

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

March 3, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 2026. Chairman Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Bohl, Berg, and Hoffert present. Also present was Brian Hoffart, JDA Director.

Chairman Bednarz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

David Migler joined the meeting. Jay Reinke joined the meeting.

Brian Hoffart, JDA Director, talked about his plans for the City of Rugby. He said the county and city need to work together and feels there are a lot of good opportunities for our area. He would like to have a town hall meeting to discuss the community's concerns.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to accept the February minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheets.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Migler to approve Treasurer's checks #6522-#6531, in the amount of \$6,931.94, for the month of February. Motion carried.

After reviewing the financial report, a motion was made by Bohl and seconded by Migler to accept the financial report for the month of February. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. 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 February for his department. Total calls-45; Medical Calls-4; Fire Calls-0; Traffic Accidents-2; Assist Other Agencies-4; Prisoner Transports-2; Arrests- 3 warrants; Citations-13; Papers Served-18; Warrants Served-3. Siegler reported no personnel changes, He said one new part time dispatcher has been hired.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of February. Graner said there were several bills that would be reimbursed by the DOCR Grant. Moved by Bohl and seconded by

Migler to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of February, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for February, which was 78 (ADP). Current inmate count is 71. High of 83 for February. Bookings 27, Releases 31. Pierce County inmate population for February was 2. Deficit of \$6,261.94 for the month of January. Personnel 20/24 officers, 1 resignation and 2 new hires. Graner reported that a Director of Nursing was hired and will begin in April. Graner explained the short notice stipend pay and his plans to increase it. Graner said the DOCR site inspection is scheduled for April 1-2. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve the financial report for the month of January, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 8:47 A.M., with all members present.

Board reviewed correspondence from the Supreme Court, State of North Dakota. After reviewing correspondence from Don Wolf, Finance Director, concerning funding of the Clerk of District Court office, with the State, based on current data, Pierce County requires 0.45 FTE (s) to provide clerk services. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl that Pierce County elects to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium, with the North Dakota Court (State), to receive reimbursement of .45% for providing Clerk of District Court services, as it is being presently done. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg, to impose load limit restrictions- single axle not to exceed 12,000 lbs., tandem axle not to exceed 12,000 lbs., per axle, on all county township roads. Also, speed limit will be 45 miles per hour, while load limits are in effect. With the exception that load limits on 2 ½ miles from Highway #3 to Selz, speed limit set at 35 miles per hour, single axle, not to exceed 15,000 lbs., and tandem axle not to exceed 15,000 lbs., for loaded trucks, while limits are in effect. Restrictions will be enforced the same time as the State restrictions. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to call for bids for graveling and machine hire, and also for culvert bids, for the 2026 construction season. Motion carried.

Board briefly discussed the dispatch service and joining the State Radio. Berg said he would visit with someone at the State, with some of his questions. Migler suggested setting a date and planning ahead. Bednarz said he was looking at the savings.

Jay Reinke left the meeting.

Jon Takala, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, joined the meeting. He explained the land exchange with land owner Eric Kremer. It involves two different townships. Migler and Hoffert said they were concerned with the difference in the tax base, since it wasn't acre for acre, it was 90 acres for 40 acres. Takala said there will be an appraisal done on the land. Takala said he would come back after it gets further along and go from there.

Karla Harmel, Tax Director & Planning & Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting. Harmel reported that she had the tax equalization meetings set. Harmel said she will be having a planning & zoning meeting on March 5th.

Jesse Brandvold & Jr. Holen, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. They presented the Board with an estimate of the seal coat project CP-3500 (025). A motion was made by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to accept the engineer's opinion of probable cost of the project. Motion carried. Bids for the project will be opened at the April 7th Commission meeting at 11:00 A.M.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bohl to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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MARCH 19, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on March 19, 2026. Chairman Bednarz called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. with members Berg, Bohl, Migler, and Hoffert present.

A public hearing was held at 11:00 A.M. for a building permit request from the ND Council on the Arts. It is an outdoor art installation on private land with an easement along ND Hwy. 3 approximately ½ mile South (East) of 45th St NE or ½ mile North (West) of 31st Ave NE in Twp. 153-72.

A motion was made by Hoffert and seconded by Migler to approve the building permit for the outdoor art project in sec. 19 Twp. 153N 72W, as recommended by the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
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FEBRUARY EXPENDITURES

ND CHILD SUPP \$119, NDACO \$41958.48, NDPERS \$676.70, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$92340.89, PIERCE CO TREAS \$97.50, MESSERLI & KRAMER \$682.10, CREDIT BUREAU \$210.17, PIERCE CO TREAS \$607.50, JP MORGAN \$3005.48, NDTA \$1005.16, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$173, OTTER TAIL \$13171.18, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$114863.70, PIERCE CO TREAS \$229.74, AFLAC \$1339.58, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2202.93, NATIONWIDE \$2431.22, NDPHIT \$89011.25, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$43087.46, PIERCE CO TREAS \$33.18, HACTC BILLS \$65442.26, NDPERS \$33380.93, BOHL, JOE \$159.50, MIGLER, DAVID \$171.10, CIRCLE SANITATION \$207.25, STEIN'S \$168.61, HARDWARE HANK \$129.61, RUNNINGS \$30.97, CITY OF RUGBY \$675.19, HARMEL, KARLA \$407.46, COLUMN \$313.56, FIRESIDE \$759.25, DAKOTA BUS SOL \$39, US RECORDS \$509.50, QUADIENT \$500, CITY OF RUGBY \$2260.46, C & H \$95, BRAD'S TOWING \$756, RUGBY SERV CTR \$1455.41, ITD \$5476.58, LIGHT & SIREN \$3619.66, J BOHL GUNS \$660, OFF OF ATTY GEN \$140, HACTC \$,800, CITY OF BALTA \$1210, MACK LAW \$383.70, PIERCE CO TREAS \$34.72, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$1000, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$7694, GRANER, MICHAEL \$134.38, RUGBY BROADCASTERS \$40, ENVISION \$477.64, ISOLVED \$293.45, WIBE, NATALIE \$131.95, WALKER LAWN \$164000, ND WEED ASSOC \$285, HACTC \$163.61, ZEIEN, PAUL \$66.70, OTTER TAIL \$249.96, OPDAHL ENT \$10843.75, ENVISION \$5674.90, JD FINANCIAL \$25.67, B & J EXCAV \$350, HE EVERSON \$64.68, RDO \$3716.30, BUTLER \$630.72, JOHNSON PLUMB \$686.29, LINDE GAS \$191.85, BEDNARZ, DAVID \$367.20, TEEN TRUTH \$2375. GRAND TOTAL \$733494.99