

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

June 3, 2025

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 3, 2025. Chairman Hoffert called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Berg, Bednarz, Bohl, and Migler present. Also present were Don Jelsing, Pierce Co. Fair, Lee Wolf, and Rick Srur.

Chairman Hoffert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to approve the consent agenda, with the addition of Don Jelsing, Pierce Co. Fair. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler 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 Migler and seconded by Berg to approve Treasurer's checks #6459-6466, in the amount of \$7,652.80, for the month of May. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz, to approve the site authorization, for games of chance, from the Rugby Golf Course (with Rugby Amateur Hockey Assoc.), which included calcuttas, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Don Jelsing, with the Pierce County Fair, informed the Board that the Fair could use more gravel for safety reasons, for pathways & moving around. Jelsing also stated that he still needed more sand to get the arena finished. Bohl said if they had three blademen spreading it out it could be possibly done in one day. Board told Lee Wolf to get this organized. Jelsing thanked the Commissioners for all the help and donated sand & gravel. Moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl to donate the gravel and have the blademen work to get this done for the Fair.

Jelsing and Wolf left the meeting.

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 May for his department. Total calls-42; Medical Calls-1; Fire Calls-4; Traffic Accidents-2; Assist Other Agencies-12; Prisoner Transports-1; Arrests- 3 (1- Warrant, 2-Driving Under Suspension); Citations-29; Papers Served-19; Warrants Served-1. Siegler reported that there were no personnel changes. Siegler reported that Deputy Jacobs started the Academy, which will last 12 weeks, with graduation August 22nd.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of May. Graner said one bill that stuck out was from Docu Shred. They did a major records purge with treatment records, etc., from over a decade. There were 160 boxes of records that were shredded. Graner said it was necessary as they were running out of room. Graner said the electric boiler is down and will need to be repaired. Graner informed the Board that he applied for & received funds in the amount of \$2000. from the Buffalo Lake Sportsman Club. Graner said that donation will be used for training. He will be purchasing training aids-masks, cuffs, punch pad. He said it was very much needed and appreciated the donation. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of May, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for May, which was 75 (ADP). Current inmate count is 76. High of 79 for May. Bookings 40, Releases 36. Pierce County inmate population for May was 3. Deficit of \$70,806.39 for the month of April. Personnel 23/24 officers. Graner said the new contract starts July 1 with the USMS, so he expects to see more revenue. Graner also said they have requested more inmates from the DOCR. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz, to approve the financial report for the month of April, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:40 A.M., with all members present.

Rick Srur left the meeting.

Dena Kemmet, District Director NDSU Extension, joined the meeting. Kemmet asked the Board if they wanted to open the position for a county agent, as Brenden Klebe has resigned and will be working for another county. Moved by Berg and seconded by Bednarz to open the position of county agent for Pierce County. Motion carried.

Board recessed to sit on the Board of Equalization at 10:00 A.M.

Board reconvened at 10:48 A.M. with all members present.

After reviewing the financial report, moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl to accept the financial report for the month of May. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to transfer \$150,000. from General Fund to HACTC Fund. Motion carried.

Migler said with the bad roads this spring, the blademan got stuck and had to be pulled out by Brandon Grove. Board agreed to give Grove \$100. for his services.

Migler also said the Board should look at trying out a plastic culvert. Board agreed to try it and see how it works out.

Bednarz said there is a leak in the elevator room and said he will have A & R Roofing take a look at that, as they repaired the roof on the old jail section.

Bednarz talked about the Courthouse getting a time clock installed. He will look in to the different options.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Terry Hoffert, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

MAY EXPENDITURES

ND CHILD SUPP \$154.50, NDPERS \$661.26, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$94444.56, PIERCE CO TREAS \$12.05, BALTIMORE CO OCS \$850, ND CHILD SUPP \$387.60, NDTA \$1285.96, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$126, NDCCA \$219, HACTC RES FUND \$876.50, JP MORGAN \$2078.81, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$113237.07, PIERCE CO TREAS \$258.78, AFLAC \$1175.73, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2148.83, NATIONWIDE \$2479.25, MERCHANTS BANK \$15, OTTER TAIL \$3397.08, NDTA \$805.50, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$47474.89, PIERCE CO TREAS \$126.24, OTTER TAIL \$8568.20, NDPERS \$32160.30, NDPHIT \$86893.70, HACTC BILLS \$39029.30, MIGLER, DAVID \$264.60, BOHL, JOE \$159.60, FRITEL, KARIN \$318.98, CITY OF RUGBY \$837.68, OTIS ELEVATOR \$125, RUGBY LUMBER \$26.95, B & J EXCAV \$35, LEEVERS \$43.35, STEIN'S \$66.58, HARDWARE HANK \$268.92, CIRCLE SANIT \$201.25, JOHNSON'S PLUMB \$180.50, RUNNINGS \$159.10, COLUMN \$545.57, TURTLE MTN STAR \$228, MACK LAW OFF \$383.70, PIERCE CO TREAS \$376.14, FIRESIDE OFF \$12.13, US RECORDS \$199.90, VANGUARD \$2050, QUADIENT \$500, ITD \$3964.48, OFF OF ATTY GEN \$155, BRAD'S TOWING \$364, C & H \$131, UNIFORM CTR \$1495.97, HAGER, DUSTIN \$100, HACTC \$12788.35, RUGBY SERV CTR \$1943.49, GAFFANEY'S \$368.94, PIERCE CO 4-H \$700, TAO \$599.95, ISOLVED \$293.45, M BENDER CO \$299.13, NDACO \$1340.69, NDSU \$37.50, COMPUTER EXP \$1663.97, JERALD BOHL GUNS \$2220, ENVISION \$52516.70, HE EVERSON \$137.58, OTTER TAIL \$240.38, WOLFORD FIRE \$190, RDO \$3466.71, JD FIN \$11.17, DAKOTA FIRE EXT \$101.56, LINDE GAS & EQUIP \$178.35, RETRIEVER \$150, ENVISION \$10775.62, NEWMAN SIGNS \$257.99, RUGBY AUTO \$19.99, GROVE, BRANDON \$100, ZELEN, PAUL \$188.30, TRUE NORTH STEEL \$38429.44, SUSAG \$1430.06, HACTC RES FUND \$931.50. GRAND TOTAL \$583440.33