



# Dixon County Board Minutes



July 12, 2022

## DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on July 12, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting in the Jury Room in the Dixon County Courthouse in Ponca, Nebraska. Chair Lisa Lunz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called for roll call of members present. Answering was: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Steve Hassler, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Also present were Cindy Purucker, Dixon County Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors and other interested persons. Chair Lunz gave notice to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law.

Motion was made by Andersen, seconded by Blohm to show that this meeting was preceded by due and legal notice by posting as required by law in the Bank of Dixon County, bulletin board in the lower hall of the courthouse, bulletin board in the County Clerk's office and two County newspapers, and all Board Members were notified simultaneously and the agenda of all know business to come before the Board of Supervisors was posted in the office of the County Clerk. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Motion was made by Andersen, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Dixon County Road Supt., Arnold Mellick was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. He stated that he is still waiting on one right-of-way document on the Martinsburg East project.

Motion was made by Blohm to approve Change Order #1 for Krusemark Construction & Excavation on the Dixon NE project. Seconded by Hassler. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Motion to approve the Final Pay Application for the Dixon NE project for Krusemark Construction & Excavation was made by Peterson, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Motion was made by Andersen to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Krusemark Construction & Excavation on the Dixon NE project, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Discussion was had on the agreement with the Soy Transportation Coalition for a \$10,000 grant to use on new design innovations for rural bridge repair. It was decided to use the money on bridge 2905P (Krusemark Bridge) on the 1- & 6-year road plan. Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Peterson. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Right of Way agreements with TJP Enterprises and Marvin & Karen Flaugh for the Emerson North culvert project were received. Motion was made by Hassler to sign the agreements that were received, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Chair Lunz stated that she had talked with County Engineer, Brian McDonald and he stated that he would have plans for bridge 405 on 888 road for next month's meeting.

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Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, developed a spreadsheet of bridge locations with GPS coordinates. It also includes bridges under twenty feet.

Discussion was had on purchasing a gravel retriever, road drag and leasing a tractor. Supervisor Hassler will check into lease quotes for tractors. Quotes will be needed on road drags. A quote was received from LyCox Enterprises, Inc. for a gravel retriever. They have been trying it out for the last month. Motion was made by Anderson to purchase a gravel retriever out of ARPA funds, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

A contract was signed in March for fracture critical and regular bridge inspections.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, and Sara Kumm, 911 Coordinator, updated the Board on his activities of the last month. Shea is working with Sara and Lisa Lunz on a Cyber Security Plan in conjunction with Applied Connective and CISA. There was a fire chiefs meeting in Concord. He and Sara are getting quotes on radios for the fire department radios for their ARPA grant submissions. Sara stated that the request for matching funds from the Gardener Foundation was denied. She will continue to look for other funding sources and grants. Shea is still working with FEMA on the flood projects. As the projects are completed, he is turning in the documentation. Sara attended Certified Training Officer training; her second certification is completed. She still needs EMD & Dispatch Supervisor certifications.

Sara stated that Statewide Radio is coming to the NE Region in two weeks. Emergency Medical dispatch has been approved. She is getting a medical director. The Newcastle tower is being repaired this week. The support cables, brackets and the antenna were damaged by the Derecho in May. She is looking into setting up the towers for routine inspections per insurance requirements.

Sara handed out a grant breakdown for 2021-2022. Total grant expenditures equaled \$43,930.81 grants covered \$35,553.50 of that cost, so the total cost to the county was \$7,222.75.

Since completion of the road map there are two roads that were not on the map and need named. The first is off 878 Road going to Ketter's. Discussion with Shea & Sara have determined that it should be named 5925 Avenue. The other road is off Highland Road going into the Schram property. The determination is that this road should be named 8825 Road. Motion was made by Blohm to name those roads accordingly and add them to the 911 map. Seconded by Hassler. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Shea and Sara will see if a road in Hooker Township going to Stewarts off Highway 9 needs a name.

The Safety Committee met on July 11, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. There were four accidents to report. Tornado shelters have been installed at the road sheds. There were no Safety Committee recommendations.

Supervisor Blohm asked Shea and Sara about installing a radio channel to the existing emergency radios so the road workers can communicate between themselves. They said they would look into it.

Dixon County's NIRMA Crime Policy with regard to bonding of County Officials was approved on a motion by Andersen and second by Peterson. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

An engagement agreement with Lutz & Co., P.C. for ARPA consulting was received. Chair Lunz recommended that we not sign the agreement since we get excellent advice from NACO.

