

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on July 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting at the Dixon County Annex Building 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: Roger Peterson. Also present were Cathy Stilwell, 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 Nicholson, seconded by Andersen to show 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson. Engineer, Brian McDonald and part-time Road Supt., Arnold Mellick to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. Engineer Brian McDonald discussed the Dairy Road Project, the bid was not awarded due to the contract with Wakefield Natural Gas has not signed and can't get signed for a couple of weeks. The July 22nd start date will need to be changed at the Dairy's expense due to them needing to haul silage. Bid will be awarded at the August 13th meeting.

The Newcastle Bridge will be a spring project.

The Frerichs Project is waiting for the County Surveyor to set a section corner.

The 9:30 A.M. hearing for the Clark Township Road was not held due to the correction of procedures, a resolution needs to be signed. Motion by Hassler, seconded by Blohm to sign Resolution and set new hearing date of August 13, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. to consider whether or not to vacate or abandon 580 Avenue in the West 1/2 of Section 26, or the East 1/2 of Section 27, Township 29, Range 4. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson

At 9:35 bids were opened for the construction of the "Ponca West, NE Bridge:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate Bid	Start Date
Dixon Construction	\$715,571.03	\$67,482.59	Sept. 16, 2024
General Excavation	\$907,178.75	\$155,691.00	Oct 1, 2024
Herbst	\$799,134.75	\$164,197.00	August 12, 2024
Theisen Construction	\$685,629.15	\$85,477.45	August 22, 2024
JMN	\$728,731.08	\$183,999.00	August 31, 2024.

Motion by Blohm, seconded by Anderson, bid awarded to the low bidder Theisen Construction pending review of details Next meeting On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

Sara Kumm, E911, reported the Martinsburg radio issue was corrected their vehicle was missing a speaker. They swapped antennas on the towers. There will be training with the assistant chief's and radio equipment. North and South Towers issues are being corrected and repaired. The towers will be getting maintenance while the crews are there. Cedar County is back on track with their line of communication. The Dixon County Fair is going on they have had two instances so far.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, updated the board on the Department of Natural Resources Flood plan maps. There are 164 structures in the flood plan, letters were sent out by the Department of Natural Resources. Scollard also gave updates on the recent flooding around the area, Ponca State Park did not flood, the water was high but there was no flooding. The Missouri river is reported to have a lot of debris and waste from the Vermillion River.

Jerry Berggren from Berggren Architects PC talked with the board about option considerations.

The Board recessed to meet as Board of Equalization.

The Board reconvened at 11:08 A.M.

Assessor, Amy Watchorn, County Clerk, Cathy Stilwell, Treasurer, JoAnn Brennan, Clerk of District Court, Quin Rohan, and Sheriff Tom Decker met with the Board to discuss budget expectations regarding salary cost of living increases for Courthouse employees. The officials recommended a proposed raise of \$3.00 an hour for the courthouse employees. The decision will be given later in the meeting.

Elaine Menzel from NACO visited with the County Board events and updates.

Board had Quarterly tour of jail.

The Board of Supervisors recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Steve Hassler, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz present. Absent: Roger Peterson.

There was no public comment.

Amy Topp from the University of Nebraska presented a one-year interlocal lease agreement for the Dixon County extension office. After reviewing the Board suggested a 3-to-5-year lease agreement. There will be further discussion in August.

County Attorney, Leland Miner met with the board to discuss county legal business.

Discussion regarding Utility Application/ Resolution will be in August.

There were no Safety Committee recommendations.

Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC was present to talk to the board regarding the budget program.

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Nicholson, to set date of August 21, 2024 @ 9:00 A.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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson

The board discussed the Officials request for cost of living raises for County Employees. Motion was made by Hassler to approve a wage increase of \$1.25 an hour for the Dixon County employees, with the exception of Board of Supervisors, 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

There was no change in the Cash-in-Lieu for 2024.

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 Blohm and 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson

Motion by Hassler, seconded by Nicholson to approve the County Clerk to designate JPH Postcard Printing and Mailing Service as the printing service for the joint public hearing postcards.

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 Anderson 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Hassler, to allow the Sheriff 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Anderson, to allow Sara Kumm,E911 Director 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Nicholson, to allow the Treasurer 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

Steve Hassler left the meeting at 2:52 P.M.

There were no committee reports.

