

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

June 2, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 2, 2026. Chairman Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Berg, Bohl, Hoffert, and Migler present.

Chairman Bednarz 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 Hoffert to accept the May minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl 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 Berg and seconded by Hoffert to approve Treasurer's checks #6534-6540, in the amount of \$2,206.57, for the month of May. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to accept the financial report for the month of May. 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 May for his department. Total calls-48; Medical Calls-1; Fire Calls-6; Traffic Accidents-1; Assist Other Agencies-7; Prisoner Transports-3; Arrests- 2 (1- Warrant, 1-Driving Under Suspension); Citations-13; Papers Served-14; Warrants Served-1. Siegler reported that there were no personnel changes. Siegler reported that a CO will be training to also work in dispatch. Hoffert asked Siegler about the Drug Task Force. Siegler said they have helped out with a couple of arrests recently and are very busy up North.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of May. Graner said the bill from Sapphire Health would be getting reimbursed from grant money. He said for the first year with Sapphire Health, the training & travel would be covered by the grant. He reported that the training was going well. Graner said the stipend program is also working out well. Stipends are getting paid out if there are staff shortages and they need help on short notice. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg 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 63 (ADP). Current inmate count is 60. High of 68 for May. Bookings 21, Releases 25. Pierce County inmate population for May was 1. Deficit of \$46,787.01 for the month of April. Personnel 18/24 officers. Graner said there was 1 retirement the end of May, 3 officers starting this week, & 3 officers that have completed CO basic. Graner reported they will be receiving more DOCR inmates. Graner reported one significant incident which has an open investigation. Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to approve the financial report for the month of April, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:17 A.M., with all members present.

Sara Radomski, with HAMC, joined the meeting. Radomski talked about the special election for the Rugby Ambulance Taxing District. Radomski said the ambulance has been operating at a loss of about \$220,000 to \$230,000 each year, which is covered by the hospital. Migler asked if it passes will they take the max mills that are allowed? Radomski said they plan to, as updated equipment is needed, as well as a new ambulance. Berg said if they get behind, it's hard to keep up with the updated equipment. Bednarz asked if the new mills would go for the new building? Radomski said it would be used for the new ambulance. She said there is a capital campaign for the new building. Radomski said there are 9 full time employees, with 3 working per shift, 24 hours a day. Radomski said she wanted to provide the information and also asked if any of the commissioners would like to be on the ambulance board, as they would like them to join.

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

Board reconvened at 10:40 A.M. with all members present.

Natalie Wibe, County Agent, joined the meeting. Wibe asked the Board if she could hire temporary help during the Pierce Co.Fair. Board said to go ahead. Wibe also informed the Board that she would be just giving them a quarterly report.

Board reviewed a letter from the Leeds Ambulance Service, asking for community support, as they are seeking to purchase a new ambulance with support through the USDA Rural Community Facilities Program. Moved by Berg and seconded by Bohl to sign the letter of support for the Leeds Ambulance Service. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Migler to approve the site authorization for games of chance from Eagles Aerie #3834 located at Rugby Eagles, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Motion carried.

Board reviewed a proposal from TAO Interactive Inc. for an upgrade and review of content of Pierce County's website. It is needed for ADA Accessibility, to be compliant, in the amount of \$1680. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg to approve the proposal from TAO Interactive Inc. Motion carried.

Jesse Brandvold, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. Also, Jerald Bohl, Rush Lake Twp., & Pete Ritterman, Ritterman Trucking, joined the meeting. Brandvold discussed the preliminary plans for the Rush Lake Twp. Project, which will be widened out & graveled $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Right now the environmental study is being done. Rush Lake Twp. received a Flex Fund award for this project. Brandvold also reported that the chip seal project is on schedule for the county.

Galen J. Mack, State Atty., joined the meeting. Mack discussed with the Board the memorandum of understanding between Pierce County & the Bureau of Land Management's ND Field Office. This would establish a cooperating agency relationship with the Bureau of Land Management's ND Field Office. Pierce County would be a cooperating agency for the purpose of preparing an environmental impact statement and resource management plan revision. Mack said it would be alright to sign the agreement.

Frank Anderson, RDO salesman, joined the meeting. Anderson discussed the new blade going through Sourcewell pricing. Anderson explained all the new features of this machine. The price for the 2026 JD 772P would be \$739,431.14- Sourcewell 41% discount of \$292,967.14 Anderson proposed a price of \$285,464. after trade in, for the 2022 JD772G, which includes the wing. Anderson said it would take about 5 months if they wait for the blade with the wing or get it sooner without waiting for the wing. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to order the 2026 JD 772P, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Bohl told the rest of the Board that there was a soft spot in his area to fix and Migler said he had about 4 miles to repair in his area. Board agreed to have those areas fixed.

Board discussed the road workers' hours. With fuel prices so high and it being so dry, they will back off to (4) 10 hour days, starting June 8th, unless it rains, then they can work (5) 10 hour days. The rainy day, will be an 8 hour day.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 P.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

MAY EXPENDITURES

PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$82511.45, PIERCE CO TREAS \$15.75, MESSERLI & KRAMER \$331.74, ND CHILD SUPP \$47, NDTA \$990.02, OTTERTAIL \$265.73, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$141, JP MORGAN \$2443.21, OTTERTAIL \$11735.95, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$119234.62, PIERCE CO TREAS \$249.62, AFLAC \$1339.58, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2202.93, NATIONWIDE \$2631.22, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$48177.42, PIERCE CO TREAS \$134.86, NDPERS \$33540.09, NDPHIT \$85503.66, HACTC BILLS \$53031.74, BOHL, JOE \$159.50, MIGLER, DAVID \$239.98, FRITEL, KARIN \$410.35, OTIS ELEV \$175, TECTA AMERICA \$7292, CIRCLE SANITATION \$207.25, HARDWARE HANK \$126.94, RUNNINGS \$231.38, STEIN'S \$68.36, JOHNSON PLUMB \$59.64, CITY OF RUGBY \$785.20, MACK LAW \$388.17, COMPLETE EQUITY \$800, FIRESIDE \$437.07, ELECTION SYSTEMS \$6941.77, COLUMN \$503.10, PC TRIBUNE \$108.15, PIERCE CO TREAS \$427.17, COMPUTER STORE \$199.99, QUADIENT \$2504.99, CITY OF RUGBY \$2303.84, RUGBY SERV CTR \$2334.51, BRAD'S TOWING \$263, CITY OF RUGBY \$20000, IDESIGN\$475, HACTC \$104.45, BOTTINEAU CO SHERIFF \$350, HACTC \$1000, OFF ATTY GEN \$155, SIEGLER, KELSEY \$2000, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$1000, COMPUTER EXP \$1,550, ISOLVED \$293.45, TAO INTERACTIVE \$599.95, M BENDER & CO \$638.49, LIEN'S \$120, WIBE, NATALIE \$458.06, OTTERTAIL \$250.81, ZELEN, PAUL \$79.03, WOLFORD FIRE \$190, DAKOTA FIRE EXT \$166.63, ENVISION \$14186.26, RDO \$1586.55, ELITE GLASS \$595, HARPER OIL \$38.70, NEWMAN SIGNS \$121.02, LINDE \$187.65, SUSAG \$2567.40 GRAND TOTAL \$520208.40