for the annual review and that new jail standards will start in January, 2017.

Mike Graner presented a proposal of what the cost would be once the correctional officers are certified. Their pay would go from $15.92 to $16.56. Total dollars would be an increase of $ 15,000.00. He said he would need to cut back in his overall budget for this increase. The correctional officers that are not certified would not receive the increase adjustment, until certified, and some officers will not receive an adjustment, as they are already over 97.5% of the market. After further discussion, moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to adjust the salary of the correctional officers to 97.5%, after they are certified from $15.92 per hour to $16.56 per hour. This increase will start in January, 2017. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:37 A.M, with all members present.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, that payment be made from the 2014 Disaster Fund to the following township: Rd District #26 for $48,886.96. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Christenson, to transfer $7,000.00 from General Fund to Library Elevator Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, authorizing the chairman to sign the resolution of support for the Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant, through the Souris Basin Planning Council. The Assessment Coalition Grant provides funding for developing inventories of brownfields, with conducting site assessment and cleanup planning of real property. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the applications for Beer & Liquor Licenses from Rugby Golf Club, Rugby Eagles Aerie #3834 and Joe G Goldade (Larry’s Bar) Selz, and that refund be made in accordance with ordinance. Motion carried.

Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting and informed the board monies remaining on SB 2103 Funds and HB 1176 Funds and asked the board what projects they would like to use with these funds. The board agreed to use these funds to overlay and seal coat 1- ¾ miles of the truck route and pave ¼ mile east of Rugby to the Highway Department. This will be bid in April, 2017.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Christenson, authorizing the chairman to sign the projects scheduled for the Federal Aid Program for the year 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, to approve $14,303.88 to Knife River Materials, on Road Projects CNOB-3521 (060); CNOC-3526 (055); CNOC-3548 (056) for HBP & Bit & Chip Seal; $71,991.10 to Close Construction for Road Projects CNOB-3521 (061) & CNOC-3526 (056) for Reshaping and Graveling; and $2,790.16 to Knife River Materials for FEMA Project DR 4190-PW 9 Permanent Alternate Route. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Brossart, to transfer $100,000.00 from Highway Distribution Fund to Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, to transfer $50,000.00 from County Poor Relief to Social Welfare Fund. Motion carried.

Christenson briefly discussed the Lake Region District Health overpayment.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the 2017 Pierce County Soil Modifers for the Pierce County Assessment officials. Motion carried.

Neil Lotvedt and Timothy Bartsch City Councilmen, joined the meeting. Neil informed the board that Bartsch and himself were appointed to the LEC Board and that a meeting should be scheduled. Chairman Migler said that the chairman of the board usually calls a meeting. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Neil would like some information from the auditor before the January meeting. He is requesting the balances from the 2015 budget for LEC, Wireless, E-911 and Jail Facility and ending balances for 2016.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Larson, to approve the general assistance invoice for Social Services. Motion carried.

Briefly discussed were ridging and repairs that need to be done on the county truck.

There being no further business, Migler adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer David Migler, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PIERCE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

 December 20, 2016

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 20, 2016. Migler called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M., with members Christenson, Brossart, Hoffert and Larson present. Also present was Bryce Berginski, Pierce County Tribune.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Hoffert, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheets.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid for the HACTC, were ordered paid for the month of December. Motion carried.

Board briefly discussed the snow accumulations and if they should declare a declaration. After further discussion, moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to adopt a resolution declaring Pierce County an Emergency Disaster, due to significant snowfall, from December 5 through December 8, 2016, which has caused high ridges to form in ditches, making it difficult to keep the roadways open. Resolution adopted and is on file in the Auditor’s office.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Brossart, that payment be made from the 2011 Disaster Fund to the following township for road repairs : Rd District #14 (Christenson ) $1,871.47. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Brossart, to transfer $100,000.00 from Highway Distribution to Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Christenson, to transfer $100,000.00 from County Poor Relief to Social Welfare Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Larson and seconded by Hoffert, to transfer $1,755.96 to Road District #14 and $26,411.29 to Road District #26 from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Larson, to pay ND County Commissioners Association $1,600.00 dues for the calendar year 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to pay ND Association of Counties $6,925.00 dues for the calendar year 2017. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Migler adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

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