

## **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, Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. 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: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, and Deric Anderson. Supervisors voting against: None. 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: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Don Andersen, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. 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, 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 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. 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, 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 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 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 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 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, 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. (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, 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.

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, 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 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**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Courthouse empl.,supv. &amp; coord.</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	\$ 201,580.88
Angela Abts	RE	\$ 120.40
Mark D. Albin	LS	\$ 745.00

Deric Anderson	RE	\$ 200.00
Applied Connective Technologies	TS	\$ 4,636.90
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 383.14
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 1,214.27
Neil Blohm	RE	\$ 394.80
Blue 360 Media	TS	\$ 105.95
Blue 360 Media	TS	\$ 205.53
Gaylen-Boettchener Biar PC, LLO	LS	\$ 722.30
Bomgaars	SU	\$ 131.88
Central Valley Ag	OE	\$ 1,826.91
Central Valley Ag - York	OE	\$ 248.19
Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$ 16.00
Cubby's Corporate Office	OE	\$ 337.10
Cubby's, Inc.	OE	\$ 138.78
DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 230.00
DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 230.00
DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 1,151.99
DAS State-Accounting-Central Finance	OE	\$ 150.00
Dixon County Clerk of District Court	OE	\$ 36.00
Dixon County Court	LS	\$ 115.00
Dixon County Court	OE	\$ 53.99
Dixon County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$ 8.00
Doc Jay's Auto Repair	RP	\$ 630.19
Dodge County	OE	\$ 2,433.45
Eakes Office Plus	VS	\$ 308.53
Monica Ebmeier	RE	\$ 58.38
Kathy Eifert	PY	\$ 18.00
Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$ 6.99
ESRI, Inc.	TS	\$ 700.00
Fairfield Marriott	OE	\$ 2,748.90
Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple	LS	\$ 1,087.00
Gill Hauling, Inc.	OE	\$ 253.00
Great Plains Communications, Inc.	TS	\$ 2,564.74
Steven Hassler	RE	\$ 86.10
Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 303.93
Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 48.00
Hometown Leasing	ER	\$ 86.11
H20 4 U, Inc.	VS	\$ 103.75
Krohn Car Care, LLC	RP	\$ 224.15
Lisa Lunz	RE	\$ 338.80
MCI	TS	\$ 69.45
MIPS, Inc.	OE	\$ 3,137.20
Alan Mackling	PY	\$ 13.00
Menards-Sioux City	SU	\$ 407.24
Mocic Annual Membership	OE	\$ 100.00
Mutual of Omaha	INS	\$ 45.00
NACO	OE	\$ 75.00
NE County Assessors Assn.	OE	\$ 100.00
NE Clerk of District Court Assn.	OE	\$ 50.00
Nebraska Health & Human Services	OE	\$ 72.00
Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$ 563.70
Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 128.00
Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 8.00
Northeast Community College	OE	\$ 8.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 47.08
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 1,721.39
Oestmann & Albertsen Law PC, LLO	LS	\$ 593.75
One Office Solution	VS	\$ 772.77

Overhead Door Company of Sioux City	VS	\$ 724.00
Paul Pfister	PY	\$ 11.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	ER	\$ 85.11
Point C	INS	\$ 5,582.22
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	RP	\$ 91.35
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	\$ 635.42
Postmaster of Ponca	SU	\$ 112.00
R. Rohan Electric, LLC	VS	\$ 842.53
Region IV Behavioral Health System	OE	\$ 4,445.25
Robertson Implement Co., Inc.	OE	\$ 1,368.82
Quin Rohan	OE	\$ 313.60
Shea Scollard	RE	\$ 75.00
Security Shredding Services	VS	\$ 40.00
Sioux City Night Patrol	OE	\$ 1,507.50
Cathy Stilwell	RE	\$ 365.00
The Apothecary Shop	OE	\$ 75.53
Thurston County Sheriff's Office	OE	\$ 5,100.00
U.S. Postal Service	SU	\$ 1,915.45
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	OE	\$ 325.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	OE	\$ 10.82
Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC	DRONE	\$ 17,114.08
Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC	DRONE	\$ 11,118.00
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 80.02
Verizon Wireless	OE	\$ 479.98
VISA	OE/SU	\$ 375.90
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	TS	\$ 28.94
Visual Edge IT, Inc.	ER	\$ 51.94
Wakefield Republican	OE	\$ 52.00
Amy Watchorn	RE	\$ 25.01
Robert Wendte	PY	\$ 18.00
Z-Mart	OE	\$ 692.28

