

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

January 5, 2021

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 5, 2021. Chairman Migler called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Christenson, Brossart, Hoffert and Berg present.

Chairman Migler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Berg and seconded by Brossart, to accept the December minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills, moved by Christenson and seconded by Berg, 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 Brossart and seconded by Hoffert, to accept the financial report for the month of December. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to approve Treasurer's checks #6119-6128, in the amount of \$5,816.95, for the month of December. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to appoint Mike Brossart, as a member of the McHenry/Pierce Housing Board. Motion carried.

Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer, presented the Pledge of Assets from Merchants Bank, Bremer Bank, Ramsey Bank and First International Bank & Trust. Also, reviewed were the bank balances as of December 31, 2020. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Brossart, to accept the Pledge of Assets, as presented, and declare Merchants Bank, Bremer Bank, Ramsey Bank and First International Bank & Trust, as depositories. Motion carried.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff and Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, joined the meeting.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of December, for his department. Total calls-41; Medical calls-0; Fire calls-4; Traffic Accidents-4; Assist Other Agencies-13; Prisoner Transports-3; Arrests-7; Citations-27; Papers Served-22; Warrants Served-1. Personnel- Deputy Sheriff Volk has resigned his position effective January 15, 2021.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC board.

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

Moved by Berg and seconded by Christenson, to approve the financial report for the month of November, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the board an update on the inmate population for the month of December, which was 78. High 85; Low 72. January currently has 78. Bookings 30; Releases 38. Pierce County inmate bookings for December were 5. 6 remain in custody. Personnel 25/24 officer positions filled. Miscellaneous- Covid-19- month of December there were 22 positives cases. The facility was in lockdown the month of December. Deficit of \$52,081.17, for the month of November.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, informed the board that the Jail Facility received the ND Attorney General grant award, in the amount of \$8,087.99, to be used for nitrile gloves, Elkey water bottle filling station, Backpack Electrostatic sprayer and Temperature scanner. Mike also stated that around January 12th, the ECI- upgrade project will start at the HACTC.

Board reconvened at 9:05 A.M., with all members present.

Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, presented a power point to the board on soils. Kelsey informed the board that the county should go from general soils to detailed soils for ag land. Detailed soils are calculated based on facts not opinions. The county has 5,384 Total Ag parcels. Out of the 5,384 ag parcels, 38 parcels will see over 100% increase; 33 parcels will see a 75%-100% increase; 210 parcels will a 50%-75% increase, 552 parcels will see a 25%-50% increase; 729 parcels will see a 25%-10% increase; 1352 parcels will receive a notice of increase (which is 25% of total ag parcels); 1203 parcels will be increased, but not required to receive a notice of increase; 2555 total parcels will see an increase (47.5%), 179 parcels will see a 0% change (3.3%) and 2650 parcels will see a decrease (49.2%).

Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, that average value of ag land be at 93% of the State's provided ag land value of \$686.44. Upon roll call vote- All voting "Aye". Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Hoffert, to switch from general soils to detailed soils. Motion carried.

Kelsey will present a power point on the soils at the township meeting that is scheduled with the commission on January 20, 2021, at the Memorial Hall, at 1:00 P.M.

A group of concerned citizens in Meyer Township joined the meeting. Those present were Joe & Florine Seil, Cheryl Rayer, Tom Harmel, Cory Atkinson Roger Tank, Jared Arlien and Meyer Township board members Jim Blessum and Brian Blessum and Joe Bohl, Pierce County Water Board. Joe Seil asked what can be done on ¼ mile located on 34th Ave NE between sections 27 and 26. He said he would like to see this road fixed or possibly build a new road around the body of water, which would be located in section 26. Jim Blessum said that he had asked Ritterman's last fall on what the cost would be to fix this road, and he stated around \$85,000. Where or how can funds be obtained to fix this road? Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer, informed Meyer Township, that they can put the question on the ballot in Meyer Township, to increase their mills from 18 mills to 36 mills, for 5 years to offset some of the costs. Raise the road 3' or go around and build a new road. If you would like more information on this process please let the auditor know, and she will get you the information. Since this is an organized township the concern citizens and the township board will need to make the decision.

