

**Town of Pierce**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 11th, 2025**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:30 P.M. Monday, August 11, 2025.

Mayor Cathy Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Cathy Ortiz

Trustees

Geoffery Broughton- Absent

Glen Lester

Chris VanWhy

Julie Lukela

Larry VanWhy

Teresa Martinez

Others Present:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

Shantel Anderson, Admin Assistant

James Godbold, Town Attorney

**1. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2025:** Motion made by Trustee Lester to approve the minutes. Second by Broughton. All "AYES", motion passed.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Amended agenda from the 2018 Building Code, to the 2024 Building Code. Motion made by Broughton to approve the agenda. Second by Lester. All "AYES", motion passed.

**3. Public Comment:** Andy Levir is the new Superintendent for Highland. Connie Schwindt would like the board to know that she feels the same way as the letter that will be coming up under comment box. She believes the investigative report was incorrect. She feels that the Board members who appointed Trustee Lukela went against the wishes of the people who had already recalled her. Charlie Dehn thinks that when someone makes an allegation that the audience attending the board meeting deserves to know what those are. Connie said she would be willing to have a conversation at another time. Andy Levir with Highland said they have been

approached by a developer to turn the school into affordable housing. Dell Francis asked who supervised Heather, since she typed the minutes that the investigator referred to. Duran was trying to explain the issue that Connie had mentioned, but thought it was being misunderstood. Pam Wortman wanted to tell the Board that she preferred the trash to be left as is.

**4. Consider Adoption of the 2024 Building Codes- Safebuilt:** The Town of Pierce is currently on the 2018 Building Codes. Safebuilt usually likes to adopt every other code. There are some requirements for pre wiring for solar panels. Ev chargers, etc. The Town of Pierce is also in a tornado prone zone. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to have this put on the September agenda to adopt the Ordinance after James reviews it. Second by L. VanWhy. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**5. Consider Moving Trash Location Pick-up to Curbside for All Residents:** Most of the feedback is that people are not for moving trash location pickup. Chris VanWhy will get town staff names and addresses of the random pickups to see if we can discuss moving theirs so it flows with the neighbor pickup.

**6. Consider Change to Town Code Prohibiting Recalled Officials From Running For Office for a Set Period of Time:** Attorney Godbold doesn't think this is something we can do as a statutory municipality.

**7. Appoint Hearing Officer for Recall Protest and Schedule Date of Hearing:** Karen Goldman is leading in election processes. She can do the hearing on August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. here at Town Hall. Motion made by Trustee Lester to appoint Karen as the recall protest hearing officer. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**8. Consider Adopting an Ordinance Requiring Licensed Liquor Establishments to Report Disturbances and Unlawful Conduct to Law Enforcement:** This was suggested by the Ault Police Department. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to have Attorney Godbold look over the Ordinance and it will be put on the next agenda. Second by Lukela. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**9. Review Letter From Ault Police Chief and Direction to Draft a Response:** Attorney Godbold went over the complaint by Chief Germer. The Mayor read her response. Godbold has already started to draft a response. Motion made by Trustee Broughton for Godbold to reply to the complaint. Second by Lukela. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**10. Water Service Agreement North Weld County Water District:** Attorney Godbold wanted this on the agenda to remind the Board that once this agreement is executed, we will have to pay for ASPITS. Several of the Trustees want to clarify some of the expenses and what the cost up from would be. Staff will schedule a phone call with NWCWD to get clarification for the next Board meeting.

**11. Special NPIC Shareholder Meeting and Vote - August 25, 2025:** NWCWD said it is very important for everyone to vote at this meeting. It has to do with some water that was found to have not been allocated to municipalities as it should have. Motion made by Trustee L. VanWhy to have Glen Lester vote on behalf of the Town, backup voter will be Mike Lester. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**12. CDBG Grant for Pierce Senior Center:** There was a document of completion given for the 1<sup>st</sup> grant. There was an award letter given for the second grant. In previous conversations they were approved of asking for up to \$200,000 for the grant. They submitted an application for \$250,000 and were awarded \$242,440. Staff will reach out the Weld County CDBG project to see if there is a grant agreement. This will go on the September agenda.

**13. Consider Using Another Collection Agency for Court:** We have been dropped from the previous collection agency, as was most of Colorado. We would like to use Integral Recoveries for the new collection agency. Motion made by Lukela to go with this collection agency. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**14. Consider Donation to Highland Booster Club:** Motion made by Lukela to renew donation. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**15. Old Business:** Trustee Broughton asked about the transfer to Colotrust now that audit is done. There was some confusion on how to enter the audit adjustments in the new software. It was finally figured out, so this should be able to be brought back to the next meeting.

## **16. Staff Reports**

(A). **Mayor Report:** Don Juan had the ribbon cutting.

(B). **Public Works:** Report provided.

(C). **Planning Commission:** Sue was appointed to planning.

(D). **Town Attorney:** None.

(E). **Town Engineer:** None.

(F). **Town Clerk**

1. Request to Pay Bills: Motion made by Trustee Lester to pay bills. Second by L. VanWhy. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. Comment Box- Asked to move this item after Public Comment for Future Meetings: This will be moved up on the agenda next meeting. There was a comment read from Richard Wuehler.

3. Safebuilt BBQ Invite: Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. The employees will take a long lunch to attend. Trustees are invited to go, just need to RSVP.

4. Update on Online ADA Compliance: Working on ADA compliance.

5. Building Permits Moving to Online: This is in process, will no longer be taking applications on paper.

6. Consider Setting Up Work Session with Auditor Chad Chavies: Staff will reach out to Chad to see when would be a good time to set up a meeting to discuss budget and audit in more detail.

## **17. Department Reports**

### **(A). Water/Sewer- Trustee Lester:**

1. Fire Department Water Use and Potential Billing of Usage: Their usage had decreased significantly. We will keep watching this.

(B). **Streets & Drainage**- Trustee L. VanWhy: Culvert under 3<sup>rd</sup> was found and cleaned. A culvert on the east side was dug out.

(C). **Utilities & Energy**- Trustee Lukela: None.

(D). **Buildings**- Trustee Broughton: None.

(E). **Parks & Recreation**- Trustee Martinez: None.

(F). **Growth & Revenue**- Trustee C. VanWhy: Don Juan is open.

## **18. Board Communications**

Clerk Duran asked Attorney Godbold if they could feature in Town Businesses equally in the newsletter. He said he would prefer for us not to.

Adjournment: 9:08 p.m.

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Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

