

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on March 10, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting at the Dixon County Annex Building in Ponca, Nebraska. Chairman 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, 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. Chairman 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 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, M.C. Absent: Peterson. Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Andersen 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.

Leland Miner the County Attorney was present to discuss legal matters with the Board. The Zoning Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated. Miner will be researching any changes that need to be made.

Peterson arrived at the meeting 9:09 A.M.

At 9:15 A.M. the public hearing was opened for the portion of land for the American Legion Memorial. There were no questions and no public in attendance. The hearing was closed at 9:18. Motion by Nicholson seconded by Peterson to sell to a small portion of Lot Fifteen (15) in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-Two Township (30) North, Range Six (6) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Dixon County, Nebraska, legal description is available in the County Clerk's office and will be advertised. 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.

Dixon County Engineer and Hwy Supt. Brian McDonald was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. The Ponca West project was completed May 1, 2025, contract documents require a one-year warranty for materials and workmanship is coming near. Also, the Allen North project one year warranty period is half over.

At 9:30 A.M. the public hearing was held for the closure of a portion of 887 Road. Discussed what portion of the road is to be closed. Anderson has talked with the landowner. Hearing was closed at 9:35 A.M. McDonald will draft the resolution to offer to the township.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, and Sara Kumm, 911 Director were present. Shea updated the board regarding the Nebraska flood plain. Once in place there will be letters sent out to Dixon County residents that have buildings of any kind in a flood plain. Letters will include information regarding insurance. He has also been working on bridge signs with the road crews. The Allen shed has completed their signs. He is also working with the city of Wakefield and their emergency drill. Sara has been working on getting dates set up to get the generators installed. Dixon County will be switching from Code Red to Regroup for emergency warnings for the county, more information on how to get signed up will be coming soon.

Gravel bids were opened at 10:30 A.M. Received bid from Tri State Aggregate of Jackson, NE, West Hudson of Plainview, NE, M&H Sand & Gravel of Hartington, NE and Matteo Sand & Gravel of Norfolk, NE. On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Blohm the Board voted to reject all bids for such materials. 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.

Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-810(1)(c).

A motion was made by Andersen to sign the mowing agreement with Gary Way for harvesting the grass for hay surrounding the emergency management building. 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 Board recessed at 11:00 A.M. to meet as Board of Equalization and reconvened at 11:12 A.M. with all members present.

11:15 A.M. Heidi Borg Agriculture Liaison Rep. for Adrian Smith was present to update the board on congress and agriculture.

At 11:30 A.M. Dan Alexander from Midwest Engineering Inc. was present to open bids for the Maskell North Project #C-26(294) Structure #C002600210P bridge reconstruction. Received a bid from JNM Construction of Valley, NE \$1,181,442.25, High Plains Structural Group of Lincoln, NE \$1,127,008.50, Dixon Construction of Correctionville, IA \$963,279.30 and Theisen Construction Inc. of

Norfolk, NE \$784,713.95. Motion was made by Anderson to proceed with the bid from Theisen Construction Inc. 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.

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

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

Andy Vazquez talked with the board regarding his views about geo-engineering, Harvard’s solar geoengineering research program in effort to dim the sun. Planes spraying tiny sulphate particulates into the lower stratosphere, manipulating sunlight to prevent climate change, risks of climate geoengineering and scientists flying planes into clouds to make it snow more.

Travis Orlander, City of Ponca Administrator was present for public comments he informed the board the city council is going to redo West Street to correct the rain flow due to the dam being removed last year. They will be constructing a ditch on the east side of the road and using curb cuts to drain the water flowing down the street. All will be maintained by the City of Ponca.

At 1:15 P.M. Mark Muller with Ag Society (Fair Board) gave the board quarterly updates. The Fair office is nearing completion they are still raising money to get completed. On April 19th they will be having a Spaghetti dinner fund raiser. The 2026 Fair dates are July 8th-12th.

At 1:30 P.M. Phone call with J13 Enterprises took place Caleb Johnson gave updates on legislature and county budgets. We will state working on the budget in May.

The County Treasurer’s Tax Sale Reports were reviewed.

There were no 2023 certification tax sales foreclosures. No orders for the Treasurer or the Attorney was needed. Motion by Anderson to order the Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates for 2024 delinquent taxes, 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.

Opened bids for 2026-2028 Auditors, State of Nebraska \$22,000.00 per fiscal year, and GBE Certified Public Accountants of Seward, NE 2026 \$30,000.00 per fiscal year, 2027 \$26,000.00 per fiscal year and 2028 \$27,000.00. Motion was made by Peterson to have the State of Nebraska do the County Audit, 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.