Joe Schultz and Jesse Brandvold, Wold Engineering, met with the board on the upcoming Road Projects SC 3500(021); CMC Route 3532 from CMC 3505, East to NDSH3 9miles and CMC 3548 from Selz East to Benson County Line- 3 miles. Project will be bid in April.

Mike Christenson left the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to open the county buildings effective Wednesday, January 6, 2021, to the public. Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement application submitted by Clarice Fossum, (2020-39), for tax year 2020, on the following described property, as N6' Lot 4, & All Lot 5, Block 1, Pierce Co 1-78, located in the City of Rugby. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg, to approve the abatement application for tax year 2020, as recommended by the Tax Director, in accordance with homestead credit filed. Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement application submitted by Bradley Jobe, (2020-40), for tax year 2020, on the following described property, as Lot 11, Block 16, Balta Village. Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the abatement for tax year 2020, upon the Balta Village approval, as house was demolished. Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement application on parcel 00765-000, (2020-41), for tax year 2020, on the following described property, as S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, section 28, Township 158 North, Range 72 West. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Brossart, to approve the abatement application for tax year 2020, as recommended by the Tax Director, in accordance with Veteran's credit. Motion carried.

Board discussed briefly, timesheets that are not completed correctly and are not turned in a timely matter.

There being no further business, Berg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 A.M. Brossart seconded.

Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Migler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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

January 20, 2021

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on January 20, 2021. Chairman Migler called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., at the Memorial Hall, with members Christenson, Brossart and Hoffert present. Berg absent. Also present were officers from all the organized townships, except for Alexanter Township, Antelope Lake Township, Tuscarora Township and White Township. Also present were citizens from some of the organized townships and unorganized townships.

Handouts were given to all the townships present, on the costs of the shops, blades and motorgraders.

Spraying- Chairman Migler talked briefly on the spraying in the townships and if the townships had any concerns they are to get in touch with the commissioners. Rodney Schmitt asked what about the Farm to Market roads?

Road ditches and encroachment- on Farm to Market roads 75' from the center of the road. Markers have been put up and if the markers are removed, there will be a \$500 fine.

Township Agreement per mile fee, for maintained roads, will remain at \$205.00 per mile.

Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer, informed the townships present that she needs representation from the organized townships to sit on the Census Redistricting Board. Catherine Seefeld, Truman Township, volunteered to sit on the Census Redistricting Board.

Culverts- Mike Christenson said the county will continue to supply culverts to the townships, so if you need a culvert, please contact him or Lee Wolf.

Road Projects Scheduled for 2021- CMC 3523 from CMC 3505, East to NDSH #3- Orrin Road East and West and CMC 3548 from Selz East to Benson Co Line. Estimated Cost \$953,745.00

Migler stated that the Emergency Fund can have a balance in the fund, plus uncollected taxes, which equals an amount produced by 15 mills, on the taxable valuation, which is \$507,292.08. Balance currently is \$384,582.83. The county will continue to levy for the Emergency Fund until it reaches the maximum.

Zoning- Kelsey Siegler, Zoning Administrator, said that if any building projects are going on, you need a building permit. Mark Koenig asked when did the 200' from the road come into play? He said if you drive around there are many buildings that are closer than 200' from the road. Were they grandfathered in? Chairman Migler said that you can apply for a variance with the Zoning Board.

Todd Lysne asked who is responsible for removing trees on county roads? Chairman Migler said it would be up to the individual land owner. If it is on a Farm to Market road then it would be the responsibility of the county.

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Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, said that she is looking into the 38 parcels that are going to see a huge increase, if possibly some of the soils were not entered correctly since 1975.

