

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on July 8, 2025, 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, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. 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 Blohm, seconded by Andersen 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 known 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 Nicholson 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 and part-time Road Supt., Brian McDonald was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. Engineer McDonald and the Board discussed what projects needed to be put on the One & Six year road/bridge improvements plan for the 2025-2026. Brian also talked with Wayne County regarding the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska fiber to Home Project about placement of the underground utilities in the right of way and the roads.

At 9:30 A.M. the hearing for 576 Ave between 884 and 886 Roads in Hooker Township was held. Several interested persons were also in attendance. Brian discussed several options for closing portions of the road. Main concerns were if certain portions of land in either Dixon or Cedar County were sold there were properties that could be land locked and would need easements. It was considered leaving a portion of the North and a portion of the South ends of 576 Ave open. Closure of 576 Ave was tabled to discuss with Cedar County; it would be their road to maintain. Cedar County also has an upcoming hearing on this road. The hearing was closed at 10:00 A.M. The road is located on the Dixon/Cedar County line Section 13 & 18 Township 31N Ranges 3& 4.

At 10:00 A.M. the hearing for 588.5 Ave between 864 & 865 Roads in Emerson Township was held. Closure of the South $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile was discussed to be closed, keeping open the North $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Motion by Hassler to offer the Road to the Emerson Township, located in Section 31, Township 28 N Range 6, 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 payment of Contractor's Application for Payment to Oban Construction Inc, for the 861 Road and 588 Ave Improvement project was tabled until August.

Sara Kumm, E911 coordinator, updated the board with progress of helping the fair board to get ready for the Dixon County Fair. Sara has also started working on the Ponca State Park EXPO and doing E911 Financial Reports.

At 10:30 Luke Bonkiewicz, Research Analyst with NACO visited with the board on several government changes that will be affecting Counties. They have been attending hearings on underfunded mandates and telling them what the consequences will be to counties and Federal funds being on hold. NACO is doing a salary study for elected officials of all the counties in Nebraska, and an abundance of information and topics.

The Board recessed to meet as Board of Equalization at 11:00 A.M. and reconvened at 11:15 A.M. with all members present.

The Dixon County officials met with the Board to discuss salary cost of living increases for Courthouse employees. The officials recommended a proposed raise of \$1.00 an hour for the courthouse employees, including retention pay. The decision will be made later in the meeting.

The board reviewed changes and additions to the Dixon County Handbook. Motion by Blohm, seconded by Anderson to approve the updates and recommendation by NIRMA. On roll call vote M.C.U. Absent: None.

The Board of Supervisors recessed for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with all members present.

There was no public comment.

Leland Miner, the County Attorney, was unable to attend.

Blohm recapped the Safety Committee meeting to the board.

August 27th, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. is the date of the meeting to determine final levy allocations for misc. subdivisions.

Motion by Hassler for Cost-of-living increases of \$1.00 Raises for employees under the direction of the board, \$1.50 for the Janitor and approved County officials increase for Courthouse employees discussed earlier, 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 by Peterson to approve E911 Coordinator & Emergence manager request for a \$2.25 an hour raise 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 letter was received from the Commander of Newcastle, NE Legion Post #62 recommending Bernard Rohan for another term as a Veteran’s Service Committee member. Supervisor Peterson made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Andersen. 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 reviewed the Sheriff’s Distress Warrant List and Treasurer’s Distress Warrant Report.

The County Treasurer’s Six-Month Report was approved on a motion by Peterson and 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.

Motion by Hassler to approve the County Clerk to designate MIPS to facilitate the printing and mailing of the JPH postcards in September, 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 County official’s fee reports and Treasurer’s list of pledged securities was approved on a motion by Nicholson and 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.

Motion by Blohm seconded by Andersen to approve Claims. 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	
25070001	ANGELA ABTS	RE	\$ 561.09
25070002	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	TS	\$ 4,231.40
25070003	ART KATHOL APPLIANCE, INC	RP	\$ 154.34
25070004	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	OE	\$ 1,227.37
25070005	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	OE	\$ 489.25
25070006	BOMGAARS	VS	\$ 20.76
25070007	DUANE DEAN CHASE	PY	\$ 16.00
25070008	COMFORT INN - KEARNEY	VS	\$ 809.70
25070009	CROWNE PLAZA - KEARNEY	VS	\$ 289.90
25070010	CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE	VS	\$ 679.93
25070011	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRALFINANCE	TS	\$ 230.00
25070012	DAS STATE ACCTG- FINANCE	TS	\$ 230.00
25070013	DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	TS	\$ 691.60
25070014	DAS STATE ACCTG- FINANCE	TS	\$ 22.00
25070015	DAS STATE ACCTG- FINANCE	TS	\$ 150.00
25070016	DIXON COUNTY CLK DIST CT	OE	\$ 186.00
25070017	DIXON COUNTY COURT	OE	\$ 115.00
25070018	DIXON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	MISC	\$ 14.00
25070019	DOC JAY'S AUTO REPAIR	OE	\$ 140.00
25070020	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$ 960.60
25070021	MONICA EBMEIER	RE	\$ 70.29
25070022	EGLEY,FULLNER,MONTAG, HOCKABOUT AAL	LS	\$ 1,371.39
25070023	KATHY EIFERT	PY	\$ 18.00
25070024	ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING COMPANY	TS	\$ 150.00
25070025	FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE	LS	\$ 556.80
25070026	GILL HAULING INC	VS	\$ 253.00
25070027	GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	VS	\$ 1,653.71