The meeting to determine final levy allocations for misc. subdivisions was set for August 25, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

The mileage reimbursement rate change to .625 cents per mile effective July 1, 2022, was approved on a motion by Peterson and a second by Nicholson. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

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Due to the raise in gas prices discussion was had on increasing mileage rates for Supervisors for checking roads. Currently it is set at \$150.00 per month.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Blohm to allow the disposition of non-working equipment from the County Treasurer. The list is on file at the County Clerk's office. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The Officials met for their quarterly meeting in June. Brandon & Jarod with Applied Connective Technologies were there to talk about the importance of Cyber Security. They shared recommendations for updating our security. The sheriff's server is at end of life so they recommended installing a new server for the whole courthouse and installing a new fire wall. The County Clerk received a quote for the new server for \$18,230.19 and fire wall application for \$125.00 per month. Motion was made by Hassler seconded by Peterson to approve the server and firewall upgrade and that the server should be paid for out of ARPA funds. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The NE Nebraska District Health Department needs a member appointed to the board. Terry Nicholson, board member on the health department committee, recommended Terry Hoffman for the position. Motion to appoint Terry Hoffman to the NE Nebraska District Health Board was made by Peterson, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Chair Lunz stated that with the resignation of Iris Dutton and Peggy Gregg from the RC&D we need to fill those positions. The Board was asked to find volunteers for the positions.

Ben Fuller, Summit Carbon Solutions, was present to give an update on the C02 pipeline.

Chair Lunz stated that Supervisors Blohm and Hassler will be meeting with Navigator later in the month.

Sara Kumm, 911 Coordinator, received information regarding the radio channel for the road workers. She contacted Tri-State Communications and they told her they could put in a channel with a 1-mile range. They would need to apply for an FCC license.

At 10:50 Chair Lunz called for a 10-minute break.

The Board recessed to meet as Board of Equalization and reconvened with all members present.

The Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:10 A.M. with all members present.

Courthouse repairs were discussed. Prochaska stated in a phone call to the custodian that the damp on the east side of the courthouse could be due to poor drainage. Most of the sheet rock on the interior of the Assessor's vault was removed and it was extremely wet and the brick are crumbling. Supervisor Peterson suggested that we call Charles Kneifl from Pender and Thrasher for consultation & quotes on improving the drainage and sealing the brick somehow. Don Andersen said that he has Casey Roofing coming out to inspect and give an estimate on repairing the roof on the 1938 side of the courthouse.

The six-month report from the Historical Society was reviewed.

The County Treasurer's Six-Month Report was approved on a motion by Peterson and second by Anderson. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The County Official's Fee Reports and Treasurer's List of Pledged Securities were approved on a motion by Anderson and second by Peterson. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

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The Board discussed the grant process for designating ARPA funds. Supervisors will be required to fill out an application for machinery purchases. The Health Department is going to apply for funds with the option to reapply if they need more. The funds must be earmarked by 2024 and spent by 2026.

The County will receive money from the Opioid Settlement lawsuit for the next seven years. The funds need to be for drug prevention or treatment. Motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Peterson to deposit the funds into the K-9 Fund. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

A Resolution from Newcastle Township was received requesting that Dixon County take over maintenance of 587 Avenue from Highway 12 to 883 Road between Sections 35 & 36, Township 31 North, Range 5 East, approximately .75 miles. Motion to accept the road was made by Anderson and a second by Hassler. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None. **Resolution in Resolution & Ordinances Book 3, Page 195.00**

Galena Township has approached Supervisor Peterson about entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the County to take over maintenance of their roads. Discussion was had on how to log maintenance of those roads and how much to charge. Motion was made by Anderson to charge \$200.00 an hour for maintaining and snow removal, seconded by Hassler. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The Board toured the jail.

The Board took a break for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with all members present.

County Attorney, Leland Miner was present to discuss legal concerns of the Board. He informed the Board that he has tried to contact Nick Matney, Attorney for Cedar County regarding the road closing on 576 Avenue, between Sections 7-31-4 and 12-31-3 between Cedar and Dixon Counties.

Road mowing is set by State Statute 39-1811. All landowners are required by law to mow their roadsides adjoining county or township roads. There are a few landowners who do not mow. The Board discussed the protocol for violation of that statute. 1. If the road has not been mowed after the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline a letter will be sent by the County to the landowner. 2. If after 2 weeks there is non-compliance the County Attorney can file a complaint and the landowner can be cited for the violation. 3. If the County has to go mow the road a fee can be assessed against the property. 4. The fee for the violation will be \$200.00 per machine hour with a minimum charge of 1 hour from the time they leave the shop. A motion was made by Anderson to adopt the mowing protocol as stated above, seconded by Peterson. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The following claims were presented by the Claims Committee:

**CO-Capital Outlay, ER-Equipment Rental, INS-Insurance, EL-Election, K9-Canine, LS-Legal Services, MA-Materials, MI-Miscellaneous, OE-Operating Expenses, PY-Prior Years Service, RE-Reimbursement, RP-Repairs, SU-Supplies, TT-Tax Transfer, TS-Technology Services, VS-Vendor Services**

