

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

January 4, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 4, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Brossart, Hoffert, Berg and Migler present.

Chairman Christenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Migler 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 Brossart, to accept the December minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to re-appoint Ashley Berg, as a member of the Northern Prairie Human Service Zone. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to approve Treasurer's checks #6195-6205, in the amount of \$5,920.59, for the month of December. Motion carried.

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

Josh Siegler, Sheriff and Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, 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-61; Medical calls-3; Fire calls-2; Traffic Accidents-7; Assist Other Agencies-5; Prisoner Transports-7; Arrests-9; Citations-9; Papers served-13; Warrants served-7.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, gave the board an update on Larry's Bar (Selz).

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of December. One bill was questioned and not approved. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of December, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the board the financial report for the month of November. The inmate population for December was 80. January currently has 78 inmates. High 85. Bookings 46; Releases 46. Pierce County inmate population for December was 8. Deficit of \$22,896.45, for the month of November. Personnel 23/24 officer positions filled. Miscellaneous- Mike gave the board an update on the Fire control panel and that the company is still waiting for some parts. Also informed the board that he received word that GM is not building Fleet Commercial vehicles and to receive a quote

on a 2022 Chevrolet Suburban-4WD 4dr LS, but that it would be an additional fee of \$1,385.00. Board suggested that maybe we need to look elsewhere. Mike also said that the propane gasifier was installed on Monday and that 2022 contract updates have been signed for the USMS. The rate will now be \$81.00; McHenry, Wells and Towner County rate will be \$77.00.

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

Board reconvened at 9:25 A.M., with all members present.

Jerry Frueh stopped in and met with the board concerning Larry's Bar and asked what all is needed so that the bar can be opened.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff and Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, joined the meeting. Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, presented to Jerry Frueh, correspondence that he has had with Walter Lipp, Attorney, for Larry's Bar, and once the following steps are completed, a license will be issued.

1. State Fire Marshal has approved the corrective actions;
2. Health Department has approved all corrective actions;
3. Personal representative has been appointed;
4. The personal representative needs to either (a) apply for the license, or (b) hire someone to Operate/lease the bar and apply for the license

Jerry Frueh thanked the board for their time on this matter.

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, 2021. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, 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.

Board reviewed bids from Merchants Bank, Ramsey Bank and First International Bank & Trust, on interest rate on money market accounts, certificate of deposits and checking. Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to accept the bids from Merchants Bank, Ramsey Bank and First International Bank & Trust. Motion carried.

Jesse Brandvold, Wold Engineering, met with the board and said funds from HB 1505 County Road & Bridge Allocation will be distributed to each non-oil producing county. The distribution will be based on the township road miles for each township, as what was certified to the State Treasurer. Also, county must provide for an equal allocation to each organized and unorganized township. These distributions must be used for the maintenance and improvement of township paved and unpaved roads and bridges. A township is not eligible for an allocation of funds, under this section, if the township does not maintain any township roads.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Brossart, to amend the 2021 budget as follows: Road District #7 (Dewey) from \$23,389.32 to \$30,728.64; American Rescue Plan to \$30,949.98; State Grants-\$296,105.46; Soil Conservation District from \$33,138.66 to \$33,558.88. Motion carried.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Mike Christenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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

January 19, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on January 19, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M, at the Memorial Hall, with members Brossart, Hoffert, Berg and Migler present. Also present was Susan Sitter, The Pierce County Tribune, and officers from all the organized townships, except Alexanter, Meyer, Tuscarora, White Townships.

Spraying- Commissioner Migler said that Dave Walker will spray again this year, and asked the townships if they had any issues. Roger Tank asked if there was a map showing where the spraying was done for the year 2021. Chairman Christenson said that the board has not received a map for the year 2021, but that they will get one. Christenson also stated that different chemicals are used because of the different soil types in the townships.

Cutting road ditches- deadline for cutting road ditches is October 1st, and if the ditches are not cut, the county will be doing the cutting and the fee for cutting the ditches will be added to their taxes.

Fences and Markers- Migler said that 20-30 farmers will be receiving a letter, as they are farming on road right of way and that the markers have been taken down. On Farm to Market roads it is 75' from the center of road. The farmer will be assessed a \$500 fine. The county has to sign a letter each year to NDDOT saying they are following all the guidelines for Federal funding. Farmers need to make sure that they are not farming in road right of way.

Township Agreement per mile for maintaining roads- Currently the townships are paying \$205.00 per certified mile. Migler said the costs have gone up. Cost per mile was \$682.84 for 2020 and for 2021 the cost per mile went up to \$746.73. It was moved by Rodney Schmitt and seconded by Daniel Held, to raise the per mile rate for maintaining roads from \$205.00 to \$215.00 per certified mile. Motion approved.