Discussion of the Courthouse repairs that may need to take place this year. The roof on both sides of the building, estimated around \$49,000.00. Tuck Pointing, water inside of the wall on 3rd floor, replacing the breaker boxes, windows sealed from the outside, courtroom, DMV, Assessors office and mothers room floors, ceiling tiles, bubbling on walls due to water, concrete on sidewalks. Sub pumps in the basement are running continuously, one small one was replaced in June the other 5 are past the estimated lifespan.

ARPA grant funds was discussed.

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

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	\$	
Deric Anderson	RE		\$	214.35
Applied Connective Technologies	TS		\$	4,420.20
Art Kathol Appliance, Inc.	VS		\$	1,410.13
Axon Enterprises, Inc.	OE		\$	11.00
Bank of Dixon County	OE		\$	1,713.79

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Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	13.90
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Joann Brennan	RE	\$	268.22
Brite	TS	\$	8,253.00
Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$	16.00
Comfort Inn - Kearney	OE	\$	239.90
Control Masters, Inc.	TS	\$	3,246.82
Copple, Rocky, Schlecht, Mason & Werth	LS	\$	834.18
Crary Law Firm	LS	\$	152.00
Cubby's Corporate Office	OE	\$	2,862.24
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$	230.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$	751.60
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$	150.00
Dixon County Clerk of District Court	OE	\$	35.00
Dixon County Court	OE	\$	237.00
Doc Jay's Auto Repair	VS	\$	89.21
Dodge County	OE	\$	2,282.24
Audrey Dohma	PY	\$	16.00
Eakes Office Plus	SU	\$	273.10
Egley, Fullner, Montag, Hockabout, AAL	LS	\$	2,287.29
Kathy Eifert	PY	\$	18.00
Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple	LS	\$	2,417.78
Gill Hauling, Inc.	VS	\$	439.64
Great Plains Comm, Inc.	OE	\$	1,607.66
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$	3,022.65
Sheryl Hangman	PY	\$	34.62
Steven Hassler	RE	\$	40.87
The Home Depot Pro	SU	\$	357.37
Hometown Leasing	OE	\$	292.66
Hotsy Equipment	VS	\$	234.50
H2O4U, Inc.	OE	\$	87.00
K & K Catering	OE	\$	1,750.50
Landmark Surveying Associates	VS	\$	744.00
Lisa Lunz	RE	\$	318.92
M C I	OE	\$	131.97
M I P S, Inc.	OE	\$	2,718.78
Alan Mackling	PY	\$	13.00
Midwest Alarm Service	SU	\$	83.58
Miller Building Supply	RP	\$	8.28
N A C O	OE	\$	250.00
NE Neb Tire & Trailer Sales, Inc.	RP	\$	856.83
Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts	OE	\$	4,544.25
Nebraska Health & Human Services	OE	\$	84.00
Nebraska Journal Leader	OE	\$	953.80
Nebraska Law Enforcement	OE	\$	175.00
Northeast Community College	OE	\$	40.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	46.70
Northeast Power	OE	\$	1,935.15
One Office Solution	VS/OE	\$	371.68
Roger Peterson	RE	\$	600.00
Paul Pfister	PY	\$	11.00
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$	6.05
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$	202.39
Quality Power & Control Electric, LLC	VS	\$	110.00
Ramada Midtown Conference Center	OE	\$	214.00
Region IV Behavioral Health System	OE	\$	4,368.25
Region IV, Inc.	OE	\$	2,035.50
Quin Rohan	RE	\$	28.75
Katie Scollard	VS	\$	540.00
Shea Scollard	OE	\$	75.00

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Security Shredding Services	VS	\$	80.00
Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlsn, Buettnr	LS	\$	14,768.95
Dale Taylor, Jr.	PY	\$	57.70
The Apothecary Shop	OE	\$	35.54
Thrasher, Inc.	VS	\$	802.58
Thurston County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$	1,860.00
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$	80.02
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Vermillion Ace Hardware	SU	\$	262.87
VISA	OE	\$	19.89
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	VS	\$	80.19
Wakefield Republican	OE	\$	576.53
Amy Watchorn	RE	\$	17.00
Robert Wendte	PY	\$	18.00

