

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on July 11, 2023 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 Peterson 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 Nicholson, seconded by Blohm 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.

Engineer, Brian McDonald and part-time Road Supt., Arnold Mellick to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects.

Engineer Brian McDonald discussed that The Northern Long Eared Bat has become endangered. There are now regulation & restrictions that have to be followed for construction projects.

Engineer, McDonald presented a paint striping bid from Iowa Plains Signing. The board thought the bid was too high and would like to get another bid. It was tabled until the August meeting.

Approval to sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed & Contract for crack sealing was given on a Motion by Blohm, 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.

Approval to sign the Resolution Certifying Proper Completion of Project for Newcastle SW for Bridge match funds. **Resolution in Resolution & Ordinances Book 3, Page 329.** Motion was made by Anderson, 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.

Approve and sign Resolution of Final Acceptance of Emerson North Road project. **Resolution in Resolution & Ordinances Book 3, Page 327.** 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.

Motion was made by Anderson to approve Change Order #1 for Maskell North 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.

Motion was made by Anderson to approve Pay Application #1 for Maskell North 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.

Driveway access was discussed for the US Cellular tower west of Newcastle. Motion was made by Andersen, to approve the placement of the driveway per Engineer, Brian McDonald's recommendation, Seconded 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.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, Reported the Logan Watershed Maps are almost completed.

NEMA/FEMA Money should be coming after sites inspections.

Sara Kumm, E911, reported they are re-programming the towers for repeaters for Fire Departments to reduce interference will take place next week.

Applied Connective will be adding 2 drivers to the server.

The 911 audit due will determine next year's grant amount.

Cedar County project - the tower is up and working on installing their equipment.

August 1st will be the National Night Out at the City Park in Emerson.

The incident report for dispatch calls is posted on their Facebook page showing incoming calls for the Sheriff's department.

The Safety Committee recommended the Board look into a mobile/portable fuel tank for the Newcastle Road Dept.

Motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Hassler, to allow the Assessor to dispose of non-functioning items listed on the inventory. 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 list is on file in the County Clerks Office.

Motion to allow the Treasurer to dispose of nonfunctioning items listed on inventory 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. The list is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion to approve Dixon County's NIRMA Crime Policy with regard to bonding of County Officials. Was made by Peterson, seconded 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.

The Board recessed to meet as Board of Equalization.

The Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors with all members present.

County Attorney, Leland Miner, discussed the Ponca East Project and talked to landowners regarding the possible site of the new Courthouse/Jail.

Discussion was had on the 3-year grant for a Wakefield School Resource Officer. Motion was made by Nicholson and seconded by Anderson to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding for the Wakefield Resource Officer. 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.

Assessor, Amy Watchorn, County Clerk, Cindy Purucker, Treasurer, JoAnn Brennan, Clerk of District Court, Quin Rohan, and Attorney Leland Miner 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 23rd to discuss cost of living increases for their employees. The CPI for May was 3.7%. The officials recommended a proposed raise of \$2.00 an hour for the courthouse employees. The road employees were given a raise in April. Discussion was had by the Board and they recommended a \$1.50 per hour wage increase. The decision will be given later in the meeting.

A letter was received from the Allen American Legion Post recommending Dean Chase be appointed as the Allen area Veteran's Service Committee member. Supervisor Peterson made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded 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.

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Hassler, to approve the resolution for Cash-In-Lieu for 2023. 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.

Board had Quarterly tour of jail.

12:00 P.M. Board took break for lunch.

1:00 P.M. Reconvened as Board of Supervisors.

Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Nicholson, to set date of August 22nd, 2023 @ 1:00 P.M. to determine final levy allocations for misc. subdivisions. 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.

Heidi Borg, Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith's office, was present to address the board.

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Peterson to approve the proposed wage increase of \$1.50 an hour for cost of living for the courthouse employees, seconded 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

Dixon County Clerk, Cindy Purucker submitted a letter of resignation effective September 1st, 2023. After discussion, motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Nicholson to accept her resignation effective September 1st, 2023. 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.

Reviewed Sheriff's Distress Warrant List and Treasurer's Distress Warrant Report.

The County Treasurer's Six-Month Report was approved on a motion by Andersen and second 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.

The Six-Month Report from the Historical Society was reviewed.

The County Official's Fee Reports and Treasurer's List of Pledged Securities were approved on a motion by Andersen and Second 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.

Courthouse/Jail Discussion, Courthouse officials updated the Board on visiting with Prochaska to go over essential needs of each office.

Motion was made by Andersen, seconded by Blohm, to allow all claims for payment with the exception of Visual Edge Copier 23-24 Contract. 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.

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

Courthouse empl.,supv. & coord.	Salaries	
Mark D. Albin	LS	\$ 156.75
Alpine Lawn Service	VS	\$ 30.00
Deric Anderson	RE	\$ 200.00
Applied Connective Technologies	OE	\$ 3,960.00
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 345.84
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 781.60
Bomgaars	SU	\$ 32.98
Joann Brennan	RE	\$ 590.81
Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$ 16.00
Civil Engineers & Constructors, LLC	VS	\$ 11,850.00
Comfort Inn - Kearney	OE	\$ 479.80
Consolidated Management Company	OE	\$ 163.25
Crary Law Firm	LS	\$ 237.50
Crowne Plaza - Kearney	OE	\$ 279.90
Cubby's Coporate Office	OE	\$ 2,104.02
Dakota County Correctional Facility	OE	\$ 110.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 65.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 65.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 1,092.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 30.88
Dixon County Clk Dist Ct	OE	\$ 325.81
Dixon County Court	OE	\$ 49.00
Dixon County Sherriff's Office	OE	\$ 26.69
Dodge County	OE	\$ 2,282.24
Audrey Dohma	PY	\$ 16.00
Eakes Office Plus	SU	\$ 1,116.57
Kathy Eifert	PY	\$ 18.00
Gill Hauling Inc	VS	\$ 201.13
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	\$ 1,107.86
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 2,642.81
Sheryl Hangman	PY	\$ 69.24
Doris G. Hinz	PY	\$ 57.70
The Home Depot Pro	SU	\$ 329.66
Hometown Leasing	VS	\$ 282.42
Jeffrey L Hrouda Attorney At Law	LS	\$ 1,134.75
K & K Catering	OE	\$ 2,494.50
Keller Pharmacy	OE	\$ 76.95
Rebecca Kneifl	RE	\$ 35.37
Landmark Surveying Associates	VS	\$ 3,063.60
Laurel Advocate	VS	\$ 43.50
Lisa Lunz	RE	\$ 437.54
M I P S, Inc	TS	\$ 2,881.73
Alan Mackling	PY	\$ 13.00
Donald L. Mackling	PY	\$ 16.00
Menards-Sioux City	SU	\$ 109.29

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Mitiku Mamo	RE	\$ 176.85
N A C E B	OE	\$ 100.00
Nebraska Health & Human Services	LS	\$ 93.00
Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$ 87.52
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$ 46.04
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 1,889.36
One Office Solution	TS	\$ 722.31
Penas Tires	OE	\$ 131.00
Roger Peterson	RE	\$ 600.00
Paul Pfister	PY	\$ 11.00
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$ 235.13
Postmaster of Ponca	OE	\$ 39.60
Region IV Behavioral Health Center	LS	\$ 4,274.25
Steven Sands	RE	\$ 616.62
Shea Scollard	RE	\$ 75.00
Security Shredding Services	VS	\$ 70.00
Cathy Stilwell	RE	\$ 311.78
Stratton,Delay,Doele,Carlsn,Buettnr	LS	\$ 2,461.78
Dale Taylor, Jr	PY	\$ 57.70
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln	OE	\$ 541.67
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 80.02
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 405.60
VISA	OE	\$ 57.66
Visual Edge IT, Inc	TS	\$ 32.92
Visual Edge IT, Inc	TS	\$ 43.94
Wakefield Republican	VS	\$ 168.95
Robert Wendte	PY	\$ 18.00
Woodhouse Ford Sioux City	OE	\$ 1,117.07