Road Projects- Migler said that the Road project SC-3500 (021) East 9 miles to NDSH #3 & CMC 3548-Selz- 3 Miles east to Benson County Line of reshaping and regraveling cost was \$929,577.91. Federal Share was \$752,307.40, County Share- \$177,270.51 and Engineering costs-\$79,760.23.

Emergency Fund Balance- 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 \$508,484.00. Balance currently is \$455, 677.12.

Migler asked if the townships would consider contributing \$1,000 for snow removal again if needed, or a percentage the township/county would contribute. Migler said that some townships felt that they were not treated fairly the last time snow removal was done. Ken Schaan stated that the whole county benefits, even if some townships do not remove snow, as they may travel from one township to another township.

Culverts- Mike Christenson asked the townships present if they need any culverts and if they could contact him or Lee Wolf, as the pricing for culverts in 2021 went up three (3) different times. If a new culvert is going to be placed, you first need to contact the Water Board.

Joe Goldade, Larry's Bar and Pierce County Sheriff, Josh Siegler, joined the meeting at 2:21 P.M, with all members present.

Joe Goldade said he completed steps 1 and 2 on the requirements and that for now he will run the bar from noon until 7 p.m. If Joe gets help, he will need to contact the sheriff with the names of the individuals that will be working. It was stressed to Joe what all needs to be followed. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the beer and liquor license to Joe Goldade (Larry's Bar). Upon roll call vote- all voted "Aye". Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M. Seconded by Brossart.

Karin Fursather, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

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JANUARY EXPENDITURES

HACTC Res.Fund \$943.50,NDPERS \$536.56,Pierce Co.payroll acct. \$34,026.21,Pierce co. treas. \$268.74,Northern Plains Elec. \$231.00,NDTC \$1,567.79,J. P. Morgan \$3,287.31,NDTC \$851.64, Quadient Finance \$200.00,Otter Tail \$6,400.01,Pierce Co.Payroll Acct. \$98,311.65, Pierce co.treas. \$859.25,Nationwide \$2,479.40,Security Benefit \$1,673.97,AFLAC \$1,415.78,Ebix Health \$29.76, Colonial Life \$51.75,Pierce Co.payroll acct. \$89,023.56,Pierce co.treas. \$765.91,Baltimore Co.OCS \$833.00,Christopher A. Carlson \$374.62,Nationwide \$2,003.03,NDPERS \$26,598.35,Otter Tail \$9,052.48,NDPHIT \$73,795.77,NDTC \$536.28,HACTC \$43,307.53,Christenson, Mike \$287.24, Migler, David \$391.95,NDSU \$218.10,ND Co. Auditors Assoc. \$100.00,ND Co. Treas. Assoc. \$100.00, Mack Law \$383.70,ND Co. Records Assoc. \$200.00,Bottineau Co. Aud. \$51.00,Drive Chevrolet \$71.86, Pierce co.treas. \$97.12,Advanced Business Methods \$202.84,PRO IT \$250.00,B & M Laundry \$98.33, Steins \$216.33,Larson, Rick \$200.00,Circle Sanitation \$156.00,City of Rugby \$564.92,Pierce Co.Tribune \$447.37,Software Innovations \$10,250.00,Gaffaneys \$295.50,Software Innovations \$850.00,Computer Store \$409.98,Quadient Finance \$500.00,Quadient Leasing \$1,035.00,ITD \$2,993.57,ND Assoc. of Co. \$21.00,C & H Repair \$85.00,Brad's Towing \$175.25,Rugby Service Cen. \$1,711.79,Envision \$575.98, Precision Autobody \$3,489.74,ND Sheriffs & Dep.Assoc.\$400.00,HACTC \$16,086.86,Redwood Toxicology Lab \$370.72, Intoximeters \$233.00,Office of Atty.Gen. \$315.00,Hager, Dustin \$75.00,Wieler, Tanya \$1,000.00,Computer Express \$1,310.00,ND State Radio \$120.00,I Solved \$253.07,Goldade, Joe \$600.00, ND Assoc. of Counties \$2,075.80,Dept. of Trans. \$574.83,Envision \$29,546.19,RDO Equip. \$1,862.17, Linde Gas & Equip.\$280.67,Rugby Auto Parts \$25.98,John Deere Financial \$200.68,H.E.Everson \$14.95, A & C Tire \$165.00,High Plains Equip. \$138.98,Napa Auto Parts \$23.69,Home of Economy \$13.59,Zeien, Paul \$127.12,Lysne, Daren \$22.96,NDACTVSO \$50.00,Klebe, Brenden \$136.89,NDSU Ext. \$6,275.03, Polar Comm. \$3.00,NDTC \$203.66,Coffman, Anthony \$472.98

Grand Total \$488,832.24