

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

August 2, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 2, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Brossart, Hoffert, and Migler present. Also present was David Bednarz.

Chairman Christenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Brossart, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to accept the July minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Brossart and seconded by Migler to appoint David Bednarz as Dist. 3 County Commissioner, due to a vacancy when Ashley Berg moved out of that district, (per NDCC 44-02-05). Upon roll call vote: Brossart "Aye", Hoffert "Aye", Migler "Aye", and Christenson "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to accept the financial report for the month of July. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheets.

Josh Siegler, Sheriff, joined the meeting

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, joined the meeting

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Brossart to approve Treasurer's checks #6239-6240, in the amount of \$1945.10, for the month of July. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to cancel the following warrants from Merchants Bank: Ck.#6039-Ruth Jones-\$5.53, Ck.#6072-Keith Braaten-\$24.36, Ck.#51668-Carolyn Wengel-\$21.23, Ck.#51766-Charles Hamilton-\$53.36, Ck.#53202-Anna Stoll-\$1.12, Ck.#53237-George Bennett-\$1.54, Ck.#53247-Keith Braaten-\$7.70, Ck.#53262-Marion&StevenDudics,etal-\$11.83, Ck.#53306-David Harger-\$85.42, Ck.#53307-John Eugene Hart-\$1061.02, Ck.#53386-Sheila Olson & John Follman-\$7.00, and Ck.#53431-Evelyn Vann-\$3.64 and send payment to the State Land Dept. as unclaimed property, per NDCC 43-30-1.17(05). Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler to hire Lisa Coffman, as Community Service Coordinator, as recommended by Ashley Berg and Jeff Beyer, Community Service Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of July, for his department. Total calls-66; Medical Calls-4; Fire calls-4; Traffic accidents-5; Assist other agencies-10; Prisoner transports-8; Arrests-9 warrants; Citations-9; Papers served-20; Warrants served-9. The Board had a few questions about bills for his department. They asked him about the stand by generator. He

reported that it didn't go down for communications during our last outage. It needs a new circuit board to kick in. Someone will be coming to check it.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of July. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid for the month of July, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for July, which was 90. July currently has 84 inmates. High of 91. Bookings 66, Releases-73. Pierce County inmate population for July was 15. Profit \$3,189.08, for the month of June. Personnel 24/24 officers, 1 long-term deployment starting in Sept., interviews on-going. Mike reported that the Jail suffered significant loss from the power outage. They will buy a network switch that Computer Express installed and another 52 port switch. Another project is a camera upgrade, waiting for electric switch plates. No news on the vehicle, when they will get it. Mike brought an inmate tablet to show the Board. They were bought in June and inmates are able to get free books on them, they are also able to use them for phone calls, purchase games, movies, music, & tv series. They are receiving revenue from them and they are keeping the day rooms more quiet.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bednarz to approve the financial report for the month of June, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:15 A.M., with all members present.

Erik Christenson, CEO, HAMC, joined the meeting. Jon Nelson, State Representative, joined the meeting. Rick Srur joined the meeting.

Erik Christenson CEO, HAMC, informed the Board that work will begin on the frontage road for the new hospital, with State funding 80%, & local funding 20%. The estimated cost of the project is \$850,000, with the City's cost being \$162,095. The City of Rugby has agreed to pay \$205,000 for water & sewer. Jon Nelson said the State doesn't care who picks up the 20%, it can be city or county. The City of Rugby will maintain the upkeep. Erik asked the County for their help. It is a Community project and is necessary for the Community to survive. The Board said they will discuss this and get back to him. Erik Christenson left the meeting.

Jon Nelson left the meeting. Rick Srur left the meeting.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to re-appoint Troy Voeller to the Pierce County Water Resource Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to re-appoint Mike Christenson to the Pierce County Weed Board. Motion carried.

Board discussed the preliminary budget and estimated levies. After much discussion, Migler moved to approve the preliminary budget for 2023, seconded by Bednarz. After roll call vote: Brossart "Aye", Hoffert "Aye", Bednarz "Aye", Migler "Aye", Christenson "Aye". Motion carried. Budget hearing will be held on September 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Discussion was held on the frontage road for the new hospital. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bednarz to commit to \$150,000. for the hospital frontage road. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE MILL LEVY REQUEST ON THE BALLOT

WHEREAS, NDCC 57-15-06.7 (2) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners for Pierce County, North Dakota, to levy annually a tax not exceeding two (2) mills for the purpose of extension work as provided in NDCC 11-38-01.

