

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

May 5, 2026

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 5, 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 Migler and seconded by Hoffert to accept the April 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 Hoffert and seconded by Berg to approve Treasurer's checks #6532-6533, in the amount of \$54,157.24, for the month of April. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Bohl to accept the financial report for the month of April. 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 April for his department. Total calls-32; Medical Calls-2; Fire Calls-5; Traffic Accidents-1; Assist Other Agencies-5; Prisoner Transports-2; Arrests- 3 (1-Possession of Methamphetamine, 1-Possession of Methamphetamine Paraphernalia, 1-Warrant); Citations-16; Papers Served-12; Warrants Served-1. Siegler reported one personnel change- a part time dispatcher left and has moved out of the area.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of April. Graner noted the bill for Reassurance Solutions safety technology which will be paid with opiod funds and Hustle 2.0 which will be reimbursed from a DOCR Re-enter 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 April, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for April, which was 67 (ADP). Current inmate count is 63. High of 79 for April. Bookings 33, Releases 39. Pierce County inmate population for April was 4. Deficit of \$2,785.59 for the month of

March. Personnel 19/24 officers, 2 resignations, 1 retirement end of May, 3 attending CO basic this month. Graner reported that they moved all female inmates out, due to lack of female officers on duty. Graner reported that the Electronic Health Record went live and is working well. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve the financial report for the month of March, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 9:12 A.M., with all members present.

Bednarz discussed the roof repair for the Courthouse. He received a quote from TectaAmerica for \$7292.00. Board agreed to go along with it.

Galen J Mack, States Atty. Joined the meeting.

Rebecca Leier, joined the meeting. She gave the Board an update on the high level radioactive waste issue. She said the company HOLTEC is pursuing 15 states for storage of the high level waste. She said New Mexico shut them down. Leier would like to get the verbiage they used and adopt into our zoning. Migler said the SD Legislature shut it down and asked why can't our State do the same. Leier said in the next legislative session it will be a hot topic and many legislators are supporting it. Leier said the County's 2016 resolution needs to be addressed and strengthened, as being proactive could keep it out of our county. She said if we can show that we are continually dealing with this and don't want this in our county and not in our State. Leier said she would like to see a written plan that outlines specific reasons that a high-level radioactive waste site would not be acceptable to the future vision of the county. Mack said he would be willing to visit with the NW Landowners legal counsel Derrick Braaten about this. Leier urged the Board to update the resolution and change to incorporate our County rights and have the Zoning Board vote on and adopt it.

Don Jelsing, Pierce County Fair, joined the meeting. Jelsing gave the Board an update on the progress of the new portion of the fairgrounds. He said Otter Tail was putting in transformers. They are working on the food court area and working on the rodeo area. Jelsing said the opening night of the 2026 Fair will have a program honoring America's 250th. He said they will be honoring all of the Veterans and have purchased USA flags for all the divisions of the military. They will have talented singers, the Heritage Group out of Minot and the Heartland Group. Overall, the expense for the opening night is around \$2,000. Jelsing was asking if there was anything in the budget to help with about half for the flags and entertainment. The Board said they would go with the half.

Frank Anderson, RDO salesman, joined the meeting. Anderson talked about the new blade that would need to be replaced for the Rugby Road Dept. He would be checking with Source Well, the contract purchasing program, for the pricing. He said the newer version blades would be coming out in June. He would bring the information to the June meeting.

Keith Gault, Rugby Insurance, joined the meeting. Gault explained the cyber security insurance coverage and costs through ND State Fire & Tornado.

Guy Larson, Lincoln Larson, and Jeff Kenner joined the meeting. Guy Larson presented copies of the revised permit that was filed for Dakota SAO II, LLP. For 2025, the registration and annual report stated that the partnership would not be engaged in farming or ranching in ND & would not be owning or leasing land in ND to be used for farming or ranching. There was an amended registration filed 4/20/26 which states that they will be engaged in farming or ranching in ND and will own or lease land in ND that is used for farming or ranching. Larson said they still don't list their investors, they have at least 18 investors but they're not giving out that information. Both Larson and Kenner stated that the Commission could rescind their decision since they didn't follow the laws. The Board stated that the letter they received from Gibbens Law stated the time to appeal had expired.

