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

October 6, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 2026. Chairman Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Berg, Bohl, Migler and Hoffert present.

Chairman Bednarz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Berg and seconded by Bohl to accept the September 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 Hoffert to approve Treasurer's checks #6551-#6559, in the amount of $11,388.27, for the month of September. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg to transfer $100,000 from General Fund to HACTC Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to transfer $100,000 from Highway Distribution to the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to transfer $25,000 from Wireless Fund to E911 Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to accept the financial report for the month of September. Motion carried.

The Board briefly discussed the weed department and agreed some changes need to be made.

The joint Boards of County Commissioners held the annual budget meeting for the Lake Region District Health Unit by conference call at 8:30 A.M. Members present were from Benson County, Eddy County, Pierce County, and Ramsey County. Meeting called to order by Blaine Volk. Volk called for nominations for Chairman. Terry Hoffert nominated Blaine Volk to be Chairman. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All present voting "Aye". Motion carried. Moved by Bill Hodous, Ramsey Co., to approve the 2025 minutes, seconded by Collier, Eddy Co. All present voting "Aye". Motion carried. Denton Heisler, Administrator, Lake Region District Health, presented the 2027 budget. He explained that the only change was a 2% cost-of-living increase. Moved by Tammy Kuk, Benson County, and seconded by

Hoffert, Pierce County, to approve the 2027 Lake Region District Health Budget. Upon roll call vote- all present voting "Aye". Motion carried. Budget approved. Meeting adjourned.

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 September for his department. Total calls-34; Medical Calls-0; Fire Calls-1; Traffic Accidents-2; Assist Other Agencies-3; Prisoner Transports-3; Arrests- 2 Warrants; Citations-9; Papers Served-20; Warrants Served-2. Siegler reported no personnel changes. Siegler said the new dispatcher started Oct. 5th.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of September. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of September, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for September, which was 82 (ADP). Current inmate count is 80. High of 86 for September; Bookings 39, Releases 44. Pierce County inmate population for September was 2. Deficit of $48,173.42, for the month of August. Personnel 23/24 officers. Graner reported that 3 Correction officers would be attending the basic training in Minot, which started Oct. 5th, and said that there are 7 officers left to get certified. Graner said they would be housing Bottineau County inmates during this time to assist. Graner said they would be making a change to their day & night shifts with rotating shifts every four months instead of every two months. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve the financial report for the month of August, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:30 A.M., with all members present.

Josie Stone, Public Health Nurse, met with the Board. She asked the Board if she could close the office on Mondays instead of Fridays. Right now the office is open Monday through Thursday. The new change would have the office open Tuesday through Friday. Hoffert told Stone to just be consistent with your days. All were in agreement.

Karla Harmel, Tax Director, joined the meeting. Harmel presented information on the 2027 Pierce County Soil modifiers. Moved by Migler and seconded by Berg to approve the 2027 proposed soil type modifiers.

As the hour of 10:00 A.M. was past, the 2027 Budget hearing was held. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to approve the preliminary budget, as the final budget, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027. Upon roll call vote-Berg "Aye", Bohl "Aye", Migler "Aye", Hoffert "Aye", and Bednarz "Aye". Motion carried.

Board opened the bids for propane, premium diesel fuel and gasoline. The following bids were received and declared in order: Harper Oil Company, Envision, and Ferrellgas. Moved by Bohl and seconded by

Migler to accept the following bids: Premium diesel fuel-Envision-daily price less $.14 cents; Gasoline-Harper Oil & Envision-daily price less $.10 cents per gallon; Propane-Ferrellgas $1.179/gallon for (unleased tanks – Rugby and Wolford Shops, tower site & Dist. Health tank) and Envision - $1.44/gallon for (leased tanks – Balta Shop & the jail facility). Motion carried.

Board held hearing on the delinquent real estate, acquired through tax deed action, in accordance with Section 57-28-11, of the NDCC. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to sell the property for taxes owing and the terms of the sale on November 17, 2026, be for cash only.