Court house discussion took place on a zoom call with BVH Architecture, Cleve Reeves and Mark Shepard. After the meeting there was a motion made by Blohm and seconded by Nicholson to have the board chair sign the Project Proposal with BVH Architecture. 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 were approved on a motion by Hassler second 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 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			
	Courthouse empl.,supv. & coord.		Salaries
26030001	Angela Abts	RE	\$122.53
26030002	Mark D. Albin	LS	\$7,223.60
26030003	Applied Connective Technologies	TS	\$4,586.40
26030004	Bank Of Dixon County	OE	\$717.57
26030005	Bank Of Dixon County	OE	\$525.26
26030006	Neil Blohm	RE	\$166.75
26030007	Central Valley Ag	VS	\$1,500.58
26030008	Central Valley Ag - York	VS	\$180.25
26030009	Duane Dean Chase	PY	\$16.00
26030010	Clearly	VS	\$512.49
26030011	Virginia Cook	RE	\$131.52

26030012	Crowne Plaza - Kearney	VS	\$149.95
26030013	Cubby'S Corporate Office	VS	\$449.07
26030014	Das State Accounting-Centralfinance	TS	\$230.00
26030015	Das State Acctg-Central Finance	TS	\$230.00
26030016	Das State Acctg-Central Finance	TS	\$844.80
26030017	Das State Acctg-Central Finance	TS	\$150.00
26030018	Detectachem	VS	\$323.68
26030019	Dixon County Clk Dist Ct	OE	\$78.00
26030020	Dixon County Court	OE	\$140.00
26030021	Dixon County Sheriff'S Office	OE	\$24.00
26030022	Dixon County Treasurer	OE	\$22.12
26030023	Eakes Office Plus	SU	\$1,010.29
26030024	Kathy Eifert	PY	\$18.00
26030025	Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple	LS	\$3,054.80
26030026	Gill Hauling Inc	VS	\$253.00
26030027	Great Plains Comm Inc	VS	\$1,291.06
26030028	Steven Hassler	RE	\$58.73
26030029	Hd Supply Facilities Maint, Ltd	SU	\$235.15
26030030	Hometown Leasing	VS	\$316.32
26030031	Hometown Leasing	VS	\$48.00
26030032	Hometown Leasing	VS	\$172.22
26030033	H20 4 U Inc	VS	\$55.75
26030034	Nicole Luhr	RE	\$243.02
26030035	Lisa Lunz	RE	\$330.60
26030036	M C I	VS	\$71.33
26030037	M I P S, Inc	VS	\$3,809.15
26030038	Alan Mackling	PY	\$13.00
26030039	Menards-Sioux City	VS	\$153.97
26030040	Miller Building Supply	VS	\$7.45
26030041	Leland K. Miner	RE	\$180.50
26030042	Mutual Of Omaha	OE	\$45.00
26030043	N A C E B	VS	\$100.00
26030044	N A C O	VS	\$60.00
26030045	Ne Neb Tire & Trailer Sales Inc	VS	\$74.75
26030046	Ne Nebraska Tire & Trailer Sales	VS	\$74.75
26030047	Nebraska Health & Human Services	OE	\$93.00
26030048	Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$1,259.76
26030049	Nebraska Notary Association	VS	\$179.98
26030050	Northeast Community College	VS	\$413.00
26030051	Northeast Community College	VS	\$22.50
26030052	Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	VS	\$47.08
26030053	Northeast Power	VS	\$1,802.78
26030054	One Office Solution	SU	\$1,353.72
26030055	Pender Community Hospital	VS	\$4,903.00
26030056	Paul Pfister	PY	\$11.00
26030057	Point C	OE	\$5,582.22
26030058	Ponca Public Utilities	VS	\$823.08
26030059	R & D Catering	VS	\$147.00
26030060	Shea Scollard	RE	\$75.00
26030061	Security Shredding Services	VS	\$120.00
26030062	Stamp Fulfillment Services	SU	\$971.05
26030063	Stratton,Delay,Doele,Carlsn,Buettnr	LS	\$2,778.80
26030064	The Apothecary Shop	VS	\$78.76
26030065	Thurston County Sheriff'S Office	OE	\$12,300.00
26030066	University Of Nebraska-Lincoln	VS	\$23.84
26030067	Veit Llc	TS	\$51.94
26030068	Veit Llc	TS	\$28.94
26030069	Verizon Wireless	VS	\$80.02

26030070	Verizon Wireless	VS	\$479.98
26030071	Visa	VS	\$31.12
26030072	Wakefield Republican	VS	\$329.58
26030073	Amy Watchorn	RE	\$121.80
26030074	Robert Wendte	PY	\$18.00
26030075	Z-Mart	VS	\$789.07

