

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

December 2, 2025

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 2, 2025.

Auditor-Treasurer Migler called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Berg, Bohl, Bednarz, Hoffert and Migler present. Also, present was Jay Reinke.

Auditor-Treasurer Migler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call for nominations for Chairman, for ensuing year, David Migler nominated Joe Bohl. Joel Berg nominated David Bednarz. After a vote, Bednarz won the nomination. Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bednarz, for Chairman. Motion carried.

Upon call for nominations for Vice-Chairman, for ensuing year, Bohl nominated Berg for Vice-Chairman. Following no further nominations, moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Berg for Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Migler, turned the meeting over to Chairman Bednarz.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to approve the consent agenda, with the addition of Leo Straley from General Roofing and Bednarz talking of TransAmerica Roofing Co. & the Memorial Hall planter. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to accept the November minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert 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 Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve Treasurer's checks #6499-#6502, in the amount of \$3562.54, for the month of November. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg, to approve the funds that were dispersed for the bonuses for the Back the Blue Grant Funds. Motion carried.

Bednarz said he was asked if the Board could have B & J Excavating bring in rocks for the Memorial Hall flower beds. This way flowerpots could just be added and flowers wouldn't have to be planted and weeded. Board agreed with it.

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

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

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

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for November, which was 83 (ADP). Current inmate count is 83. High of 87 for November. Bookings 31, Releases 31. Pierce County inmate population for November was 7. Profit of \$26,144.18 for the month of October. Personnel 24/24 officers, 2 new hires, 2 back on medical leave, 1 starting CO Basic. Graner informed the Board that he applied for a DOCR correctional facility grant and was awarded \$120,589.00. The funding prioritizes service delivery within jails to improve reentry efforts. Graner said the money will be used for new furniture and new technology for the group rooms. They will also be purchasing laptops. The funds can also be used for the Electronic Health Record implementation. There will be a loop group – support network. The facilitator will be working with inmates learning social skills. Graner said the first group will probably be moving on in January or February. Graner talked about the new Electronic health Record. They are doing demos now and will be going live in February or March. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Berg to approve the financial report for the month of October, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 8:50 A.M., with all members present.

Josh Siegler, Sheriff, met and gave the Board a report for the month of November for his department. Total calls-58; Medical Calls-2; Fire Calls-0; Traffic Accidents-5; Assist Other Agencies-5; Prisoner Transports-5; Arrests- 14 (1 Theft of Property, 1 Burglary, 3 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance-Fentanyl, 3 Driving Under Suspension, 5 Warrants); Citations-46; Papers Served-14; Warrants Served-5. Siegler informed the Board that there were no personnel changes. Siegler said the part-time dispatcher will be starting later this month with about 12 hrs. weekly.

Karin Fritel, Clerk of Court, joined the meeting. Fritel said she would be applying for the Court Facility Grant in two separate grants. One will be for the desk for the court reporter's office and one would be for the remodel project. She would be working with Mike Swanson to see if they could do just a partial renovation, since the roof still needs repairs. The grant has to be approved first, then they could do the work. Board asked Fritel about how the Community Service Program is going. Fritel reported that it is going good, but with not a lot of arrests, haven't had that many clients. They have been able to get work done at the Pierce Co. Fairgrounds and Pumpkin Patch. She said the Fairgrounds has a building where the community service clients can work all year around.

Jay Reinke left the meeting.

Bednarz talked about the roof and said he will be getting a quote soon. Bednarz also mentioned that he and Samantha Wentz are looking into getting another speaker about opioids and drugs for the school. The amount is about \$4750, which will come out of the opioid fund. It will be held sometime after the first of the year.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve the applications for Beer & Liquor Licenses from Rugby Eagles Aerie #3834, Rugby Golf Club, and Joe G. Goldade (Larry's Bar) Selz, and that refund be made in accordance with ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg, authorizing the Chairman and Auditor to sign County Deeds on the following properties: To Tricia Torgerson and Joshua Reimche for Lots 20-21, Block 4, Village of Silva; To Jenna & James Brossart for Lot 12, Block 3, Lockwoods Addition, City of Rugby; To Joyce Olson for S36' Lot 32, all Lot 33, & N12' Lot 34, Block 1, Berdahl's Subdivision, City of Rugby; and To Jarrod Fredericks for Outlot 464 (part of Govt. Lots 2 & 3 and part of the SE1/4NW1/4) sec.3-15172. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bohl to approve the following precincts for the upcoming 2026 Election-Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4-1st Ward 1st, Precinct #5-1st Ward 2nd, Precinct #6-2nd Ward, Precinct #7-3rd Ward, Precinct #8-4th Ward, & Precinct #9, with polling location at the Pierce County Courthouse. The hours for the polling location will be set for 7:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, joined the meeting.