### GENERAL FUND

Alpine Lawn Service	OE	\$	45.00
Deric Anderson	RE	\$	187.20
Don Andersen	RE	\$	290.00
Bank Of Dixon County	OE/MI	\$	149.46
Bank Of Dixon County	MI	\$	978.22

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Bostwick Auto & Equipment Inc.,	RP	\$	92.00
C & C Country Store, LLC	OE	\$	20.59
Jose Casillas	RE	\$	20.33
Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$	16.00
Counsel	VS	\$	32.99
Counsel	VS	\$	198.27
Crary Law Firm	LS	\$	38.00
Crowne Plaza - Kearney	MI	\$	249.90
Cubby's Corporate Office	OE	\$	4,093.24
DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	TS	\$	65.00
DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	TS	\$	65.00
DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	TS	\$	448.00
DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	TS	\$	30.88
Detectachem	MI	\$	64.80
Dixon County Clk Dist Ct	LS	\$	35.00
Dixon County Clk Dist Ct	OE	\$	58.00
Dixon County Court	LS	\$	66.00
Dodge County	OE	\$	2,608.27
Audrey Dohma	PY	\$	16.00
Don Groves Repair	RP	\$	225.00
Eakes Office Plus	MI	\$	163.26
Egley, Fullner, Montag, Hockabout, AAL	LS	\$	475.00
Kathy Eifert	PY	\$	18.00
Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple	LS	\$	2,738.42
Gill Hauling Inc	OE	\$	159.65
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	\$	1,102.13
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$	2,199.68
Steven Hassler	RE	\$	281.39
The Home Depot Pro	SU	\$	766.53
J & J Welding	RP	\$	200.00
Jorgensen Law Office	LS	\$	8,921.92
Justice Fire & Safety	OE	\$	483.50
K & K Catering	OE	\$	2,302.50
Jean Krusemark	RE	\$	35.10
Lisa Lunz	RE	\$	150.00
M I P S, Inc	TS	\$	2,660.86
Alan Mackling	PY	\$	13.00
Donald L. Mackling	PY	\$	16.00
Menards-Sioux City	SU	\$	67.82
Midwest Alarm Company Inc.,	OE	\$	440.00
Nebraska Health & Human Services	LS	\$	90.00
Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$	26.73
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$	45.61

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Northeast Power	OE	\$	1,908.22
One Office Solution	SU/MI	\$	815.56
Overhead Door Company Of Sioux City	RP	\$	319.00
Roger Peterson	RE	\$	150.00
Paul Pfister	PY	\$	11.00
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$	281.67
Cindy Purucker	RE	\$	280.80
Region IV Inc.	VS	\$	2,035.50
Quincy Rich	OE	\$	250.00
Quin Rohan	RE/MI	\$	662.49
Shea Scollard	SU	\$	75.00
Siouxland Community Health Center	OE	\$	524.00
Staples Credit Plan	SU	\$	56.45
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlsn, Buettner	LS	\$	1,762.02
The Apothecary Shop	MI	\$	28.23
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln	OE	\$	541.67
University Of Nebraska-Lincoln	OE	\$	90.24
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$	80.02
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$	405.74
Mitiku Mamo	RE	\$	77.81
Wakefield Republican	VS	\$	279.90
Robert Wendte	PY	\$	18.00
Woodhouse Ford Sioux City	RP	\$	353.00

## ROAD FUND

American Broadband Cable	OE	\$	73.00
Butch's Propane, Inc	OE	\$	11,537.00
Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$	160.62
Marvin & Karen Flaugh	OE	\$	240.00
Gary Backhaus Gravel, LLC	OE	\$	18,764.72
J E O Consulting Group Inc	VS	\$	15,811.25
Jerry's Service, Inc.	OE	\$	4,738.78
Knife River - South Dakota	OE	\$	13,516.10
Lead, Inc	OE	\$	11,381.94
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	VS	\$	66.05
Marrons Convenience & Service	OE	\$	5,009.70
Roger Mccoy	VS	\$	1,937.50
MCS Trucking	OE	\$	5,804.42
Wyatt & Lynn Mellick	OE	\$	375.00
Arnold Mellick	RE	\$	747.79
NMC Exchange, LLC	VS	\$	4,191.97
Ne Neb Tire & Trailer Sales Inc	OE	\$	157.50
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$	164.95

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Northeast Power	OE	\$ 157.60
Northside Glass Service, LLC	RP	\$ 175.00
Powerplan	MA	\$ 1,341.86
Rod's Repair	RP	\$ 258.00
Running Supply Inc.,	SU	\$ 32.97
S & S Willers, Inc.	OE	\$ 19,070.31
Studevants Auto Parts	SU	\$ 18.50
Village Of Allen	OE	\$ 91.65
Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$ 71.36
Wakefield Republican	VS	\$ 149.00
Warren Oil	OE	\$ 6,000.35
J.J. Watkins	RE	\$ 25.00