25070028	STEVEN HASSLER	RE	\$	98.00
25070029	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	OE	\$	405.31
25070030	HOMETOWN LEASING	TS	\$	319.12
25070031	HOMETOWN LEASING	TS	\$	48.00
25070032	HOMETOWN LEASING	TS	\$	172.22
25070033	H2O 4 U INC	VS	\$	54.75
25070034	LANDMARK SURVEYING ASSOCIATES	VS	\$	2,878.60
25070035	NICOLE LUHR	RE	\$	35.00
25070036	LISA LUNZ	RE	\$	443.80
25070037	M C I	VS	\$	67.37
25070038	M I P S, INC	VS	\$	3,137.20
25070039	MACK-MILLER BUILDING SUPPLY	OE	\$	2.28
25070040	ALAN MACKLING	PY	\$	13.00
25070041	MENARDS-SIOUX CITY	OE	\$	316.95
25070042	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS	\$	45.00
25070043	N A C O	OE	\$	2,058.93
25070044	NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	VS	\$	87.00
25070045	NEBRASKA JOURNAL LEADER	VS	\$	278.45
25070046	NEBRASKA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	MI	\$	6.47
25070047	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	VS	\$	46.89
25070048	NORTHEAST POWER	VS	\$	1,821.15
25070049	ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OE	\$	830.27
25070050	PENAS TIRES	VS	\$	514.64
25070051	PAUL PFISTER	PY	\$	11.00
25070052	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERV	VS	\$	85.11
25070053	POINT C	INS	\$	5,582.22
25070054	PONCA PUBLIC UTILITIES	VS	\$	191.86
25070055	KATIE SCOLLARD	VS	\$	540.00
25070056	SHEA SCOLLARD	RE	\$	75.00
25070057	SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES	VS	\$	80.00
25070058	CATHY STILWELL	RE	\$	322.00
25070059	STRATTON,DELAY,DOELE,CARLSN,BUETTNR	LS	\$	950.30
25070060	GARY SULLIVAN	MI	\$	225.00
25070061	THE APOTHECARY SHOP	VS	\$	26.92
25070062	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	OE	\$	45.51
25070063	VERIZON WIRELESS	VS	\$	80.02
25070064	VERMILLION ACE HARDWARE	VS	\$	58.96
25070065	VISA	MI	\$	142.07
25070066	VISUAL EDGE IT, INC	TS	\$	41.97
25070067	VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.,	TS	\$	51.94
25070068	ROBERT WENDTE	PY	\$	18.00
25070069	Z-MART	VS	\$	772.42

ROAD FUND

	Road Employees	Salaries	\$	
			\$	43,318.41
25070070	AUTO VALUE VERMILLION	VS	\$	151.60
25070071	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	CO	\$	4,273.39
25070072	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	MI	\$	99.60
25070073	BOMGAARS	VS	\$	94.28
25070074	BOYER SAND AND ROCK INC.,	VS	\$	2,441.08
25070075	COUNTRYSIDE GAS & GROCERY	VS	\$	2,969.32
25070076	CSL EARTHWORX LLC	VS	\$	3,150.00
25070077	EKBERG AUTO PARTS	VS	\$	121.38
25070078	FASTWYRE BROADBAND	TS	\$	81.57
25070079	FISCHER HAULING, LLC	VS	\$	3,685.50
25070080	GROSSENBURG IMP	VS	\$	4,158.04
25070081	HEIMES TRUCKING LLC	VS	\$	366.60
25070082	J E O CONSULTING GROUP INC	VS	\$	9,695.00
25070083	L G EVERIST INC	VS	\$	850.89

