

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

August 6, 2024

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 6, 2024. Chairman Hoffert called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Bednarz, Bohl, Christenson, and Migler present.

Chairman Hoffert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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

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

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheet.

Moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl to approve Treasurer's checks #6391-#6394, in the amount of \$436.43, for the month of July. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the July report from Heart of America Community Service Program from Frank LaRocque, Community Service Coordinator. There were 4 new cases, 16 open cases, 4 closed compliant, and 0 closed noncompliant. Fees received \$100.00. Places where community service was performed were the Rugby CVB, Pierce County Fairgrounds, HAMC, Lyric Theater and City of Upham.

Board reviewed bids for propane boiler for the Pierce Co. Shop. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to accept the bid from Daryl's Refrigeration, in the amount of \$8,500.00, provided it gets completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

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

Josh Siegler, Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of July for his department. Total calls-58; Medical Calls-5; Fire Calls-1; Traffic Accidents-2; Assist Other Agencies-16; Prisoner Transports-5; Arrests- 8 (7 Warrants, 1 DUI); Citations-9; Papers Served-22; Warrants Served-7. Siegler reported that there were no personnel changes. Siegler informed the Board that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> they had a search warrant for drugs and multiple arrests were made. Bednarz told Siegler that he was contacted by firemen and that they would like to get called when ever there is an accident, no matter what. Sometimes there is a delay. Siegler said the dispatchers are instructed to contact them but sometimes they don't always get all the information. Siegler said he would remind the dispatchers and assured Bednarz that it is not intentional. Siegler told the Board that he is appreciative of their support.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of July. Graner said the bill that stood out was from Electronic Communications for cameras & cable. Migler said that bill and the bill from Idemia Identity could come out of ARPA funds. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Christenson 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 82 (ADP). Current inmate count is 84. High of 88 for July. Bookings 52, Releases 51. Pierce County inmate population for July was 13. Deficit of \$64,086.43, for the month of June. Personnel 21/24 officers, 1 new hire. Graner said they may need to look into adding an on-call policy, as some weekends it is hard to find replacements. He said they do have the stipend pay, which is positive. Graner said they continue to have the DOCR overflow, which is currently 21 inmates and the revenue should look better for July. Hoffert asked about the outside cameras. Graner said they can look at replacing those next year. Graner said the cameras are about the same price, but cable and installation will be a big expense. Migler asked about the tablet revenue. Graner said the commission from the tablet revenue will take a dip next year as the FCC made a cap to .09/minute, down from .21/minute. Graner reported that the PREA audit held on July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> went well. There were no major compliance issues and the exit interview went very well. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve the financial report for the month of June, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

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

Board discussed the farm to market fund. Prairie Dog funds were receipted into the farm to market fund on 1/17/23 for the Selz Rd. Proj. CP3548(023). Not all the amount was used. Balance needs to be transferred back into HB1505/Pr.Dog Fund. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to transfer \$484,061.68 from Farm to Mkt. Fund to HB1505/Pr.Dog Fund. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the financial report. Moved by Christenson and seconded by Migler to approve the financial report for the month of July. Motion carried.

Brandon and Julie Grove, with Buffalo Lake Sportsman's Club, joined the meeting. They informed the Board that they would like to get the gaming up and running for Larry's Bar, Selz. Hoffert said he is not in favor of it, because of how Joe Goldade has treated Rugby Hockey Association and Pierce County. He felt that the Selz bar doesn't deserve to have gaming. Hoffert said he has nothing against Buffalo Lake Sportsman's Club. Migler asked how much of the proceeds are donated. Brandon said within their first two years, with two sites in Esmond and Minnewaukan, they have put some in to the docks at Buffalo Lake, \$10,000 towards a fire truck, donations for the park board and museum. They will need to look into Selz and Pierce County for areas to give back. Julie Grove said the gaming from this site will be a lot more than they are used to. A motion was made by Bednarz and seconded by Migler to accept the site authorization for games of chance from Buffalo Lake Sportsman's Club, provided everything is approved by the states attorney first. Upon roll call vote, Bohl, "Aye", Bednarz, "Aye", Christenson, "Aye", Migler "Aye", & Hoffert, "Nay". Motion carried.

