

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday - April 18, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

- 1a) Meeting called to order by Chairman Jon Aubart at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room at the Pierce County Courthouse & via Zoom.
- 2a) A quorum was established with roll call by County Clerk Jamie Feuerhelm acknowledging 16 supervisors attending, & one excused; L. Paatalo. Supervisor S. Lorentz arrived at 9:04 a.m. Also attending were: Jason Matthys-Administrative Coordinator, Brad Lawrence-Corp Counsel, Allison Preble-HR Manager, Paula Lugar-Gilman resident, Julie Hines-Register of Deeds, John Worsing-Medical Examiner, Greg Weaver-Data Analyst, Chad Johnson-Highway Commissioner, Rod Webb-Land Conservation Director, Retta Isaacson-Land Con, Kenneth Lampro-American Legion Commander, James DeLamaater Sr.-American Legion Post 204 Commander, Doug White, Jeff Jackson, Dan Sitz, Mark Skordahl, Samantha Bowen, Randy Gunderson, Merlin Blaisdell, Randy Trok, Judge Elizabeth Rohl, & Sarah Nigbor-Press.
- 2b) **Adopt Agenda:** Motion by J. Kosin/D. Auckland to adopt the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Supervisor D. Auckland.
- 4) **Public Comment on Issues Not Related to Agenda Items:** Ken Lampro expressed concern about the lack of a full time Veterans' Service Officer at the County & asked the Board to better serve Pierce County Vets. Supervisor B. Plunkett informed members about training available to individuals & companies through Job Service located in River Falls. Randy Trok asked in the County would consider a variance to an ordinance that only allows three campers per parcel. He stated that in emergencies, such as flooding, it would be helpful to be able have more than three on a temporary basis. Supervisor N. Gulbranson indicated that he thought this subject was going to be addressed at an upcoming meeting of the Land Management Committee.
- 5) **Presentation:** County-wide well water sampling program presented by UW-Extension College of Natural Resources Groundwater Education Specialist Kevin Masarik. Mr. Masarik gave a detailed report of wells tested in Pierce County from 2018 to 2022. He compared how Pierce County relates to the rest of the state. He also fielded questions from residents & supervisors regarding testing procedures & contamination mitigation.
- 6) **Discuss/Take action:** Confirmation of Facilities Manager appointment pursuant to §13-1 of the Pierce County Code. A. Preble informed the Board that ten applications were received & six individuals were interviewed. From that the selection committee is recommending Joseph McDaniel to the position of Facilities Manager. She also reviewed Mr. McDaniel's resume of experience. Motion by M. Kahlow/M. Pittman to confirm the appointment of Joseph McDaniel to Facilities Manager; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 7) **Discuss/Take action:** On 2022 Annual Reports, supervisors previously provided with copies of 2022 Annual Report of departments. A/C J. Matthys explained that each year departments submit a report about activities & programs within the respective departments & those reports are gathered together by Administration & shared with County Supervisors. He added that any consideration to receive the reports does not mean that supervisors agree with all the statement made therein. Motion by M. Pittman/S. Bjork to approve the 2022 Annual Reports provided by the various departments; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 8) **Discuss/Take action:** On 2023-2024 County Board meeting dates. County Clerk J. Feuerhelm reviewed the proposed dates with members indicating dates are determined by the Pierce County Code &/or Wisconsin Statutes. Motion by M. Kahlow/J. Kosin to approve 2023-2024 County Board meeting dates; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