Jesse Brandvold and Junior Holen, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. They presented 2026 calendars and planners to the Board. They said they would probably hear about the Flex Grant recipients in late December. They said the road project would be bid in the Fall of 2026, with work done in 2027.

Leo Straley, General Roofing, joined the meeting at the Board's request. He said Pierce County will be first on the list for repair work inside of the dome. There are some spaces that need to be caulked and Straley said the shelf needs to be screwed down. Straley said he is normally on the job site, but wasn't able to with this project. He is committed to coming this Spring to make the repairs and getting it done right.

Mack talked to the Board about getting temporary help for the Tax Director position and suggested that the Board reach out to the neighboring counties for interim help until the position can be filled.

As the hour of 10:00 A.M. was past a public hearing was held for the conditional use permit and variance submitted by Penthesilea Properties LLC, to construct a cold storage building on Lot 4, Block 1, Laughridge 1st Subdivision of SW1/4SW1/4 Sec.2-156-73, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to approve the conditional use permit submitted by Penthesilea Properties LLC. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to order edges for the motor graders from Cat/Butler. Motion carried.

Frank Anderson, RDO salesman, joined the meeting. Anderson asked the Board if there was anything they needed. They told him to check on a broom for the skid steer, and give us a quote. Bohl asked about the average hours on the motor grader traded in. Anderson said it was in the right range for them to get credit.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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

December 16, 2025

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on December 16, 2025. Chairman Bednarz called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Bohl, Hoffert and Migler present. Berg absent.

Chairman Bednarz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

After reviewing the bills, moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the bills for the HACTC. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid, were ordered paid, for the month of December. Motion carried.

Frank Anerson, RDO Salesman, joined the meeting. Anderson presented two quotes for an angle broom for the skid steer. The 680X was \$7125 and the 840HDX was \$8450. Moved by Migler and seconded by Hoffert to purchase the 680X for \$7125. Motion carried.

Board discussed having a meeting with the organized townships. Meeting will be held on January 21st at 1:00 PM, at the Memorial Hall.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert authorizing the Chairman and Auditor to sign a County Deed to Rodney & Charlotte Suko on the following property: E19' Lot 5, W54' Lot 6, Block 3, Sveums Subdivision, City of Rugby. Motion carried.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

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NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES

NDPERS \$657.82, ND CHILD SUPP \$210.50, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$38538.58, PIERCE CO TREAS \$13.02, WORKFORCE SAFETY \$581.55, NDTC \$1830.39, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$124, OTTER TAIL \$7298.09, OFF ATTY GEN \$236.53, JP MORGAN \$5716.20, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$103134.38, PIERCE CO TREAS \$106.12, ND CHILD SUPP \$387.60, CREDIT BUREAU \$873.48, MESSERLI KRAMER \$682.10, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$127568.20, PIERCE CO TREAS \$496.12, AFLAC \$1175.73, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2148.83, NATIONWIDE \$2454.25, NDPHIT \$81610.51, NDPERS \$31513.31, HACTC BILLS \$45861.82, CITY OF RUGBY \$2665.28, HACTC RES FUND \$942, BOHL, JOE \$135.80, MIGLER, DAVID \$196.70, NDACO \$1290, TORMANEN, KEVIN \$14.98, RUNNINGS \$15.98, STEIN'S \$108.01, LEEVERS \$7.07, HARDWARE HANK \$200.79, CIRCLE SANITATION \$201.25, CITY OF RUGBY \$651.02, COLUMN \$332.28, FIRESIDE \$12.78, PIERCE CO TREAS \$83.87, ITD \$4186.83, VANGUARD \$6100, MACK LAW \$383.70, QUADIENT \$500, RUGBY INS \$97, CITY OF RUGBY \$3137.73, RUGBY SERV CTR \$1806.90, BRAD'S TOWING \$223, UNIFORM CTR \$167.99, GAFFANEY'S \$659, HACTC \$1794.99, ATTY GEN \$300, HAGER, DUSTIN \$200, COMPUTER EXP \$1450, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$1000, ISOLVED \$293.45, BLUE 360 \$92.95, OTTER TAIL \$234.25, EIDE BAILLY \$619, WIBE, NATALIE \$301.06, RDO \$277,249, ELEC COMM \$33,805.90, ZELEN, PAUL \$636.90, ENVISION \$5996.35, HE EVERSON \$65.37, HIGH PLAINS \$108.43, NEWMAN SIGNS \$184.08, RDO \$767.02, RITTERMAN \$5,400, SCHNEIDER \$5993.40, B & J EXCAVATING \$3,227.16
GRAND TOTAL \$817,103.40