ROAD FUND

<i>Road Employees</i>		<i>Salaries</i>
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 4,273.39
Bomgaars	OE	\$ 1,528.45
Fastwyre Broadband	OE	\$ 78.00
Grossenburg Imp	OE	\$ 1,200.00
J E O Consulting Group Inc	VS	\$ 42,838.75
L G Everist Inc	OE	\$ 9,904.06
Lead, Inc	OE	\$ 1,344.69
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	OE	\$ 70.40
Marrons Convenience & Service	OE	\$ 2,410.25
Roger Mccoy	OE	\$ 1,349.01
Arnold Mellick	RE	\$ 327.50
Miller Building Supply	SU	\$ 11.99
N M C Exchange, LLC	VS	\$ 628.68
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$ 162.40
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 166.25
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	VS	\$ 1,669.50
Powerplan	RP	\$ 1,094.04
Rod's Repair	VS	\$ 1,711.99
Running Supply Inc.,	VS	\$ 178.86
Austen & Laura Stewart	VS	\$ 6,500.00
Tri County Aggregates	OE	\$ 40,992.82
Village of Allen	OE	\$ 93.40
Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$ 77.06
Warren Oil	OE	\$ 5,984.70
Wynot Oil, LLC	OE	\$ 3,478.47

County Visitors Improvement Fund

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Little Red Hen Theatre VS \$ 3,000.00

INSURANCE FUND

Group Resources of Iowa, LLC INS \$ 26,727.70
 Mercy Business Hlth Serv/Urgnt Care OE \$ 110.40
 U.S. Treasury LS \$ 324.61

CANINE (K-9) FUND

Bank of Dixon County K9 \$ 40.65
 Anna Brewer K9 \$ 649.20

COVID AMERICA RESCUE PLAN FUND

Electronic Engineering Company TS \$ 5,373.58
 Motorola Solutions, Inc TS \$ 5,251.40
 Theisen Construction Inc VS \$ 399,375.95

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Woods & Aitken, LLP LS \$ 2,567.50

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

<i>E-911 Employee</i>		<i>SALARY</i>
Electronic Engineering Company	TS	\$ 1,200.00
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	\$ 384.18
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 661.36
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$ 249.40
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 376.64
Presto-X-Company	VS	\$ 131.08
Tri-State Communications, Inc	TS	\$ 2,033.00

911 WIRELESS HOLDING FUND

City of Norfolk OE \$ 149.12
 OPTK Networks OE \$ 622.44

COMMISSARY FUND

Bank of Dixon County OE \$ 437.22

NOXIOUS WEED FUND

<i>Noxious Weed Employees</i>		<i>SALARIES</i>
Marlin Bose	RE	\$ 70.74
Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$ 41.98
Farmer's Pride Cooperative	OE	\$ 2,221.40
Grossenburg Imp	RP	\$ 1,110.13
Raymond T Kneifl	RE	\$ 62.88
Jim Lunz	RE	\$ 62.88
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$ 97.89
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 120.49
Postmaster of Allen	SU	\$ 91.50
Jon Rahn	RE	\$ 3.94
Cole Roeber	RE	\$ 62.88
U.S. Cellular	OE	\$ 107.57
Village of Allen	OE	\$ 92.20

General Fund

AFLAC \$ 894.22
 Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct \$ 43,957.11
 Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275 \$ 42.00
 First Concord Benefits Group \$ 820.83
 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#91 \$ 800.00
 Legalshield \$ 104.70

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Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$ 1,085.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 18,738.43
Retirement Plans Service Center	\$ 100.00
Washington National Ins Co.	\$ 15.17

Roads / Bridge Fund

AFLAC	\$ 218.74
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 10,238.13
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 10.00
Liberty National	\$ 10.00
Nebraska Child Support	\$ 164.25
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 4,149.74
Washington National Ins Co.	\$ 35.95

2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

AFLAC	\$ 147.68
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 1,169.15
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 1.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 516.75
Mass Mutual Retirement	\$ 25.00

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 2,715.97
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 2.00
Nebraska Child Support	\$ 475.76
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 920.79

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Anderson 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 2:25 P.M.

**ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Equalization met on July 12, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting in the Jury Room in the Dixon County Courthouse in Ponca, Nebraska. Chair Lisa Lunz 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 and Amy Watchorn, Dixon County Assessor. Chair Lunz gave notice to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law.

Motion was made by Blohm seconded by Andersen to show by the records that this meeting was preceded by due and legal notice. 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 Hassler 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.

There was one tax list correction. Motion was made by Peterson to approve the Tax list correction. Seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion

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were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

The TERC hearing was held in Norfolk July 10th for the Ponca Rodeo Association Grounds.

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

**ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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

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