

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

July 1, 2025

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 1, 2025. Chairman Hoffert called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Bednarz, Bohl, Berg, and Migler present.

Chairman Hoffert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Migler and seconded by Berg to accept the June minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to approve the Board of Equalization minutes. 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 Migler and seconded by Bohl to approve Treasurer's checks #6467-6474, in the amount of \$2,766.88 for the month of June. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bednarz to transfer \$25,000 from Wireless Fund to E911 Fund. Motion carried.

Josh Siegler, Pierce County Sheriff, Matt Schimetz, BCI, and Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, joined the meeting.

Matt Schimetz, special agent with BCI, gave an update on the Regional Drug Task Force. Schimetz reported that since January 1<sup>st</sup> they have 21 pending cases and 29 case reports, they provided information that led to multiple traffic stops, which led to meth & fentanyl seizures in Rolette County, and 7 controlled purchases of controlled substances. The task force provided information that led to a traffic stop with approx.. 1000 fentanyl pills. They assisted in a couple of vehicle pursuits and assisted the Minot PD with the arrest of a suspect that was responsible for a fatal overdose. Schimetz reported that the task force will need to hire a new officer as the current officer, Brock Baker, will be moving on, after receiving a better opportunity elsewhere. Schimetz reported that their goal is to make an impact and develop these cases into bigger cases with Federal courts and get more jail time.

Josh Siegler, Sheriff, met and gave the board a report for the month of June for his department.

Total calls-36; Medical Calls-4; Fire Calls-0; Traffic Accidents-3; Assist Other Agencies-4; Prisoner Transports-2; Arrests- 2 (1-DUI, 1-Warrant); Citations-19; Papers Served-20; Warrants Served-1. Siegler reported that there were no personnel changes. Siegler reported that Deputy Jacobs is on week 5 at the Academy training.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of June. Graner said the transport vehicle is in need of repairs of about \$1500. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of June, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for June, which was 73 (ADP). Current inmate count is 78. High of 82 for June. Bookings 34, Releases 34. Pierce County inmate population for June was 4. Deficit of \$5,632.20 for the month of May. Personnel 23/24 officers. Graner reported that the CCTV camera upgrade status is pending. Graner informed the Board of a new opportunity, which is with Evolution Counseling out of Devils Lake. They would provide treatment primarily for DOC inmates, at no cost to us. It would keep the beds full, 26 to 28 inmates are in need of these services. Graner reported that there was a significant incident with hospital stay for an inmate. Graner reported that Sargent Haggerty would be given an additional \$2.per hour for extra duties involving mechanical and custodial duties. Graner talked about the Public Safety Plan and that with HB1177, it would be available for peace officers & correction officers. He said a one time irrevocable transfer could be done. He said he would like the county to join that plan with the extra cost picked up by the employees and maybe later on the County could pick up the cost. Board said they would agree to start it, with the employee contributing the extra amount. Graner will get more information and bring it to the August meeting. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to approve the financial report for the month of May, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

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

Kelsey Siegler, Tax Director, briefly joined the meeting. She informed the Board that the State said she didn't have to change anything, (as far as switching the land to USE).

Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. to sit on the County Park Board.

Board reconvened at 10:20 A.M. with all members present.

Jesse Brandvold, Jessica Tagestad, and Jr. Holen, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. They discussed the chip seal project, for the 10.8 miles, with a cost of approx.. \$526,893.76. The State received extra monies so this project could be pushed ahead and added for next year. Brandvold, Tagestad, & Holen said the Flex Fund grant applications could be filled out for the other two projects (CMC 3521 SPUR-2 miles & the Woldford proj.-7 miles). Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl, to do the chip seal project. Motion carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Migler presented the Pledge of Assets from Merchants Bank, Bremer Bank, First United Bank, and First Intl. Bank & Trust. Board reviewed the bank balances as of June 30, 2025. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to approve the Pledge of Assets as presented. Motion carried.

Board discussed Senate Bill No. 2180, which requires political subs to offer public comments at regular meetings. Moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl to adopt the public comment policy:

