

**DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS**

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on September 10, 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 were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Steve Hassler, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: Deric Anderson. 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 Blohm 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, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Andersen to approve the minutes of the August 13th & August 21st meetings 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Brian McDonald, County Engineer, was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects.

The Board approved the change order with Oban Construction. Motion by Hassler and seconded by Peterson for chair to sign. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

At 9:30 bids were opened for the Newcastle East Project No. 241469.00. Bids were as follows: Dixon Construction Co. \$333,261.00 w/start date 3/3/2025, Herbst Construction Inc. \$281,981.00 w/start date 9/30/2024, JMN Construction LLC \$312,084.75 w/start date Fall/Winter 2024, KEA Constructors LLC \$427,865.50 w/start date 11/1/2024, Nelson & Rock Contracting Inc. \$244,734.81 w/start date 4/14/2025 and Theisen Construction Inc. \$327,707.85 w/start date 4/1/2025. Motion by Blohm to Award bid to Nelson & Rock Contracting Inc. pending review, seconded by Peterson. On roll call Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Arnold Mellick, Road Supt. was present to discuss Cedar County closing a portion of 576 Ave on the Dixon/Cedar County line, running from ¼ mile North of 884 Rd to 886 Rd. Cedar County has contacted Dixon County, the road has not been used for 50+ years. One landowner was present with concerns about closing the road. More information is needed to continue. We need to know where the ¼ mile is in the two miles of the road.

McDonald and the Board reviewed the 2024-2025 1&6 Year Road Plan. Supervisor Blohm made a motion to hold the 1&6 Year Road Plan hearing on October 15, 2024, at 9:15 A.M., 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Discussed the Flood Plan Ordinance. The flood maps will be available in 2026.

Emergency Manager, Shea Scollard and 911 Coordinator, Sara Kumm, were present to discuss ongoing projects. They have been getting ready for The Missouri River Expo on September 21-22. Shea has also been working on the inventories and year end road reports.

Applied Connective was present to discuss the counties cybersecurity and the steps they take daily to prevent cyber-attacks. Providing daily backups and will be doing training for employees.

At 11:00 A.M. the Board recess to convene as the Board of Equalization and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors at 11:15 A.M.

Colonial Life presented the Board with options they could offer to their employees on products they have to offer. Accident, Cancer, Short Term, Hospital and Critical Illness Insurance.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Hassler to allow the Sheriff office to dispose of obsolete equipment. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with all members present. Except: Anderson.

There were no Public Comments.

County Attorney, Leland Miner met with the board on legal issues regarding The Dixon County Utility Policy and Health Insurance.

The County Official's Fee Reports and Treasurer's List of Pledged Securities were approved on a motion by Nicholson, 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Blohm 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

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**

<b>Courthouse empl.,supv. &amp; coord.</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	\$ 175,722.36
Angela Abts	RE	\$ 666.65
Applied Connective Technologies	TS	\$ 8,573.20
Applied Connective Technologies	TS	\$ 4,984.25
Bank of Dixon County	MI	\$ 629.91
Bank of Dixon County	MI	\$ 229.08
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 1,100.55
Gaylen Boettchener Baier PC, LLO	LS	\$ 4,351.54
Julie Boyle	RE	\$ 396.64
BRITE	TS	\$ 1,400.00
Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$ 16.00
Copple, Rocky, Schlecht, Mason & Werth	LS	\$ 332.50
Crowne Plaza - Kearney	OE	\$ 449.85
Cubby's Corporate Office	OE	\$ 3,017.08
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 230.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 230.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 713.60

DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 150.00
Tom Decker	OE	\$ 195.00
Dixon County Clerk of District Court	OE	\$ 38.00
Dixon County Court	LS	\$ 49.00
Dixon County Historical Society	OE	\$ 4,998.00
Dixon County Insurance Fund	INS	\$ 135,452.88
Dixon County Noxious Weed Control	OE	\$ 70,226.06
Dixon County Road Fund	OE	\$ 405,540.88
Dixon County Treasurer	OE	\$ 238.28
Dixon County 911 Emergency Services	TT	\$ 83,888.62
Audrey Dohma	PY	\$ 16.00
Eakes	VS	\$ 332.78
Kathy Eifert	PY	\$ 18.00
Electronic Engineering Company	TS	\$ 58.47
Gill Hauling, Inc.	OE	\$ 219.82
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	OE	\$ 272.91
Great Plains Communications, Inc.	TS	\$ 1,587.50
Grizz Tree Service-Karl Tanderup	VS	\$ 1,400.00
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 3,022.65
Groves Emergency Lighting Install, LLC	VS	\$ 3,110.64
Hasemann Funeral Home	VS	\$ 265.00
Steven Hassler	RE	\$ 91.79
The Home Depot Pro	SU	\$ 220.14
Hometown Leasing	OE	\$ 292.66
H2O4U, Inc.	OE	\$ 74.50
K & K Catering	OE	\$ 2,434.00
Krohn Car Care, LLC	VS	\$ 493.63
Landmark Surveying Associates	VS	\$ 2,627.80
Lexis-Nexis Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	LS	\$ 1,272.03
Lisa Lunz	RE	\$ 200.00
MCI	OE	\$ 132.76
MIPS, Inc.	TS	\$ 2,718.78
Alan Mackling	PY	\$ 13.00
Harlen Mattes	VS	\$ 225.00
Menards-Sioux City	SU	\$ 381.84
Leland K. Miner	RE	\$ 86.56
NACO	OE	\$ 30.00
NE Department of Administrative Services	OE	\$ 264.00
Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service	MA	\$ 109.50
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 46.70
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 1,948.96
One Office Solution	OE	\$ 1,461.08
Paul Pfister	PY	\$ 11.00
Pierce County Sheriff/Jail	OE	\$ 68.40

Pitney Bowes, Inc.	VS	\$	127.80
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$	55.52
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$	205.78
Postmaster of Ponca	SU	\$	90.00
Providence Medical Center	OE	\$	3,802.00
Running Supply, Inc.	VS	\$	82.91
Katie Scollard	VS	\$	540.00
Shea Scollard	RE	\$	75.00
Sioux Sales Company	SU	\$	69.95
Thomson Reuters-West	LS	\$	2,225.55
Thurston County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$	1,440.00
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$	80.02
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$	495.37
Vermillion Ace Hardware	MA	\$	85.47
VISA	OE	\$	106.15
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	VS	\$	456.09
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	VS	\$	83.01
Wakefield Republican	OE	\$	64.00
Robert Wendte	PY	\$	18.00
Woodhouse Ford Sioux City	RP	\$	361.29
Z-Mart	OE	\$	1,880.59

**ROAD FUND**

<b>Road Employees</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,439.38</b>
Auto Value Vermillion	SU	\$	383.97
B's Enterprises, Inc.	VS	\$	8,400.00
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	4,273.39
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	38.58
Bevelhymer Construction, LLC	VS	\$	3,600.00
Bomgaars	SU	\$	291.70
Fastwyre Broadband	OE	\$	78.00
Gary Backhaus Gravel, LLC	OE	\$	26,469.54
Grossenburg Implements	RP	\$	2,435.06
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	VS	\$	37,895.00
Jeff's RPM Service	VS	\$	2,185.00
Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	SU	\$	101.39
Marrons Convenience & Service	OE	\$	2,032.80
Roger Mccoy	VS	\$	559.24
NMC Exchange, LLC	RP	\$	8,735.77
NACO	OE	\$	30.00
Preston Nelson	VS	\$	1,050.00
Ronald Douglas Nelson	RP	\$	4,500.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	326.70
Northeast Power	OE	\$	169.38

Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.	RP	\$ 483.91
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$ 4,008.50
Powerplan	SU	\$ 992.62
Rod's Repair	SU	\$ 110.22
Running Supply, Inc.	SU	\$ 66.98
Rush Trucking, Inc.	OE	\$ 3,848.76
Micheal Schweers	RE	\$ 175.00
Tri-County Aggregates	OE	\$ 21,216.96
Verzani Farms, LLC	RP	\$ 8,500.00
Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$ 76.27
Warren Oil	OE	\$ 5,910.20
Ziegler, Inc.	MA	\$ 467.81

**R.O.D. PRESERVE & MODERNIZATION**

Government Forms & Supplies, Inc.	OE	\$ 620.24
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**INSURANCE FUND**

Dixon County Health Insurance Account	INS	\$ 109,933.40
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 25,179.96
Mercy Business Health Services-Urgent Care	INS	\$ 108.16

**CANINE (K-9) FUND**

Bank of Dixon County	K9	\$ 3,703.79
Anna Brewer	K9	\$ 150.00
Mayer Signs	K9	\$ 110.00
NEN Arms & Ammo, LLC	K9	\$ 563.38

**E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

<i>E-911 Employees</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	\$ 4,810.00
Art Kathol Appliance, Inc.	RP	\$ 488.54
BRITE	VS	\$ 5,096.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	TS	\$ 170.00
Dixon County Insurance Fund	INS	\$ 27,090.36
Group Resources of Iowa, LLC	INS	\$ 674.21
Sara Kumm	RE	\$ 153.80
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 413.94
Presto-X-Company	VS	\$ 144.18
VISA	OE	\$ 49.73

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND**

Great Plains Communications, Inc.	OE	\$ 384.18
City of Norfolk	OE	\$ 149.12
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 249.40

OPTK Networks	TS	\$	40.44
VISA	OE	\$	400.00

**COMMISSARY FUND**

Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$	43.08
Chesterman Company	VS	\$	93.60

**NOXIOUS WEED FUND**

<b>Noxious Weed Employees</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	\$	5,924.80
Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$	180.48
Mike Elton	RE	\$	52.59
Holiday Inn Kearney	OE	\$	404.85
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$	94.83
NE Nebraskas Weed Management Area	OE	\$	100.00
Northeast Power	OE	\$	98.45

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	\$	1,085.31
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	49,284.09
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	42.00
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
Nebraska Child Support	\$	362.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	21,900.32
Washington National Ins Co.	\$	15.17

**Roads / Bridge Fund**

AFLAC	\$	290.04
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	12,831.10
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	10.00
Liberty National	\$	10.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	5,195.44

**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	\$	1,530.79
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	555.17

The Board discussed Townships.

Discussed ARPA Fund Grant.

Jail/Courthouse discussion. The roof and walls leak again when it rains, will need to assess the ongoing problem.

Townships were discussed.

Discussed appointment of Ponca area Veteran’s Service Committee member. A motion by Blohm and seconded by Nicholson to reappoint Gary Salmon as a member. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Budget Hearing was held at 2:00 P.M. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Nicholson for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. to hold the hearing to exceed the restricted funds limit by an additional 1% and to adopt a resolution for the 24-25 budget to set the tax, 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Peterson 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

The Board adjourned at 2:47 P.M.

**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL  
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 September 10, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting at the Dixon County Annex Building in Ponca, Nebraska. Chair Lisa Lunz called for roll call of members present. Answering were Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Steve Hassler, Roger Peterson and Lisa Lunz. Absent: Deric Anderson. Also present were Cathy Stilwell, 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 Nicholson, seconded by Peterson 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Motion by Andersen 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, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Peterson to Set Oct 15<sup>th</sup> as the date taxes will be levied. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson.

There were no Tax list corrections or exemptions.

The Notice of Proposed Tax Increase postcards have been mailed out. Political Subdivision are City of Ponca, County of Dixon, Ponca School District, Laurel Concord Coleridge School District and Wakefield School District.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:14 a.m.

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**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL**  
**DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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