ROAD FUND

Road Employees

Salaries \$ 42,746.58

B's Enterprises, Inc.	VS	\$	8,130.00
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	4,273.39
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	46.58
Bomgaars	SU	\$	164.47
John R. Bozell	VS	\$	2,723.11
Countryside Gas & Grocery	OE	\$	4,544.38
Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$	823.09
Grossenburg Imp	ER	\$	2,400.00
Hansen Brothers Parts & Service, Inc.	OE	\$	24.82
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	VS	\$	19,951.25
L G Everist, Inc.	OE	\$	1,666.44
Marron's Convenience & Service	OE	\$	1,767.82
Marx Dust Control	VS	\$	1,980.00
Roger Mccoy	VS	\$	1,080.00
Arnold Mellick	RE	\$	335.00
NMC Exchange, LLC	RP	\$	680.92
NE Neb Tire & Trailer Sales, Inc.	RP	\$	1,658.00
Preston Nelson	RE	\$	720.00
Niobrara Lodge	OE	\$	214.00
Northeast Nebaska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	328.09
Northeast Power	OE	\$	169.62
Northside Glass Service, LLC	VS	\$	225.00
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$	5,850.20
Powerplan	RP	\$	8,102.51
Rod's Repair	RP	\$	60.00
Rush Trucking, Inc.	OE	\$	462.24
Tri County Aggregates	OE	\$	4,311.66
Village of Allen	OE	\$	110.05
Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$	74.81
Wakefield Republican	VS	\$	108.00
Warren Oil	OE	\$	5,882.80
Wiechelma Repair, Inc.	RP	\$	245.21
Wynot Oil, LLC	VS	\$	1,768.94

HWY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Dakota County	OE	\$	30,915.57
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COUNTY VISITORS IMPOVEMENT FUND

Nebraska Journal Leader	OE	\$	8.64
SE South Dakota Tourism Assoc.	OE	\$	525.00

INSURANCE FUND

Dixon Co. Health Insurance Account	INS	\$	36,324.78
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Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$	24,202.14
Mercy Business Hlth Serv/Urgnt Care	OE	\$	105.92

CANINE (K-9) FUND

Bank of Dixon County	K9	\$	659.48
Wayne Veterinary Clinic	K9	\$	101.24

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Woods & Aitken LLP	LS	\$	385.00
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E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

E-911 Employees

	Salaries	\$	3,394.83
Great Plains Comm, Inc.	OE	\$	384.18
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$	674.21
Sara Kumm	RE	\$	164.52
Northeast Nebaska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	249.40
Northeast Power	OE	\$	421.02
Presto-X-Company	VS	\$	144.18

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND

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

COMMISSARY FUND

Bank of Dixon County	SU	\$	121.20
Chesterman Company	OE	\$	93.60
Debron Sportswear	SU	\$	766.41

NOXIOUS WEED FUND

Noxious Weed Employees

	Salaries	\$	7,508.14
Marlin Bose	RE	\$	104.52
Dirt Road Construction, LLC	VS	\$	3,739.00
Grossenburg Imp	RP	\$	145.51
Raymond T Kneifl	RE	\$	136.68
Jim Lunz	RE	\$	56.28
Northeast Nebaska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	92.26
Northeast Power	OE	\$	101.52
Jon Rahn	RE	\$	8.04
Rod's Repair	RP	\$	198.00
Cole Roeber	RE	\$	64.32
Van Diest Supply Company	SU	\$	513.00
Village of Allen	OE	\$	91.30

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	\$	1,085.31
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	48,762.92
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	43.00
First Concord Benefits Group	\$	824.99
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#91	\$	800.00
Legalshield	\$	100.75
Liberty National	\$	96.78
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	971.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	21,806.87
Washington National Ins Co.	\$	15.17

Roads / Bridge Fund

AFLAC	\$	290.04
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	10,366.50
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	8.00
Liberty National	\$	10.00

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Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas \$ 4,075.61

985 Child Support Agreement

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct \$ 82.45

Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas \$ 36.00

2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

AFLAC \$ 147.68

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct \$ 1,206.49

Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275 \$ 1.00

Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$ 50.00

Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas \$ 541.13

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct \$ 1,662.08

Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275 \$ 1.00

Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas \$ 555.17

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, Terry Nicholson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson and Hassler. The Board adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

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There were no tax list corrections.

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Anderson to approve the rejection of two homestead applications due to inadequate paperwork. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Peterson.

The TERC hearing has not been held for the Ponca Rodeo Association Grounds or The Little Red Hen House.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:06 A.M.

**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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

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