Board reviewed abatement application on parcel #10360000, (2026-6) for tax year 2025, submitted by Patricia Robbins, on the following described property, as W32' Lot 16, Blk.4, Sike's 2nd Add., located in the City of Rugby. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve the abatement application for tax year 2025, as recommended by the Tax Director, as Homestead Credit filed. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Berg to approve the site authorization for games of chance from Buffalo Lake Sportsman's Club located at Larry's Bar, Selz and from Rugby Amateur Hockey Association located at Rugby Golf Course, with calcuttas included for Rugby Golf Course, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30,2027. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Hoffert to approve a special event permit to Kay Quick-Back Roads Bar, for a wedding to be held August 22nd, 2026 at the Steve & Kindra Gutty Farm. Motion carried.

Moved by Hoffert and seconded by Bohl to approve the Employee Assistance Program with The Village Family Service Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Bohl to approve an increase from \$15 to \$17/hr. compensation for the election workers beginning with the June 2026 Primary Election. Motion carried.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Berg and seconded by Bohl to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

David Bednarz, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

APRIL EXPENDITURES

NDPERS \$682.16, NORTHERN PLAINS ELEC \$160, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$86630.64, PIERCE CO TREAS \$37.70, MESSERLI & KRAMER \$682.10, JOB SERVICE \$681.28, ND STATE TREAS \$891.38, ND CHILD SUPP \$47, JP MORGAN \$3235.13, NDTC \$984.31, OTTER TAIL \$14242.26, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$117897.89, PIERCE CO TREAS \$248.17, AFLAC \$1339.58, SECURITY BENEFIT \$2202.93, NATIONWIDE \$2431.22, PIERCE CO PAYROLL \$44021.46, PIERCE CO TREAS \$29.80, CITY OF RUGBY \$2259.19, NDPERS \$33370.28, NDPHIT \$93088.95, HACTC BILLS \$60648.75, CITY OF RUGBY \$2214.43, HACTC RES FUND \$879, NDPERS \$635.60, BOHL, JOE \$194.30, MIGLER, DAVID \$184.88, LEEVERS \$34.61, TORMANEN, KEVIN \$50.37, RUNNINGS \$199.77, HARDWARE HANK \$153.37, B & M LAUNDRY \$136.94, DAKOTA FIRE EXT \$374.19, CIRCLE SANITATION \$207.25, JOHNSON PLUMBING \$33.95, CITY OF RUGBY \$659.81, MACK LAW \$383.70, PIERCE CO TREAS \$1734, ELECTION SYSTEMS \$2318.22, THOMAS LAW \$225, COLUMN \$295.62, TRIBUNE \$515.35, QUADIENT \$2500, ITD \$5449.84, CITY OF RUGBY \$3153.02, SIEGLER, KELSEY \$2000, BRAD'S TOWING \$147, AUTODOCTOR \$2200, RUGBY SERV CTR \$2257.57, I DESIGN \$222, HACTC \$5000, OFF OF ATTY GEN \$150, DAKOTA DYNAMICS \$1000, COMPUTER EXP \$1550, ISOLVED \$293.45, MATTHEW BENDER & CO \$339.36, OFF OF ADJ GEN \$120, AMERICAN SOL \$730.58, WOLD ENG \$20346.32, MONTONYE, RON \$357.12, CLUBHOUSE \$297, WIBE, NATALIE \$911.94, NDSU EXT \$7499.97, ZEIEN, PAUL \$163.85, ENVISION \$16487.01, RDO \$3042.50, ELITE GLASS \$680, TRUE NORTH \$18324.48, NEWMAN SIGNS \$150.62, B & J EXCAVATING \$330, HE EVERSON \$145.82, LINDE GAS \$191.85
GRAND TOTAL \$573283.84