*** All legislation except rezone ordinances may be acted upon on the first reading at the Organizational Meeting.**

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

- 9a) **Res. 23-01 Amend Fees for Services of County Medical Examiner & Deputy Medical Examiner.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules & waive reading of resolution; motion carried with 15 in favor & 1 opposed (B. Plunkett). Motion by M. Kahlow/D. Auckland to approve Resolution 23-01 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 9b) **Res. 23-02 To Amend Personnel Policy Article IX Employee Benefits, section D. Paid Holidays to clarify the holiday pay rate, and Section N. Uniforms and Tools, subsection 4(b), to increase reimbursement for protective footwear.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules & waive reading of resolution; motion carried with 15 in favor & 1 opposed (B. Plunkett). Motion by M. Kahlow/D. Auckland to approve Resolution 23-02 as presented. Supervisor B. Plunkett indicated that he would like to see Solid Waste employees included within the language regarding reimbursement for protective footwear. Motion by B. Plunkett/J. Kosin to amend the resolution to include Solid Waste employees in paragraphs referring to eyewear & protective footwear reimbursement. Supervisors M. Kahlow & N. Gulbranson indicated that they were not opposed to the addition but would like to see the matter come through the appropriate committee channels. Motion to amend failed by show of hands vote with 2 in favor (B. Plunkett, J. Kosin) & 14 opposed (D. Auckland, D. Puhmann, M. Petersen, S. Lorentz, M. Pittman, K. Sampson, J. Ashbach, M. Kahlow, S. Bjork, D. Bergseng, A. Mathison, R. Gilles, N. Gulbranson, & J. Aubart). Motion to approve Resolution 23-01 as presented carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 9c) **Substitute Resolution 23-03 Authorizing Pierce County Lease Purchase Agreement for Maintenance Trucks.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules & waive reading of resolution; motion carried with 15 in favor & 1 opposed (B. Plunkett). Hwy Commissioner C. Johnson explained that the reason for the substitute resolution was to correct some grammatical concerns but the substance of the resolution has not changed. Motion by N. Gulbranson/D. Auckland to approve Substitute Resolution 23-03 as presented; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

- 10a) **Res. 22-28 Requesting State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula.** Motion by M. Pittman/J. Kosin to approve Resolution 22-28 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

- 11a) None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

- 12a) **Ord. 22-09 Amend Chapter 40 Revenue and Finance, Section 40-23 Highway equipment purchases, subsection (B) of the Pierce County Code to increase amount authorized for highway equipment purchases.** Motion by N. Gulbranson/D. Bergseng to approve Ordinance 22-09 as presented, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS

- 13a) **Board of Health:** Chairman J. Aubart appointed Dr. Becky Kleager to a 3-year term as citizen member; effective April 2023 to April 2026. Motion by M. Kahlow/R. Gilles to confirm the aforementioned appointments to the Board of Health; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 13b) **Ethics Board:** Chairman J. Aubart appointed Jason Akey & Heidi Lindquist to a 3-year term; August 2023 to August 2026. Corp Counsel B. Lawrence informed the Board that the candidates have dutifully completed one term on this Board & can serve up to two 3-year terms. He added that they are willing to serve again. Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to confirm appointment of Jason Akey & Heidi Lindquist to the Ethics Board; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

13c) Waste Management Board: Chairman J. Aubart appointed K. Sampson & D. Auckland to serve 3-year terms from April 2023 through April 2026. He also appointed Glen Fisher as a citizen member, replacing Jeannie Tobias, to a 3-year term from April 2023 to April 2026. Motion by J. Kosin/D. Puhmann to confirm aforementioned appointments to the SWMB according to their respective terms; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- Board recessed at 10:12 a.m. by order of Chairman J. Aubart.
- Board reconvened at 10:19 a.m. by order of Chairman J. Aubart.

14) CLOSED SESSION: Motion by M. Pittman/D. Bergseng to convene in closed session at 10:19 a.m. pursuant to §19.85(1)(d) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision of parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention: Courthouse security. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15) OPEN SESSION: Motion by M. Pittman/B. Plunkett to reconvene in open session at 11:10 a.m., motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16) Future Agenda Items: None.

17) Next meeting date: May 23, 2023; 7 p.m.; County Board Room, Courthouse Annex.

18) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. by motion of M. Kahlow/B. Plunkett; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

THOSE PRESENT

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Kris Sampson	1	X		
Jim Ashbach	2	X		
Jon Aubart	3	X		
Lynn Paatalo	4		X	
Ben Plunkett	5	X		
Michael Kahlow	6	X		
Scott Bjork	7	X		
Dean Bergseng	8	X		
Angela Mathison	9	X		

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Rodney Gilles	10	X		
Neil Gulbranson	11	X		
Dale Auckland	12	X		
Daniel Puhmann	13	X		
Melissa Petersen	14	X		
Jerry Kosin	15	X		
Sheila Lorentz	16	9:04		
Mel Pittman	17	X		
TOTAL	17	16	1	0

Respectfully submitted by J. Feuerhelm, County Clerk