There being no further business, Migler adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

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DECEMBER NDPERS	LIFE INS.	\$	490.91	ONLINE	12/7/2020
NDTC	SERVICES	\$	1,515.28	54021	12/10/2020
NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC.	SERVICES	\$	207.00	54022	12/10/2020
HACTC RES.FUND	HACTC	\$	1,050.50	54023	12/10/2020
CITY OF RUGBY	HACTC	\$	1,627.50	54024	12/10/2020
PURCHASE POWER	HACTC	\$	208.99	54025	12/10/2020
UPS	HACTC	\$	35.59	54026	12/10/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	24,770.45	54027	12/14/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	6,789.02	54028	12/14/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	64.32	54029	12/14/2020
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	256.82	54030	12/14/2020
HACTC	HACTC BILLS	\$	20,672.24	54031-54042	12/15/2020
BOTTINEAU CO. SOC.SERV.	SOC.SERV.	\$	12.00	54044	12/15/2020
RUGBY WELDING	SNOWBLOWER REI	\$	211.97	54045	12/15/2020
RUGBY HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLI	\$	3,442.83	54046	12/15/2020
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	\$	151.15	54047	12/15/2020
QUADIENT FINANCE	POSTAGE	\$	2,000.00	54048	12/15/2020
QUADIENT LEASING	LEASE	\$	1,035.00	54049	12/15/2020
OTTER TAIL POWER	SERVICES	\$	3,570.22	54050	12/15/2020
PIERCE CO.TRIBUNE	PUBLISH	\$	236.80	54051	12/15/2020
ITD	SERVICES	\$	3,463.31	54052	12/15/2020
RUGBY INS.	INS.	\$	83.00	54053	12/15/2020
SPARTAN FIREARMS	AMMO.	\$	1,340.00	54054	12/15/2020
CITY OF RUGBY	SUPPLI	\$	151.00	54055	12/15/2020
BALTA WILDLIFE CLUB	2020 1/2 EXP.	\$	2,800.91	54056	12/15/2020
MECKLE, BEVERLY	REIMB.	\$	283.12	54057	12/15/2020

SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	SERVICES	\$	750.00	54058	12/15/2020
I SOLVED	LEASE	\$	229.00	54059	12/15/2020
DEPT. OF TRANS.	RD.PRJ3505&3522	\$	273,239.13	54060	12/15/2020
ENVISION	PROPANE	\$	468.00	54061	12/15/2020
JOHNSON PLUMBING	SUPPLI-WOLF.SHO	\$	701.95	54062	12/15/2020
PRAXAIR	SUPPLI	\$	136.41	54063	12/15/2020
HIGH PLAINS EQUIP.	SUPPLI	\$	2.80	54064	12/15/2020
NEWMAN SIGNS	SIGNS	\$	1,965.13	54065	12/15/2020
ZEIEN, PAUL	MIL	\$	79.35	54066	12/15/2020
ITD	SERVICES	\$	55.61	54067	12/15/2020
BALTA WILDLIFE CLUB	50 AMP PLUG INS	\$	3,408.56	54068	12/15/2020
J.P.MORGAN	CR.CARD CHGS.	\$	2,255.93	ONLINE	12/16/2020
OTTER TAIL POWER	HACTC	\$	6,146.33	54073	12/17/2020
NDPHIT	H.INS.BEN.,HACTC	\$	75,147.07	ONLINE	12/18/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	70,800.20	54075	12/22/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	20,944.87	54076	12/22/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	36.48	54077	12/22/2020
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	774.17	54078	12/22/2020
AFLAC	PAY.DED.,HACTC	\$	1,393.72	54079	12/22/2020
COLONIAL LIFE	PAY.DED.	\$	83.31	54080	12/22/2020
EBIX HEALTH	PAY.DED.	\$	94.49	54081	12/22/2020
NATIONWIDE RETIRE.SOLUTION	PAY.DED.	\$	2,466.81	54082	12/22/2020
SECURITY BENEFIT	PAY.DED.	\$	1,614.15	54083	12/22/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL	\$	63,305.81	54084	12/23/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	PAY.DED.	\$	18,313.78	54085	12/23/2020
PIERCE CO.PAYROLL ACCT.	FEES	\$	36.00	54086	12/23/2020

PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX	\$	699.20	54087	12/23/2020
NATIONWIDE RETIRE.SOLUTION	HACTC	\$	1,728.03	54088	12/23/2020
BALTIMORE CO. OCS	GARNISH	\$	833.00	544089	12/23/2020
PIERCE COUNTY FAIR ASSOC.	BUDGET	\$	10,000.00	54090	12/23/2020
VISA	HACTC	\$	25.43	54091	12/23/2020
NDPERS	RETIRE.BEN.,HACT	\$	25,787.10	ONLINE	12/30/2020
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	ST.TAX ERROR	\$	0.42	54094	12/30/2020
DEPT. OF TRANS.	PROJ.SC3505055	\$	3,363.71	54095	12/31/2020
OTTER TAIL POWER	SERVICES	\$	232.06	54096	12/31/2020
NDPHIT	H.INS.BEN.,HACTC	\$	75,306.88	ONLINE	1/4/2021
HACTC	HACTC BILLS	\$	24,135.62	54150-54165	1/6/2021
HACTC RES. FUND	HACTC	\$	1,125.00	54166	1/6/2021
MIGLER, DAVID	MIL	\$	185.15	54167	1/6/2021
NDSU	SUPPLI	\$	166.00	54168	1/6/2021
HIGH PLAINS TECHNOLOGY	REC.SUPPORT	\$	619.00	54169	1/6/2021
ND CO.COMM.ASSOC.	DUES	\$	1,650.00	54170	1/6/2021
ND ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	WORK.COMP.	\$	26,870.53	54171	1/6/2021
MARQUART, ANDREW	SERVICES	\$	198.00	54172	1/6/2021
ND CLERKS ASSOC.	DUES	\$	100.00	54173	1/6/2021
MACK LAW OFFICE	DEC.EXPENSES	\$	395.15	54174	1/6/2021
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	S.SERV.CO.AG.POS	\$	85.00	54175	1/6/2021
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	SOC.SERV.LEASE	\$	202.84	54176	1/6/2021
RUGBY HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLI	\$	147.73	54177	1/6/2021
CIRCLE SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$	151.00	54178	1/6/2021
CITY OF RUGBY	WATER	\$	488.05	54179	1/6/2021
PIERCE COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISH	\$	17.02	54180	1/6/2021

GIS WORKSHOP	MAINT.	\$	2,600.00	54181	1/6/2021
NORTH CEN.PRINTING	SUPPLI	\$	621.00	54182	1/6/2021
ND ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	DUES	\$	6,679.00	54183	1/6/2021
NACO	DUES	\$	450.00	54184	1/6/2021
BRAD'S AUTO & TOWING	SERVICES	\$	168.00	54185	1/6/2021
HOME OF ECONOMY	SUPPLI	\$	88.96	54186	1/6/2021
ENVISION	GAS	\$	173.30	54187	1/6/2021
MCGUIRES	SUPPLI	\$	284.85	54188	1/6/2021
AUTO DOCTOR	SERVICES	\$	1,200.00	54189	1/6/2021
HACTC	SUPPLI	\$	154.58	54190	1/6/2021
HAGER, DUSTIN	SERVICES	\$	75.00	54191	1/6/2021
BADLANDS ENVIRON.CONSLT.	SERVICES-ASBES	\$	1,850.00	54192	1/6/2021
PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER	SPECIALS	\$	4,516.77	54193	1/6/2021
ENVISION	DIESEL	\$	920.58	54194	1/6/2021
LEEVERS FOODS	SUPPLI	\$	19.84	54195	1/6/2021
RUGBY SERVICE CENTER	GAS	\$	849.21	54196	1/6/2021
NDTC	SERVICES	\$	203.66	54197	1/6/2021
		\$	816,285.66		

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL *****	*****	\$	187,848.98
ROAD & BRIDGE *****	*****	\$	49,632.23
ROAD DIST. *****	*****	\$	179.30
COMMUNITY SERVICE *****	*****	\$	5,392.68
COUNTY AGENT *****	*****	\$	3,883.14
CO.AGENT ACTIV.&PEST. *****	*****	\$	166.00
WEED *****	*****	\$	162.97
VET SERVICE *****	*****	\$	594.82
E9-1-1 *****	*****	\$	3,844.04
HACTC *****	*****	\$	287,341.66
FM.TO MKT. *****	*****	\$	276,602.84
PRESERVATION *****	*****	\$	637.00
TOTAL *****	*****	\$	816,285.66