The Pierce County Commission welcomes and values public input during its meetings. This policy outlines the procedures for public comment to ensure that all individuals have a fair opportunity to be heard while maintaining an orderly and efficient meeting environment. A public comment agenda item will be the first non-procedural agenda item at all regular meetings of the commission. To provide public comments, each individual must submit a speaker card prior to the meeting being called to order that includes: the individual's name, address, the agenda item from the current meeting agenda or the previous meeting agenda that the individual is addressing. Missing information from the speaker card disqualifies the individual from speaking at the meeting. Each individual will be allotted three minutes to make comments. The individual will be notified when the three minutes have expired. The public comment agenda item will be limited to a total of thirty minutes, regardless of how many individuals have submitted speaker cards. Individuals will be called on to present public comments in the order that speaker cards were submitted. All comments must: address the agenda item identified on the speaker card. Be pertinent to the County. Be directed to the board as a whole. Comments **may not**: be defamatory, abusive, harassing, or unlawful; include information that is exempt or confidential under ND open records law; interfere with the orderly conduct of the meeting. Individuals may not yield their allotted time to another individual. Individuals unable or willing to speak in person may submit written comments to the County prior to the meeting. If received 24 hours before the meeting, the comments will be distributed to the board members before the meeting. Comments submitted less than 24 hours before the meeting will be distributed after the meeting. Any written comments submitted must identify the agenda item from the current meeting agenda or the previous meeting agenda that is being addressed and include the individual's name and address.

Migler said he was asked about the load restrictions from 6 ton going to 7 ton. He said just bringing it up to think about for next year. Migler reported that the weed board sold all of their Tordon and had to order more and they sold about half the Plateau chemical.

Bednarz informed the Board that the custodian at the courthouse would be receiving an extra \$1.per hour, due to extra duties that he has been performing.

Board briefly discussed the budget for 2026 and the 3% caps that are now required. They will discuss more at their July 24th meeting.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bednarz and seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 A.M. Motion carried.

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Terry Hoffert, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

July 24, 2025

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on July 24, 2025. Chairman Hoffert called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M., with members Berg, Bohl, Migler, and Bednarz present.

Board reviewed departmental budgets and any correspondence received from department heads.

Bednarz said he would like to see all the commissioner's getting the same salary. Berg said the council members get paid the same and the state representatives get paid the same amounts. Bohl said figure it in and see how the budget comes out.

Board instructed Auditor Migler to figure the budget with a one step from the salary pay scale plus 1% to see how it comes out, since there is now a 3% cap.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Bednarz to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. Motion carried.

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## JUNE EXPENDITURES

ND CHILD SUPP \$130.50, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$91542.82, PIERCE CO TREAS \$36.18, BALTIMORE CO OCS \$850, ND CHILD SUPP \$387.60, CREDIT BUREAU \$873.48, NDPERS \$669.58, NDTG \$1280.52, NORTHERN PLAINS \$120, JP MORGAN \$4896.45, OTTER TAIL \$2210.16, NDTG \$803.57, OTTER TAIL \$7789.27, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$112026.27, PIERCE CO TREAS \$289.28, AFLAC \$1175.73, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2148.83, NATIONWIDE \$2454.25, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$47353.14, PIERCE CO TREAS \$111.77, NDPHIT \$86446.78, HACTC BILLS \$46880.99, NDPERS \$32243.63, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$94454.34, PIERCE CO TREAS \$46.03, BALTIMORE CO OCS \$850, ND CHILD SUPP \$387.60, CREDIT BUREAU \$873.48, CITY OF RUGBY \$2578, BOHL, JOE \$102.90, MIGLER, DAVID \$237.30, MACK, GALEN \$243.80, RADISSON \$132.50, MACK LAW OFF \$383.70, MIGLER, KAREN \$280, PIERCE CO TREAS \$35.36, COMPLETE EQUITY \$1194, LEEVERS \$17.16, HARDWARE HANK \$294.85, CITY OF RUGBY \$671.01, CIRCLE SANITATION \$201.25, OTIS ELEV \$2101.08, STEIN'S \$217.66, RUNNINGS \$58.33, BERDAHL, JEFF \$250, HALLOF, ANDY \$250, SIEGLER, JOSH \$50, JACOBS, MICHEAL \$50, BRAD'S TOWING \$111, RUGBY SERV CTR \$1667.79, ITD \$3964.44, HACTC \$10642.04, AXTMAN, MICHAEL \$310, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$2,000, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$1450, BENSON CO FARMERS PRESS \$586.32, ISOLVED \$293.45, HACTC \$48.99, PIERCE CO TRIBUNE \$112.50, COLUMN \$451.19, RUGBY INS AGENCY \$29567, VANGUARD \$650, CHRISTENSON ELEC SERV \$9500, ZELEN, PAUL \$90.30, OTTER TAIL \$238.79, NEWMAN SIGNS \$369.91, DAKOTA FIRE EXT \$142.53, HE EVERSON \$246.39, PIERCE CO TREAS \$7.10, ELITE SPRAYING \$60, RDO \$477.60, ENVISION \$29949.93, LYSNE, DAREN \$15, HONSEY \$2468.75, B & J EXCAVATING \$17790, SUSAG SAND & GRAVEL \$49537.20, ANDERSON, LONNIE \$4080, RITTERMAN TRUCKING \$17388. GRAND TOTAL \$732897.37