Jesse Brandvold and Jr. Holen, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. Brandvold talked about the County Federal Aid Program. Brandvold said the commissioners will be meeting with D.O.T. at the Association of Counties conference, held in Bismarck October 11-13 and will discuss the next projects to be completed. Brandvold brought estimates for the Chip Seal Project and Rush Lake Twp. Project.

Kelsey Siegler, Emergency Management, joined the meeting. Siegler gave the Board a quarterly report for July – September Emergency Management activities. She responded to a train derailment, 2 car/train accidents and the flood event in the City of Rugby. Siegler talked about the Hazardous material Plan and that a Pipeline Emergency Annex needs to be added. She also reported that the Emergency Operations Plan needs to be updated with a Volunteer Coordination Plan Annex, so that in an emergency situation, that a coordinator is responsible for organizing, assigning, tracking, and supporting volunteers. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to update the Emergency Operations Plan with the Pipeline Emergency Annex and update the Hazardous Material Plan with an annex for a Volunteer Coordination Plan. Motion carried.

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

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURES

ND CHILD SUPP $77.50, NDPERS $670.84, PIERCE CO PAYROLL $42840.29, PIERCE CO TREAS $58.42, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC $133, HACTC RES FUND $880.50, NDTC $1712.50, JP MORGAN $4161.12, PIERCE CO PAYROLL $111643.03, PIERCE CO TREAS $213.19, AFLAC $1238.39, SECURITY BENEFIT $2202.93, NATIONWIDE $2250.22, OTTER TAIL $8536.31, PIERCE CO PAYROLL $92343.10, PIERCE CO TREAS $59.47, ND CHILD SUPP $421.20, NDPHIT $86651.70, NDPERS $34073.56, ND CHILD SUPP $59, HACTC RES FUND $853, HACTC BILLS $57077.22, BOHL, JOE $176.32, MIGLER, DAVID $269.04, FRITEL, KARIN $88.77, RADISSON $227, HARMEL, KARLA $50, NDAAO $190, ATKINSON, STACEY $103.36, TYLER TECH $4971.66, RUNNINGS $137.16, STEIN'S $121.58, HARDWARE HANK $149.33, LEEVERS $42.23, HALLOF, ANDY $500, CIRCLE SANITATION $207.25, CITY OF RUGBY $670.92, MACK LAW $396.87, PIERCE CO TREAS $1881.02, COLUMN $513.24, TRIBUNE $455.63, ELECTION SYSTEMS $2920.62, TAYLOR PRINT $2090.83, DAKOTA BUS SOL $503, FIRESIDE $2096.30, ITD $5449.98, QUADIANT $2500, ENVISION $32.96, CITY OF RUGBY $2401.48, STATE AUDITOR $13207.40, RUGBY SERV CTR $2413.78,STRYKER $259, INTOXIMETERS $250, BRAD'S TOWING $306, MCGUIRE'S $1002.45, HACTC $8931.37, OFF OF ATTY GEN $300, SIEGLER, KELSEY $2000, HAGER, DUSTIN $200, AXTMAN, MICHAEL $260, SELZ COMM PARK $305, ISOLVED $293.45, COMPUTER EXPRESS $7499.99, DAKOTA DYNAMICS $1000, MATTHEW BENDER & CO $121.61, WOLD ENGINEERING $28797.38, ASPHALT SURACE TECH CORP $504386.24, WIBE, NATALIE $1.111.43, NDSU $13, AMERICAN INCOME INS $8, MOTOROLA $28639, OTTER TAIL $233, ZEIEN, JOSHUA $27.36, NEWMAN SIGNS $337.80, ENVISION $16181.23, LINDE $191.85, RUGBY LUMBER $138.95, EVERSONS $21.77, RUGBY AUTO PARTS $12.59, SUSAG $16171.56, BURCKHARD, ADAM $6480, TRUE NORTH STEEL $24887.60, RITTERMAN $24666, B & J EXCAVATING $171705
GRAND TOTAL $1339662.85