

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

September 1, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 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 Hoffert and seconded by Migler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to accept the August minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler 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 sheet.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bohl to approve Treasurer's checks #6547-#6550, in the amount of \$280.00, for the month of August. Motion carried.

After reviewing the financial report, moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to accept the financial report for the month of August. 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 August for his department. Total calls-51; Medical Calls-1; Fire Calls-2; Traffic Accidents-4; Assist Other Agencies-7; Prisoner Transports-1; Arrests- 15 (Burglary-2;Theft of Property-5; Simple Assault-1; Criminal Mischief-1; DUI-2; Driving Under Suspension-1; Reckless Driving – 1; Warrants-2); Citations-26; Papers Served-16; Warrants Served-2. Siegler reported no personnel changes for the Sheriff Dept., and one interview for the dispatch scheduled for next week. Siegler reported that they were assisted by McHenry County with the burglary & thefts going on.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of August. Graner said the bill for the marker board, for \$465.62., will be reimbursed through a 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 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 August, which was 83 (ADP). Current inmate count is 84. High of 86 for August. Bookings 37,

Releases 36. Pierce County inmate population for August was 6. Deficit of \$12,009.64, for the month of July. Personnel 23/24 officers. 2 new hires. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve the financial report for the month of July, for the HACTC. All in favor, motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:00 A.M., with all members present.

Board discussed the flexible delineators for the area of the walking path that adjoins the Golf Course Road. The cost of \$11017. would be shared with the Rugby Park Board. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Hoffert to have the delineators installed, provided that the Rugby Park Board agrees to the cost. A roll call vote was taken, Berg "Aye", Bohl "Nay", Migler "Aye", Hoffert "Aye", & Bednarz "Aye". Motion carried.

Ted Mertz joined the meeting.

Karla Harmel, Tax Director & Zoning Administrator joined the meeting.

Board reviewed abatement applications on the following properties: parcel #08635000, for tax year 2025 (2026-8) on described property as E25' Lot 5 & W 1.6' Lot 6, Eastside Addition by Angeline Busch, as qualified for Vet Credit; parcel #09161000 for tax year 2025 (2026-9) described as Lot 10, Block 2, Rohrsers Addition by GeoCenter, to lower the true & full value from \$143,550 to \$60,526 as was assessed as a modular home, but is a mobile home; parcel #09550000 for tax years 2025-2026 (2026-10-11) described as Rugby Outlots 205 of SW1/4SE1/4 by Lexi Vetsch, to lower the market value from 80,101 to \$30,344 for 2025 & from \$81,279 to \$30,344 for 2026, due to condition of buildings; and parcel #10625000m for tax year 2025 (2026-12) described as Lot 3A, Blk.1 (replat of lots 3,7,& 8, Blk.11) Sveums Sub-Div by Brad Wangler/Rugby Properties LLC, to lower the true & full value from \$268,967 to \$14,800, as qualified for 5 years exemption on structure for Renaissance Zone Project completed. Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert to approve the applications for abatements as recommended by the Tax Director. Motion carried.

Harmel talked about an abatement for the properties that were flooded in the City of Rugby. Harmel said there were seven homes that had collapsed basements. She will need to see the homes and will get more information. Harmel said it will be vital for the City of Rugby and the Emergency Manager to cooperate with her, to get the needed information on these homes.

As the hour of 9:30 A.M. was past, a public hearing was held on the plat of Bay View Heights, a replat of part of Outlot 618, Sec.25, 152-74 and a replat of part of Outlot 629, Sec. 30, 152-73 and Antelope Lake Beach (lease sites) part of Lot 2, Sublot C, Outlot 520, Govt. Lot 1, Sec.31, 152-73. Mertz explained the area for these plats that he wants to develop. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to approve the plat of Bay View Heights & Antelope Lake Beach (lease sites) as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Council. Motion carried.

Hoffert left the meeting.

As the hour of 9:45 A.M. was past, a public hearing was held on the clay pit "borrow pit" requested by Ritterman Trucking in Sec. 33, 157-70. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to approve the clay pit requested by Ritterman Trucking, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Council. Motion carried.