WHEREAS, board of county commissioners may submit to the electors at a primary or general election question of approval of voter-approved additional levy authority for extension work, for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, and if approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, the board of county commissioners may levy an additional tax not exceeding an additional two (2) mills pursuant to NDCC 57-15-06.7 (2).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the question of levying up to an additional one (1) mill if needed for extension work (i.e., not to exceed a total of three (3) mills be submitted to the voters of Pierce County, North Dakota, at the General Election to be held November 8, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor-Treasurer, for Pierce County, North Dakota, be instructed to place the above question on the ballot at the 2022 General Election.

Moved by Commissioner Hoffert and seconded by Commissioner Migler, to approve this Resolution and the placement of the matter on the ballot at the 2022 General Election.

Upon roll call vote on August 2, 2022:

Brossart "AYE", Hoffert "AYE", Bednarz "AYE", Migler "AYE" and Christenson "AYE"

Resolution was unanimously passed and is declared adopted. Resolution is on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's office.

Brad Murphy and Chad Johnson, RDO Equipment, joined the meeting. Brad introduced Chad to the Board as the new salesman. The Board asked them if would be possible to have some training on the new retriever that they purchased. They felt it would be a good idea so it will be used properly and asked when is the best time and conditions to use it. They asked Brad & Chad if it would be possible to have a training session with the road workers on a Friday morning. Brad said they could get that lined up.

Brad informed the Board that the new blade is on order but didn't know when it will be arriving.

Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, joined the meeting.

Migler asked Galen about bee owners. He asked if there could be any ordinances to control the distance they place their hives, so they couldn't be within 1 mile of a farm residence. Galen agreed and said he would contact the State Ag Department.

There being no further business, moved by Bednarz and seconded by Hoffert to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Mike Christenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

JULY EXPENDITURES

Pierce Co. Payroll Acct. \$85205.21, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$738.19, Baltimore Co. \$833, ND Child Support \$123, Northern Plains \$138, NDTC \$807.85, State Tax Commiss. \$5932.53, JP Morgan \$1857.22, NDTC \$1591.14, Stone's Mobile \$14520.88, Pierce Co Payroll Acct. \$100137.28, Pierce Co Treasurer \$812.52, SWS Credit Systems \$45.86, Colonial Life \$51.75, EBIX \$29.76, AFLAC \$1204.36, Security Bene. \$1673.97, Otter Tail \$9481.58, Pierce Co. Payroll Acct. \$35111, Pierce CO Treasurer \$281.57, Nationwide \$3298.03, ND Pers \$26907.16, Child Support \$846, ND PHIT \$69824.84, HACTC Bills \$44529.08, HACTC Resident fund \$828.5, City of Rugby \$2107.55, Christenson, Mike \$101.25, Migler, David \$265, Migler, Karen \$310, Mack Law Office \$385.06, Drive Chevrolet \$71.80, Advanced Business Methods \$208.61, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$108.41, B & M Laundry \$88.24, Johnson's Plumbing \$27.14, Otis \$3103, Rugby Welding \$115.50, Schock's \$541.95, Circle Sanitation \$156, Rugby Hardware Hank \$62.95, Pierce Co. Tribune \$1549.15, Election Systems & Software \$4288.76, DS Solutions \$300.30, City of Rugby \$875.07, Vanguard Appraisals \$800, C & H Repair \$85, Envision \$10871.95, Auto Doctor \$2300, Rugby Service Center \$1786.98, HACTC \$9641.10, Intoximeters \$200, Redwood Technology \$103.24, Axtman, Michael \$800, Computer Express \$1543.41, Clute \$19.50, Computer Store \$249.99, Quadient \$1035, ITD \$50951.64, Brad's Towing, \$329.02, Wieler, Tanya \$1000, Isolved \$253.07, Rugby Broadcaster Services \$137.50, ND State Radio Comm. \$120, Ritterman Trucking \$32972.50, Deplazes Redi-Mix \$51154.40, Susag Sand & Gravel \$2110.50, B & J Excavating \$21442, RDO \$1496.09, Otter Tail \$205.22, Linde Gas \$138.33, Dakota Fire Extinguishers \$162.26, True North Steel \$3907.10, Zacher, James \$80, Zeien, Paul \$45.63, ND Association of Counties \$90, NDTC \$203.66, Susag Sand & Gravel \$121028.40, Lake Region Dist. Health \$36080.50, Napa \$185.98, ND EMA \$140, Broadway Printing Co. \$280, Cass County Sheriff \$150, Herald Press \$56.80, Coffman, Anthony \$184.86, Elling Township \$10000
Grand Total \$785817.65