**ROAD FUND**

<b>Road Employees</b>		<b>Salaries</b>	\$ 44,508.33
Auto Value Vermillion	OE/SU	\$ 413.84	
B's Enterprises, Inc.	OE	\$ 1,680.00	
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 4,273.39	
Bank of Dixon County	OE	\$ 62.01	
Dennis L. Biggerstaff	VS	\$ 100.00	
Bomgaars	VS	\$ 180.87	
Countryside Gas & Grocery	OE	\$ 3,259.27	
CSL Earthworx, LLC	VS	\$ 3,050.00	
Ekberg Auto Parts	VS	\$ 208.70	
Fastwyre Broadband	OE	\$ 80.50	
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	OE	\$ 13,900.00	
Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	OE	\$ 239.66	
Lorenson Lumber & Grain, LLC	OE	\$ 3,620.00	
Mack-Miller Building Supply	VS	\$ 148.13	
Marron's Convenience & Service	OE	\$ 463.31	
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	OE	\$ 61.00	
Mid-American Research Chem	SU	\$ 1,116.00	
NMC Exchange, LLC	SU	\$ 807.98	
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 164.20	
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 364.94	
Ponca Cooperative, LLC	OE	\$ 2,764.04	
Powerplan	MA	\$ 565.01	
Rod's Repair	SU	\$ 191.12	
Smokin' Diesel Repair, LLC	RP	\$ 6,967.48	

Stalp Gravel, Inc.	OE	\$ 13,400.80
Village of Allen	OE	\$ 92.05
Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$ 120.98
Warren Oil	OE	\$ 3,045.80
Ziegler, Inc.	MA	\$ 569.16
<b>County Visitors Promo Fund</b>		
Newcastle Community Club	MISC	\$ 1,716.99
The Little Red Hen Theatre	MISC	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Visitors Improv Fund</b>		
Dixon County Ag Society	MISC	\$ 20,000.00
Dixon County Historical Society	MISC	\$ 580.27
Ponca City Clerk	MISC	\$ 6,143.16
<b>R.O.D. Preserv. &amp; Modern. Fund</b>		
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	OE	\$ 611.67
<b>Insurance Fund</b>		
Dixon County Health Insurance Account	INS	\$ 72,821.81
Mercy Business Health Services/Urgent Care	INS	\$ 112.32
Mutual of Omaha	INS	\$ 325.63
Point C	INS	\$ 35,768.36
<b>Canine (k-9) Fund</b>		
Bank of Dixon County	K9	\$ 402.97
<b>911 Emergency Mang. Fund</b>		
<b>Emergency Management Employee</b>		
Electronic Engineering Company	Salaries	\$ 5,200.00
HME, Inc.	OE	\$ 3,936.36
Sara Kumm	VS	\$ 28.50
Mack-Miller Building Supply	RE	\$ 203.75
Mutual of Omaha	SU	\$ 344.07
NE Emergency Services, Comm. Assn.	INS	\$ 7.50
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 105.00
Point C	OE	\$ 395.32
	INS	\$ 930.37
<b>911 Wireless Fund</b>		
Great Plains Communications, Inc.	OE	\$ 81.10
City of Norfolk	OE	\$ 130.48
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 249.40
OPTK Networks	OE	\$ 622.44
<b>Commissary Fund</b>		
Bank of Dixon County	FOOD	\$ 76.96
<b>Noxious Weed Fund</b>		
<b>Noxious Weed Employee</b>		
Bomgaars	Salaries	\$ 5,408.13
Issac Hanson	SU	\$ 39.46
Raymond T. Kneifl	RE	\$ 84.00
Jim Lunz	RE	\$ 100.80
Nebraska Weed Control Association	RE	\$ 58.80
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.	OE	\$ 150.00
Northeast Power	OE	\$ 89.43
Jon Rahn	OE	\$ 149.25
Dave Rahn	RP	\$ 8.40
	RE	\$ 42.72

Cole Roeber	RE	\$ 67.20
Village of Allen	OE	\$ 91.90

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	\$ 1,098.25
Dixon County FSA	\$ 1,175.00
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 51,887.30
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 42.00
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#91	\$ 800.00
Legalshield	\$ 164.60
Liberty National	\$ 330.54
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$ 1,146.00
Nebraska Child Support Pmt Ctr	\$ 492.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 24,411.95
Washington National Ins Co.	\$ 15.17

**Roads / Bridge Fund**

AFLAC	\$ 213.54
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 11,627.67
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 9.00
Liberty National	\$ 72.21
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 5,082.16

**985 Child Support Agreement**

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 87.10
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 38.12

**2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund**

AFLAC	\$ 147.68
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 1,273.71
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 1.00
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$ 50.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 585.00

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND**

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$ 1,505.88
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$ 1.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$ 574.67

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Hassler 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. 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, 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 Blohm seconded by Nicholson to allow the Clerks office to dispose of furniture that is 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.

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, 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 adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

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**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, 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 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.

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, 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 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.

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**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL  
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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