ROAD FUND

Road Employees

Salaries

26030076	B'S Enterprises Inc	OE	\$23,067.50
26030077	Bank Of Dixon County	OE	\$4,429.62
26030078	Bank Of Dixon County	OE	
26030079	Countryside Gas & Grocery	VS	\$291.47
26030080	Ekberg Auto Parts	RP	\$104.59
26030081	Fastwyre Broadband	VS	\$80.50
26030082	Grossenburg Imp	VS	\$4,388.96
26030083	J E O Consulting Group Inc	VS	\$7,540.00
26030084	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	VS	\$123.53
26030085	Marrons Convenience & Service	VS	\$573.31
26030086	N M C Exchange Llc	VS	\$38.71
26030087	Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	\$141.65
26030088	Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$334.71
26030089	Northeast Power	OE	\$279.58
26030090	Rod'S Repair	RP	\$191.12
26030091	Running Supply Inc.,	VS	\$58.84
26030092	Wakefield City Clerk	OE	\$158.24
26030093	Warren Oil	VS	\$2,282.50

0990 COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

26030094	Lynn Mellick	RE	\$29.00
26030095	Ne Game & Parks Commision	MA	\$4,000.00

1275 Insurance Fund

26030096	Dixon Co. Health Ins Acct 5207621	INS	\$113,964.46
26030097	Mercy Business Hlth Serv/Urgnt Care	INS	\$112.32
26030098	Mutual Of Omaha	INS	\$325.63
26030099	Point C	INS	\$35,768.36

2700 Inheritance Tax Fund

26030100	Gardner Willis Plaire & Wilson Llp	LS	\$112.50
26030101	Cline Williams Llp	LS	\$1,134.70

911 Emergency Mang. Fund

Emergency Management Employee

Salaries

26030102	Fluent Information Management Sys	VS	\$400.00
26030103	H M E, Inc	VS	\$28.50
26030104	Sara Kumm	RE	\$60.00
26030105	Motorola Solutions	VS	\$1,695.50
26030106	Motorola Solutions	VS	\$37,450.87
26030107	Mutual Of Omaha	INS	\$7.50
26030108	Northeast Power	OE	\$396.21
26030109	Point C	INS	\$930.37

2913 911 Wireless Service

26030110	Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	\$256.12
26030111	City Of Norfolk	TS	\$130.48
26030112	Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$249.40
26030113	Optk Networks	TS	\$622.44

2965 COMMISSARY FUND

26030114	Virginia Cook	RE	\$132.40
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Noxious Weed Fund

Noxious Weed Employee

Salaries

26030115	Bomgaars	SU	\$154.97
26030116	Ekberg Auto Parts	VS	\$308.94
26030117	Nebraska Weed Control Association	MS	\$150.00
26030118	Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	\$96.48
26030119	Northeast Power	OE	\$150.36
26030120	Warne Chemical & Equipment Inc	VS	\$723.28

GENERAL FUND

26030121	AFLAC	\$	1,079.57
26030122	Dixon County FSA	\$	1,175.00
26030123	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	48,864.71
26030124	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	40.00
26030125	Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#91	\$	800.00
26030126	Legalshield	\$	164.60
26030127	Liberty National	\$	330.54
26030128	LVNV Funding LLC	\$	712.85
26030129	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	1,646.00
26030130	Nebraska Child Support Pmt Ctr	\$	492.00
26030131	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	23,060.22
26030132	Washington National Ins Co.	\$	15.17

Roads / Bridge Fund

26030133	AFLAC	\$	213.54
26030134	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	10,415.02
26030135	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	10.00
26030136	Liberty National	\$	72.21
26030137	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	4,686.38

985 Child Support Agreement

26030138	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	87.10
26030139	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	38.12

2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

26030140	AFLAC	\$	147.68
26030141	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	1,273.71
26030142	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
26030143	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	50.00
26030144	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	585.00

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

26030145	Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	1,505.88
26030146	Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
26030147	Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	574.67

Motion was made by Hassler, 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

Nicholson left the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

Unfinished business. Supervisors discussed getting a Side dump for the Road Crew, they also discussed the stripping and coating of the Concord Road.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Anderson, 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, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Nicholson. The Board adjourned at 2:35 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 March 10, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting at the 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. 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 Hassler, seconded by Blohm 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 and two County newspapers, and all Board Members were notified simultaneously and the agenda of all known business to come before the Board of Equalization 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 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, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.

There was 1 homestead rejection notice. Motion by Blohm to deny homestead seconded 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.

There were also 15 homestead correction adjustments or loss of their homesteads by the state from 2022-2023. Motion by Hassler and seconded by Nicholson for chair to sign corrections. On roll call 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 Exemption Applications. There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:08 A.M.

**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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