

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

November 1, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on November 1, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Brossart, Hoffert, Bednarz and Migler present.

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 Bednarz to accept the October minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bednarz to transfer \$100,000. from Highway Distribution to Road and Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to transfer \$17,921.23 . from General Fund to Hazardous Chemical Fund, as the County hazardous chemicals preparedness and response account should be kept separate. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bednarz to approve Treasurer's checks #6253-#6267, in the amount of \$937.39, for the month of October. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, authorizing the Chairman and Auditor, to sign a County Deed to Travis Oksendahl, on the following described property as Lots 19 & 20, Block 4, Sikes 2nd Addition, City of Rugby, Pierce County, North Dakota. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, authorizing the Chairman and Auditor to sign a County Deed to Kyler Lemar, on the following described property as South 40' of Lot 2, North 27 1/3' Lot 3, Block 2, Solems 1st Addition, City of Rugby, Pierce County, North Dakota. Motion carried.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of October, for his department. Total calls-40; Medical Calls-4; Fire Calls-5; Traffic Accidents-3; Assist other Agencies-8; Prisoner Transports-1; Arrests-4 (2 Warrants, 1 Failure to Transfer Title, 1 Cattle at Large); Citations-11; Papers Served-23; Warrants Served-2. Board questioned a bill. Josh said he would check into it.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, joined the meeting.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

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

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for October, which was 86 (ADP). Current inmate count is 92. High of 91 for October. Bookings 57, Releases 49. Pierce County inmate population for October was 5. Deficit of \$108,099.63, for the month of September, due to there being a double payroll in Sept. Personnel 24/24 officers, 2 new hires since last meeting, 1 resignation.

Bottineau Co. will be bringing more inmates as they have Corr. Officers getting basic training certification. Turnover isn't getting any better, but is a challenge everywhere. Transport vehicle was repaired and is up and running. The new Suburban should be ready to go soon.

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

Board reconvened at 9:03 A.M., with all members present.

Cory Geiszler and Jack McClintock, First International Bank & Trust, joined the meeting. Cory informed the Board of the current rates and when they receive the Prairie Dog Funds, of the different options available and that they would like the opportunity to serve them.

Ted Keller, General Roofing and Construction, joined the meeting. He gave the Board an update on the Dome project. He also presented the Board with a proposal for replacing windows for court administration, through a grant available from the state, which would cover 2/3 to replace. The windows are ADA compliant. Board said we will check into the grant.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, returned with the bill in question. The business had corrected the bill.

Brenden Klebe, NDSU Extension Agent, & Sandra Scherr, Co. Agent Secretary, met with the Board and gave them an update on the 4-H program. They reported that they are close to last year's enrollment, which was up 20%. They informed them that there was an increase in more pets and livestock and static exhibits this year. They invited them to join them for the 4-H Awards Night, to be held Nov.13th @ 5PM at the Community Center, at the fair grounds.

Chad Johnson, RDO Equipment, joined the meeting. He just wanted to check in with the commissioners to see if everything is fine with the service for the motorgraders. He informed them that the new blade probably wouldn't arrive until December or January.

Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, joined the meeting. She informed the Board that the burn ban expired on 10/31/22. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to rescind the expired burn ban. Motion carried.

Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, gave the Board information on the 2023 soil modifiers. Moved by Brossart and seconded by Hoffert to accept the 2023 soil modifiers.

Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, updated the Board on SORN project. She informed them that the cable is bad on the repeater tower. The tower is 180' high. Motorola is waiting for a tower crew to check the cable. If they can't get them, she will have to line someone else up. The Board agreed that this will have to be taken care of. The costs could be anywhere from \$2500-\$3000.

Board discussed the \$50,000., that was received for the separate distribution of federal ARPA dollars, which is called the LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund). Moved by Migler and seconded by Bednarz, to commit these funds to the Ely Elementary Project. Motion carried.

Bednarz reported that Bottineau Co. has started to use the Community Service Program.

Christenson asked the Board if they should order culverts. They all agreed to place an order.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bednarz to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M., seconded by Hoffert. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Mike Christenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

OCTOBER EXPENDITURES

NDTC \$1649.60, Pierce Co. Payroll \$33739.56, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$265.74, JP Morgan \$2413.42, State Tax Comiss. \$6136.85, Otter Tail \$9712.84, NDTC \$826.92, Pierce Co. Payroll \$100445.27, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$834.68, Colonial Life & Accident \$31.25, AFLAC \$1204.36, Security Benefit \$1673.97, EBIX \$29.76, Nationwide \$3298.03, Child Support \$846, Otter Tail \$223.29, UPS \$35.57, Northern Plains Electric \$136, Pierce Co. Payroll \$88044.54, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$742.30, Baltimore Co. OCS \$833, ND PERS \$27190.83, HACTC \$39965.82, Christmas, Gregg \$20.50, ND PHIT \$70900.52, City of Rugby \$2240.22, HACTC Resident Fund \$936, Christenson, Mike \$105.63, Migler, David \$232.50, Ramkota Hotel \$691.20, ND Assoc. of Counties \$1070, Mack Law Office \$383.70, Advance Business Methods \$208.61, Circle Sanitation \$156, Dacotah Paper Co. \$192.70, Rugby Hardware Hank \$144.70, Stein's \$127.24, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$202.10, Gaffney's \$295.50, Computer Store \$279.98, US Records Midwest \$1268, Quadient Leasing \$1035, ITD \$50834.33, Brad's Towing \$1464.95, Siegler, Josh \$341.75, Redwood Toxicology \$751.52, HACTC \$19620.57, Axtman, Michael \$310, Isolved \$253.07, ND State Radio Communication \$120, Rugby Broadcasters \$61, Ritterman Trucking \$9622.20, Schneider Custom Hauling \$19945.01, B & J Excavating \$11220, Susag \$759.60, Butler \$1031.70, RDO \$962.72, Everson \$1.93, Lysne, Daren \$36.25, Wangler, Rodney \$36.25, Zeien, Paul \$234.38, Radisson Hotel Bismarck \$259.20, Montonye, Ron \$243.55, NDSU Extension \$5312.89, NDTC \$203.66, Polar Comm. \$3, City of Rugby \$641.53, Election Systems Software \$1814.44, Envision \$2621.20, Rugby Service Center \$1945.02, Napa Rugby \$3.59, Coffman, Lisa \$254.38, Walker Landscaping \$94200, Office of Attorney General \$155, Computer Express \$111.20, ND One Call \$2.60, Pierce Co. Tribune \$96 Grand Total \$626244.19