As the hour of 10:00 A.M. was past, a public hearing was held for a public safety tower, for a conditional use permit, to construct a 300' wireless communications tower by Allo Towers, on behalf of the State of ND, for the state-wide wireless network for first responders/emergency personnel. The tower will be located in S1/2SE1/4, Sec. 4, 156-72. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to approve the conditional use permit for the construction of a 300' wireless communication tower, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Council. Motion carried.

Hoffert rejoined the meeting.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to issue a call for bids for premium diesel fuel, propane, and gasoline. Motion carried. Bids will be opened at the October meeting.

Board reviewed the delinquent real estate in accordance with Section 57-28-10 NDCC. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg that the hearing date be set for October 6th at 11:00 A.M. in accordance with Sec.57-28-11 NDCC. Motion carried.

Jesse Brandvold, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. Scott Todahl, Benson County Hwy. Superintendent, joined the meeting.

A preconstruction meeting was held at 11:00 A.M. with Wold Engineering, Todahl, and Dale Strandberg, proj. administrator for Asphalt Surface Tech. Corp. who joined by Teams. Information was covered for the Pierce Co. & Benson Co. Chip Seal projects. Schedules, proj. estimates, utilities, materials, specifications, plans, and subcontractors were covered during the meeting. Project is expected to begin Sept. 8th for Benson County and Sept. 9th for Piece County.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

AUGUST EXPENDITURES

ND CHILD SUPP \$28, NDPERS \$638.04, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$41132.25, PIERCE CO TREAS \$15.13, NDPERS \$18.28, JP MORGAN \$1801.04, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$134, NDTC \$1759.25, OTTER TAIL \$9749.78, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$127990.43, PIERCE CO TREAS \$449.03, AFLAC \$1339.58, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2202.93, NATIONWIDE \$2500.22, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$86512.78, PIERCE CO TREAS \$54.81, ND CHILD SUPP \$421.20, NATIONWIDE \$25, HACTC BILLS \$51976.03, CITY OF RUGBY \$2747.34, 3-D SPECIALITIES \$5508.50, GEN ROOFING \$300, NDPHIT \$84480.57, NDPERS \$47858.54, BOHL, JOE \$210.52, MIGLER, DAVE \$388.36, MIGLER, KAREN \$98.80, HARMEL, KARLA \$583.79, HARDWARE HANK \$156.76, STEIN'S \$72.58, DARYL'S REFRIGERATION \$330, CITY OF RUGBY \$993.25, TORMANEN, KEVIN \$15.01, RUNNINGS \$218.16, LEEVERS \$29.08, RUGBY LUMBER \$54.02, CIRCLE SANITATION \$207.25, PIERCE CO TREAS \$143.06, COLUMN \$514.07, TRIBUNE \$477.25, MACK LAW \$392.48, VANGUARD \$2150, COMPUTER STORE \$1941.95, FIRESIDE \$13.90, US RECORDS \$1013.65, I DESIGN \$50, QUADIENT \$2000, ITD \$5450.01, CITY OF RUGBY \$4087.36, RUGBY SERV CTR \$2372.30, MCGUIRE'S \$1216.50, BRAD'S TOWING \$539, HACTC \$68.87, STRYKER \$99, HACTC \$8123.88, OFF OF ATTY GEN \$90, SIEGLER, KELSEY \$2000, AXTMAN, MICHAEL, \$440, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$8495, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$1000, MATTHEW BENDER \$450.08, ISOLVED \$293.45, LIEN'S \$155, NDACTVSO \$120, NDACO \$220.20, LYSNE, TODD \$200, NUTRIEN \$6207, NDSU EXT \$8750.01, WIBE, NATALIE \$920.11, MCNAIN, TEGHAN \$7.60, OTTER TAIL \$216.41, WOLF, ROD \$6000, ZELEN, JOSHUA \$72.96, LINDE \$191.85, TRUE NORTH \$1392, ENVISION \$12938.98, NEWMAN SIGNS \$257.38, SUSAG \$14799.20, HONSEY \$5946.82, RITTERMAN \$14227.40 GRAND TOTAL \$589045.04