## INSURANCE FUND

Dixon Co. Health Ins.	INS	\$ 65,411.51
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 22,880.59
Mercy Business Hlth Serv/Urgnt Care	VS	\$ 102.00
U.S. Treasury	MI	\$ 322.42

## 2430 CANINE (K-9) FUND

Bank Of Dixon County	K-9	\$ 659.05
Canine Tactical, LLC	K-9	\$ 6,900.00

## 2700 INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Prochaska & Associates Inc.	VS	\$ 5,435.41
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## 2910 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Century Link	OE	\$ 537.08
Centurylink	OE	\$ 1.37
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	\$ 384.18
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 549.92
H M E, Inc	SU	\$ 74.00
Sara Kumm	MI	\$ 111.74
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$ 249.40
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 373.84
Presto-X-Company	VS	\$ 116.00
VISA	SU	\$ 8.76

## 2965 COMMISSARY FUND

Bank Of Dixon County	SU	\$ 99.96
Chesterman Company	SU	\$ 80.28

## NOXIOUS WEED FUND

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Bomgaars	SU	\$	106.22
Marlin Bose	RE	\$	42.12
Zach Harder	VS	\$	175.00
Raymond T Kneifl	RE	\$	46.80
Jim Lunz	RE	\$	46.80
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$	90.71
Northeast Power	OE	\$	117.90
Jon Rahn	RE	\$	5.86
Cole Roeber	RE	\$	46.80
U.S. Cellular	OE	\$	103.91
Village Of Allen	OE	\$	90.15

## GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	\$	935.43
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	42,698.91
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	43.00
First Concord Benefits Group	\$	818.33
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #91	\$	770.00
Legalshield	\$	152.55
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	985.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	18,159.25
Retirement Plans Service Center	\$	100.00
Washington National Ins Co.	\$	15.17

## Road Fund

AFLAC	\$	218.74
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	7,396.56
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	9.00
Liberty National	\$	10.00
Nebraska Child Support	\$	657.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	3,405.79
Washington National Ins Co.	\$	35.95

## 985 Child Support Fund

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	80.47
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	34.05

## 2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

AFLAC	\$	147.68
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	1,108.28
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	487.50
Mass Mutual Retirement	\$	25.00

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## NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 2,201.33
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 2.00
Nebraska Child Support	\$ 475.76
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 803.79

Motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Andersen to allow all claims for payment. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Public comment – Cindy Geis stated that the upset by the current activists in the Republican Party movement was not exactly as it was portrayed in the media. She went on to explain some of the occurrences that happened due to the activists.

Assessor, Amy Watchorn, County Clerk, Cindy Purucker, Treasurer, JoAnn Brennan, Clerk of District Court, Quin Rohan and Sheriff Tom Decker met with the Board to discuss budget expectations with regard to salary increases for Courthouse employees. Officials are bound by the resolution adopted in December 2021. Amy Watchorn told the Board that the County officials met on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss cost of living increases for their employees. The CPI for May was 8.9% and in June rose to 9.5% due to the rise in cost of living. The officials recommended a proposed raise of \$2.42 hr. for employees. The road employees are bound by the union contract so their wages are set for the time being until they are out of CIR. Discussion was had by the Board and they recommended a \$3.00 per hour wage increase due to the high inflation. The decision will be given later in the meeting.

Annette Sudbeck, NRD, Taylor Letexier, NRCS soil specialist and Curtiss Armstrong, NRD Board, were present to discuss flood concerns and impacts on flooding to the City of Ponca. Annette told the Board that the South Creek Watershed has almost 250,000 acres in their watershed. It all drains into South Creek and ultimately into the AOWA Creek. Annette stated that there are funds through PIFR for a feasibility study which the NRD would be the program sponsor. They asked the county if they could see the need and would support the first step. Annette also stated that she will be visiting with the Ponca City Council in the future. The consensus of the Board was to support the benefits of the first step of a feasibility study for watershed needs.

Motion was made by Hassler to approve the proposed wage increase of \$3.00 hr. for cost of living for courthouse employees, seconded by Nicholson. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Voting No: Andersen.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Noxious Weed Board had a deposit of \$285.00 this month.

Correspondence was reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None. The Board adjourned at 2:40 P.M.



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**ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER  
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

**LISA LUNZ, CHAIR  
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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There were no tax list corrections or exemption applications.

The TERC hearing for the Ponca Rodeo Association set for June 30, 2022 was continued to a later date.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors.

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**ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER  
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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**LISA LUNZ, CHAIR  
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**