Board reviewed abatement applications on parcel #08071000, (2024-51 & 52) for tax years 2023 & 2024, on the following described property as Lots 10-11, Blk. 1, Bachmeier's Addition, City of Rugby, submitted for Rickie Krenz by Stanley Krenz. As Recommended by the Tax Director, in accordance with Homestead Credit filed. Moved by Christenson and seconded by Bohl to approve the abatements. Motion carried.

Brad Murphy and Frank Anderson, RDO Equipment, joined the meeting.

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

Murphy explained the cooperative purchasing program through Sourcewell and cooperative purchasing venture. Eligible organizations can purchase from more than 800 state contracts directly from vendors. It's a purchasing contract option. Get the pricing, but it comes from the dealership. Murphy said this is currently being used in Ward County & in Williston. Mack recommended that the county stay with the preferred route of competitive bidding. Mack said he will check into this program.

Murphy said RDO is still on time for the new blade. Murphy and Anderson left the meeting.

Mack said he would check into the gaming permit for Buffalo Lake Sportsman's Club.

Board discussed the budget for 2025. Christenson asked the Board if Lee Wolf could get compensated extra for taking care of the culverts. Board agreed on an extra \$300. per year, and also \$300. for Gary Rose for taking care of the repeater tower. After more discussion, moved by Migler and seconded by Christenson to approve the preliminary budget. All in favor, motion carried. Public hearing on the budget will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 P.M. Motion carried.

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Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer  
Pierce County, North Dakota

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Terry Hoffert, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

## JULY EXPENDITURES

ND PERS \$723.48, Pierce Co. Payroll \$70350.20, \$18111.19, \$66.36, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$18.95, ND Child Support \$86, State Treasurer \$980.16, NDTC \$1283.64, Northern Plains Electric \$139, JP Morgan \$1646.32, Pierce Co. Fair \$25000, Otter Tail \$1573.73, Pierce Co. Payroll \$32076.87, \$9147.05, \$34.40, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$67.24, Pierce Co. Payroll \$89206.96, \$23940.61, \$37.76, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$231.14, AFLAC \$1223.08, Security Benefit \$1951.10, Nationwide \$1421.23, \$891, Colonial Life & Accident \$31.25, NDTC \$821.40, Otter Tail \$7769.83, Pierce Co. Payroll \$104.46, ND PERS \$30937.31, ND PHIT \$75668.94, Otter Tail \$249.89, Pierce Co. Payroll \$64779.73, \$16746.29, \$66.36, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$20.25, Credit Bureau of Bismarck \$822.28, ND PERS \$727.84, HACTC Bills \$67283.51, Dacotah Paper \$3763.30, HACTC Resident Fund \$920, Bohl, Joe \$172.19, Christenson, Mike \$235.17, Migler, Dave \$161.47, Mack Law Office \$388.80, Holiday Inn \$192.60, Migler, Karen \$393, Circle Sanitation \$201.25, Home of Economy \$23.97, Leever's \$42.36, Rugby Hardware Hank \$683.48, Schock's Safe & Lock \$690.95, Stein's \$31.68, City of Rugby \$666.06, ITD \$3846.63, Computer Express \$1731.96, Gaffaney's \$295.50, Quadient Finance \$500, Quadient Leasing \$1035, Vanguard Appraisals \$150, Uniform Center \$1105.85, CDW Government \$4097.24, Hager, Dustin \$75, Isolved \$279.48, Office of Adj. General \$120, Mikkelsen Aggregates \$8869, Dakota Fire Extinguishers \$212.48, Matthew Bender \$591.24, ND Dept. of Transportation \$498.05, Linde Gas & Equipment \$159.40, H.E. Everson \$172.33, Newman Signs \$121.20, RDO \$1770, Envision \$11538.32, Rugby Service Center \$1971.86, Brad's Towing \$341, HACTC \$237.50, \$7655.80, Office of Atty. General \$780, Pierce Co. Tribune \$2033.68, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$62.46, Axtman, Michael \$620, Wieler, Tanya \$1000, Knife River, Inc. \$24696, Susag \$64932.60, \$4375.37, \$367.50, Ritterman Trucking \$23195, Zacher, James \$280, Zeien, Paul \$64.99, NDSU Extension \$7846.98, Klebe, Brenden \$260.09, Heart of America Ag \$14955, Polar Communications \$3, LaRocque, Frank \$246.56, Tuenge, Derrick \$65, Merchants Bank \$15, B & J Excavating \$16894    Grand Total \$764871.16