25070084	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	VS	\$	118.75
25070085	MARRONS CONVENIENCE & SERVICE	VS	\$	1,771.99
25070086	MARX TRAILER	VS	\$	4,629.65
25070087	RONALD DOUGLAS NELSON	VS	\$	31,398.64
25070088	NORTHEAST NEBR RESOURCE CONS & DEV	MI	\$	1,500.00
25070089	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	VS	\$	162.69
25070090	NORTHEAST POWER	VS	\$	178.45
25070091	PONCA COOPERATIVE, LLC	VS	\$	6,836.58
25070092	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	VS	\$	95.20
25070093	RUSH TRUCKING INC	VS	\$	18,788.40
25070094	SHUR-CO, LLC	vs	\$	290.00
25070095	TRI COUNTY AGGREGATES	VS	\$	13,063.28
25070096	VILLAGE OF ALLEN	VS	\$	96.70
25070097	WAKEFIELD CITY CLERK	VS	\$	78.67
25070098	WARREN OIL	VS	\$	5,495.62

990 COUNTY VISITORS PROMO FUND

25070099	CASTLE BAR	MI	\$	225.00
25070100	OUTLAW PIZZA	MI	\$	600.00
25070101	THE QUILT SHOP	MI	\$	225.00

1150 R.O.D. PRESERVE & MODERNZTN FUND

25070102	GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SU	\$	306.33
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INSURANCE FUND

25070103	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS	\$	325.63
25070104	POINT C	INS	\$	33,610.23

2430 CANINE (K-9)

25070105	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	K-9	\$	146.00
25070106	ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	K-9	\$	6.00
25070107	WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC	K-9	\$	89.65

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

E-911 Employee

		Salaries	\$	4,810.00
25070108	ART KATHOL APPLIANCE, INC	VS	\$	8,900.00
25070109	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRALFINANCE	TS	\$	38.00
25070110	H M E, INC	VS	\$	49.00
25070111	SARA KUMM	RE	\$	170.60
25070112	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	INS	\$	7.50
25070113	NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER	VS	\$	1,500.00
25070114	NORTHEAST POWER	VS	\$	391.82
25070115	POINT C	INS	\$	930.37
25070116	PRESTO-X-COMPANY	VS	\$	158.60

2913 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

25070117	GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	VS	\$	384.18
25070118	CITY OF NORFOLK	TS	\$	130.48
25070119	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	VS	\$	249.40
25070120	OPTK NETWORKS	TS	\$	622.44

2965 COMMISSARY FUND

25070121	BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	MI	\$	61.94
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NOXIOUS WEED FUND

		Salaries	\$	5,174.80
25070122	BOMGAARS	VS	\$	61.59
25070123	FARMER'S PRIDE COOPERATIVE	VS	\$	598.00
25070124	ISSAC HANSON	RE	\$	120.00

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25070125	RAYMOND T KNEIFL	RE	\$	100.80
25070126	JIM LUNZ	RE	\$	58.80
25070127	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	VS	\$	92.18
25070128	NORTHEAST POWER	VS	\$	100.18
25070129	JON RAHN	RE	\$	8.40
25070130	COLE ROEBER	RE	\$	67.20
25070131	VILLAGE OF ALLEN	VS	\$	92.05

General Fund

25070132	AFLAC		\$	1,098.25
25070133	Dixon County FSA		\$	766.67
25070134	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct		\$	53,624.76
25070135	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275		\$	42.00
25070136	Fraternal Order of Police		\$	800.00
25070137	Legal Shield		\$	164.60
25070138	Liberty National Life		\$	330.54
25070139	Nationwide Retirement		\$	1,146.00
25070140	Nebraska Child Support		\$	492.00
25070141	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas		\$	25,259.17
25070142	Washington National Ins		\$	15.17

Roads / Bridge Fund

25070143	AFLAC		\$	213.54
25070144	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct		\$	12,073.81
25070145	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275		\$	10.00
25070146	Liberty National		\$	72.21
25070147	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas		\$	5,084.82

985 Child Support Agreement

25070148	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct		\$	89.47
25070149	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas		\$	38.12

2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

25070150	AFLAC		\$	147.68
25070151	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct		\$	1,314.91
25070152	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275		\$	1.00
25070153	Nationwide Retirement Solutions		\$	50.00
25070154	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas		\$	585.00

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

25070155	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct		\$	2,109.91
25070156	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275		\$	1.00
25070157	Nebraska Department Revenue		\$	704.17
25070158	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas		\$	574.67

Motion by Nicholson seconded by Blohm for Chair to adopt the Certificate of Resolution for Summary Plan Description for FSA Benefit with County Attorney approval. On roll call vote M.C.U. Absent: None.

There were no committee reports.

The Board discussed the Roads and Buildings and Grounds portions of the budget.

The Board discussed the Annex gutters that need to be replaced.

Courthouse discussion took place.

With no further business to discuss, at 2:22 P.M. a motion by Nicholson for meeting to adjourn 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.

ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

LISA LUNZ, CHAIR
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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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.

There were no tax list corrections or exemption applications.

TERC hearing for the Ponca Rodeo Association Grounds and The Little Red Hen House will be in October.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:15 A.M.

ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

LISA LUNZ, CHAIR
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION