

## DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The first regular meeting of the Dixon County Board of Supervisors for the year 2026 convened at 9:00 A.M. at the Dixon County Annex at 59140 Hwy 12 in Ponca, Nebraska on January 13, 2026. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice was given to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law. The following constitutes the Dixon County Board of Supervisors for 2026:

Don Andersen	District #1
Deric Anderson	District #2
Roger Peterson	District #3
Neil Blohm	District #4
Lisa Lunz	District #5
Terry Nicholson	District #6
Steven Hassler	District #7

On roll call, members present were: Don Andersen, Steven Hassler, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Lisa Lunz, and Deric Anderson. Absent: Roger Peterson. Also present were Cathy Stilwell, Dixon County Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors and other interested persons.

Lisa Lunz, Chair of the 2025 Board asked for a motion to appoint a Temporary Chair. Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Anderson to appoint Terry Nicholson as Temporary Chairman. On roll call vote, M.C. Abstained Nicholson. Absent: Peterson.

Temporary Chairman Nicholson asked for nominations from the Board for Chairman for 2026. Blohm made a motion to nominate Lisa Lunz, seconded by Anderson. Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Andersen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lisa Lunz as chair for 2026. On roll call vote: M.C. Lunz abstained, Absent: Peterson.

Chair Lunz asked for nominations for the Board Vice-Chairman for 2026. Nicholson made a motion to nominate Neil Blohm, seconded by Anderson. Motion was made by Hassler, seconded by Andersen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Neil Blohm for the Vice-Chairman for 2026. On roll call vote: M.C. Blohm abstained. Absent: Peterson.

Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Andersen to show by the records 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, the Dixon County website 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, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

Motion was made by Andersen, seconded by Blohm, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

After discussion of the committees, the following appointments were made:

Bridge-Road Gravel- Hassler\*, Blohm, Anderson Claims- Peterson\*, Blohm, Andersen  
Courthouse- Andersen\*, Peterson, Lunz Budget- Chair & all Board members  
Safety- Blohm\*, Peterson, Andersen Health Ins.- Nicholson\*, Lunz, Hassler Labor Negotiations – Hassler\*, Nicholson, Lunz Northstar (ODD) Services- Andersen Northeast Area on Aging- Nicholson Region IV Behavior Health- Nicholson NE Nebr. Public BD of Health- Nicholson NENEDD- Andersen Goldenrod Regional Housing- Hassler NE Nebr. Community Action- Nicholson Extension Board- Hassler

Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Andersen to approve the Committees for 2026. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson. The person whose name heads the list of each Committee is designated as the Chairman of that Committee (23-272).

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of the Month unless a change is needed. All other meetings are adjourned meetings.

County Attorney, Leland Miner was present to discuss legal concerns of the Board. He has been working on the Legal, Survey and easement resolutions for the American Legion Memorial. They also discussed the shortage of Public Defenders/Lawyers in Nebraska.

County Engineer & Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. Discussed 576 Ave running on the Cedar/Dixon Line, at this point the road is open to the public and gates are illegal.

JEO is working on widening the approach to Highway 12 and 585 Ave. Waiting for DOT to sign off and Right of Ways.

Brian discussed the study of closing a portion of 887 Road between Hwy 15 and 8845 Road. On a motion by Anderson to set hearing for closure of the portion is set for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote M.C. Absent: Peterson.

The remaining bridge structure on 576 Road has been removed.

Emergency Manager, Shea Scollard has been getting bids for the generator and maintenance agreements. The bridge between the Dixon County Annex and South Nebraska Street on Hwy 12 will soon be starting the replacement process, with proper insurance they are going to be using a portion of the Annex property to store materials. Scollard has also been testing FirstNet and notice no changes, will be switching from Verizon.

Sara Kumm, 911 Coordinator, went over the training hours that are required for dispatchers and herself. She updated the board on emergency calls taken with a breakdown of the services provided. The phone system at the courthouse has been having several issues with dropping calls and not being able to receive or dial out. Great Plains has been working with Sara to try to solve the problem without satisfaction. We will be working with our IT company to see what their phone system can offer the Courthouse.

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

Phone conference with Mercy one EAP Keathen Winter took place regarding Health Rebranding and Benefits Enhancement Overview Flyer with updates to our Carebridge EAP program.

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

Nicole Luhr visited with the board regarding upcoming meetings with the UNL Haskell Extension Office in Concord. The 2026 Crop Updates Feb 4, 2026, 9am-3:30pm Registration requested by Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Private Pesticide Applicator Training coming January, February, and March. See locations and schedule at [pested.unl.edu](http://pested.unl.edu) or contact the Extension office for more information.

Dixon County CVB 2025 Report will be rescheduled.

Recommendations from the Safety Committee were discussed.

The County Treasurer was authorized to invest monies not needed for day-to-day operations in bonds, etc. on a motion by Nicholson and second by Anderson. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

The mileage reimbursement rate changed to .725 cents per mile effective January 1, 2026, was approved on a motion by Anderson and a second by Hassler. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.(Per State Statute section 81-1176)

The Sheriff’s Activity Report was reviewed.

The County Treasurer’s Six-Month Report was reviewed.

The County Official’s Fee Reports and Treasurer’s List of Pledged Securities and Weed Dept. Deposit were approved on a motion by Nicholson and second by Anderson. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

Application from Security Bank of Laurel, NE, to be approved as a County Depository was reviewed. Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Blohm to adopt resolutions approving Security Bank as a County Depositories for 2026. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

The Claims Committee presented the following claims:

**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**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
	<b>Courthouse empl.,supv. &amp; coord.</b>		<b>Salaries</b>
			<b>\$ 201,580.88</b>
26010001	Angela Abts	RE	\$ 120.40
26010002	Mark D. Albin	LS	\$ 745.00
26010003	Deric Anderson	RE	\$ 200.00
26010004	Applied Connective Technologies	TS	\$ 4,636.90
26010005	Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 383.14
26010006	Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 1,214.27
26010007	Neil Blohm	RE	\$ 394.80
26010008	Blue 360 Media	TS	\$ 105.95
26010009	Blue 360 Media	TS	\$ 205.53
26010010	Gaylen-Boettchener Biar PC, LLO	LS	\$ 722.30
26010011	Bomgaars	SU	\$ 131.88
26010012	Central Valley Ag	OE	\$ 1,826.91
26010013	Central Valley Ag - York	OE	\$ 248.19
26010014	Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$ 16.00
26010015	Cubby's Corporate Office	OE	\$ 337.10
26010016	Cubby's, Inc.	OE	\$ 138.78
26010017	DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 230.00
26010018	DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 230.00
26010019	DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 1,151.99
26010020	DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 150.00
26010021	Dixon County Clerk of District Court	OE	\$ 36.00
26010022	Dixon County Court	LS	\$ 115.00

26010023	Dixon County Court	OE	\$ 53.99
26010024	Dixon County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$ 8.00
26010025	Doc Jay's Auto Repair	RP	\$ 630.19
26010026	Dodge County	OE	\$ 2,433.45
26010027	Eakes Office Plus	VS	\$ 308.53
26010028	Monica Ebmeier	RE	\$ 58.38
26010029	Kathy Eifert	PY	\$ 18.00
26010030	Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$ 6.99
26010031	ESRI, Inc.	TS	\$ 700.00
26010032	Fairfield Marriott	OE	\$ 2,748.90
26010033	Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple	LS	\$ 1,087.00
26010034	Gill Hauling, Inc.	OE	\$ 253.00
26010035	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	TS	\$ 2,564.74
26010036	Steven Hassler	RE	\$ 86.10
26010037	Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 303.93
26010038	Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 48.00
26010039	Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 86.11
26010040	H2O 4 U, Inc.	VS	\$ 103.75
26010041	Krohn Car Care, LLC	RP	\$ 224.15
26010042	Lisa Lunz	RE	\$ 338.80
26010043	MCI	TS	\$ 69.45
26010044	MIPS, Inc.	OE	\$ 3,137.20
26010045	Alan Mackling	PY	\$ 13.00
26010046	Menards-Sioux City	SU	\$ 407.24
26010047	Mocic Annual Membership	OE	\$ 100.00
26010048	Mutual of Omaha	INS	\$ 45.00
26010049	NACO	OE	\$ 75.00
26010050	NE County Assessors Assn.	OE	\$ 100.00
26010051	NE Clerk of District Court Assn.	OE	\$ 50.00
26010052	Nebraska Health & Human Services	OE	\$ 72.00
26010053	Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$ 563.70
26010054	Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 128.00
26010055	Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 8.00
26010056	Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 8.00
26010057	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 47.08
26010058	Northeast Power	OE	\$ 1,721.39
26010059	Oestmann & Albertsen Law PC, LLO	LS	\$ 593.75
26010060	One Office Solution	VS	\$ 772.77
26010061	Overhead Door Company of Sioux City	VS	\$ 724.00
26010062	Paul Pfister	PY	\$ 11.00
26010063	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	ER	\$ 85.11
26010064	Point C	INS	\$ 5,582.22
26010065	Ponca Cooperative, LLC	RP	\$ 91.35
26010066	Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$ 635.42
26010067	Postmaster of Ponca	SU	\$ 112.00
26010068	R. Rohan Electric, LLC	VS	\$ 842.53
26010069	Region IV Behavioral Health System	OE	\$ 4,445.25
26010070	Robertson Implement Co., Inc.	OE	\$ 1,368.82
26010071	Quin Rohan	OE	\$ 313.60
26010072	Shea Scollard	RE	\$ 75.00
26010073	Security Shredding Services	VS	\$ 40.00
26010074	Sioux City Night Patrol	OE	\$ 1,507.50
26010075	Cathy Stilwell	RE	\$ 365.00
26010076	The Apothecary Shop	OE	\$ 75.53
26010077	Thurston County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$ 5,100.00
26010078	U.S. Postal Service	SU	\$ 1,915.45
26010079	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	OE	\$ 325.00
26010080	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	OE	\$ 10.82
26010081	Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC	DRONE	\$ 17,114.08

26010082	Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC	DRONE	\$ 11,118.00
26010083	Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 80.02
26010084	Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 479.98
26010085	VISA	OE/SU	\$ 375.90
26010086	Visual Edge IT, Inc.	TS	\$ 28.94
26010087	Visual Edge IT, Inc.	ER	\$ 51.94
26010088	Wakefield Republican	OE	\$ 52.00
26010089	Amy Watchorn	RE	\$ 25.01
26010090	Robert Wendte	PY	\$ 18.00
26010091	Z-Mart	OE	\$ 692.28
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	<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
	<b>Road Employees</b>		
		<b>Salaries</b>	\$ 44,508.33
26010092	Auto Value Vermillion	OE/SU	\$ 413.84
26010093	B's Enterprises, Inc.	OE	\$ 1,680.00
26010094	Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 4,273.39
26010095	Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 62.01
26010096	Dennis L. Biggerstaff	VS	\$ 100.00
26010097	Bomgaars	VS	\$ 180.87
26010098	Countryside Gas & Grocery	OE	\$ 3,259.27
26010099	CSL Earthworx, LLC	VS	\$ 3,050.00
26010100	Ekberg Auto Parts	VS	\$ 208.70
26010101	Fastwyre Broadband	OE	\$ 80.50
26010102	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	OE	\$ 13,900.00
26010103	Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	OE	\$ 239.66
26010104	Lorenson Lumber & Grain, LLC	OE	\$ 3,620.00
26010105	Mack-Miller Building Supply	VS	\$ 148.13
26010106	Marron's Convenience & Service	OE	\$ 463.31
26010107	Medical Enterprises, Inc.	OE	\$ 61.00
26010108	Mid-American Research Chem	SU	\$ 1,116.00
26010109	NMC Exchange, LLC	SU	\$ 807.98
26010110	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 164.20
26010111	Northeast Power	OE	\$ 364.94
26010112	Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$ 2,764.04
26010113	Powerplan	MA	\$ 565.01
26010114	Rod's Repair	SU	\$ 191.12
26010115	Smokin' Diesel Repair, LLC	RP	\$ 6,967.48
26010116	Stalp Gravel, Inc.	OE	\$ 13,400.80
26010117	Village of Allen	OE	\$ 92.05
26010118	Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$ 120.98
26010119	Warren Oil	OE	\$ 3,045.80
26010120	Ziegler, Inc.	MA	\$ 569.16
	<b>County Visitors Promo Fund</b>		
26010121	Newcastle Community Club	MISC	\$ 1,716.99
26010122	The Little Red Hen Theatre	MISC	\$ 4,000.00
	<b>Visitors Improv Fund</b>		
26010123	Dixon County Ag Society	MISC	\$ 20,000.00
26010124	Dixon County Historical Society	MISC	\$ 580.27
26010125	Ponca City Clerk	MISC	\$ 6,143.16
	<b>R.O.D. Preserv. &amp; Modern. Fund</b>		
26010126	Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	OE	\$ 611.67
	<b>Insurance Fund</b>		
26010127	Dixon County Health Insurance Account	INS	\$ 72,821.81
26010128	Mercy Business Health Services/Urgent Care	INS	\$ 112.32
26010129	Mutual of Omaha	INS	\$ 325.63

26010130	Point C	INS	\$ 35,768.36
<b>Canine (k-9) Fund</b>			
26010131	Bank of Dixon County	K9	\$ 402.97
<b>911 Emergency Mang. Fund</b>			
<b>Emergency Management Employee</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>
26010132	Electronic Engineering Company	OE	\$ 3,936.36
26010133	HME, Inc.	VS	\$ 28.50
26010134	Sara Kumm	RE	\$ 203.75
26010135	Mack-Miller Building Supply	SU	\$ 344.07
26010136	Mutual of Omaha	INS	\$ 7.50
26010137	NE Emergency Services, Comm. Assn.	OE	\$ 105.00
26010138	Northeast Power	OE	\$ 395.32
26010139	Point C	INS	\$ 930.37
<b>911 Wireless Fund</b>			
26010140	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	OE	\$ 81.10
26010141	City of Norfolk	OE	\$ 130.48
26010142	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 249.40
26010143	OPTK Networks	OE	\$ 622.44
<b>Commissary Fund</b>			
26010144	Bank of Dixon County	FOOD	\$ 76.96
<b>Noxious Weed Fund</b>			
<b>Noxious Weed Employee</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 5,408.13</b>
26010145	Bomgaars	SU	\$ 39.46
26010146	Issac Hanson	RE	\$ 84.00
26010147	Raymond T. Kneifl	RE	\$ 100.80
26010148	Jim Lunz	RE	\$ 58.80
26010149	Nebraska Weed Control Association	OE	\$ 150.00
26010150	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 89.43
26010151	Northeast Power	OE	\$ 149.25
26010152	Jon Rahn	RP	\$ 8.40
26010153	Dave Rahn	RE	\$ 42.72
26010154	Cole Roeber	RE	\$ 67.20
26010155	Village of Allen	OE	\$ 91.90

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Hassler to allow all claims for payment. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

The Dixon County Ag Society's 2025 Report was reviewed.

Motion by Nicholson to allow the Janitors Department to dispose of items that are on the inventory and no longer working. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson. Motion by Blohm seconded by Nicholson to allow the Clerks office to dispose of furniture that is on the inventory. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

There were no Township or Committee items to discuss.

Discussion regarding the courthouse took place.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Blohm to adjourn. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

The Board adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL  
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

LISA LUNZ, CHAIRMAN  
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Equalization met on January 13, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. for a regular meeting at the Dixon County Annex Building in Ponca, Nebraska. Chairman Lisa Lunz gave notice to the public of the location of the Open Meetings Law and called for roll call of members present. Answering

were Don Andersen, Terry Nicholson, Steve Hassler, Deric Anderson, Neil Blohm and Lisa Lunz. Absent: Roger Peterson. Also present were Cathy Stilwell, Dixon County Clerk and Secretary to the Board and County Assessor, Amy Watchorn.

Motion was made by Andersen, seconded by Blohm to show by the records that this meeting was preceded by due and legal notice. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Hassler to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

Public Hearing was held to consider motor vehicle exemption applications. Following the hearing, motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Andersen to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for the Wakefield Senior Center, Wakefield Health Care Center, and the Concord Evangelical Free Church. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Peterson.

There were ten Tax List Corrections to review and no Tax Exemption Applications.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:17 A.M.

ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL  
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

LISA LUNZ, CHAIRMAN  
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION