DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on October 13, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting at the Annex Building at 59140 Hwy 12 in Ponca, NE. 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 Meeting Laws.

Motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Nicholson 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 Blohm to approve the minutes of the last meetings, of September 8th and 23rd. 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.

Leland Miner, County Attorney, meet with the board on legal matters. Discussed the lighting for the Veterans Memorial, putting a new meter in would cost too much. If they put another meter by the annex meter, we can get a separate reading and have them pay the county. Attorney Miner will get a contract together. Attorney Miner had the Buyer Closing Statement with J21 Land and Cattle Co. LLC for a Part of NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 30 North, Range 6. East of the 6th P.M., Dixon County, Nebraska (5.00 acres, more or less) on a motion by Nicholson to authorize chair to sign the statement for $125,264.00 due at closure which includes Purchase Price, Recording fees, and title insurance. 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.

Survey of the new courthouse property will be carried out as soon as the crops are out.

Brian McDonald, County Engineer, and Road Superintendent, was present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. The Waterbury bridge project construction has started on Bridge #C02910P south of Waterbury. A motion by Peterson for chair to sign the Final Change Order for the Newcastle East 585th Int. Grading project 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. Reviewed the Final pay for the Newcastle East 585th Int. Grading was made motion by Anderson, 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None and the Certificate of Substantial Completion was signed on a motion by Anderson and 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.

At 9:30 a.m. the hearing was started for the Dixon County's 2026-2027 1&6 Year Road Improvement Plan. All Bridges and Roads on the plan were reviewed and no changes were made. The hearing closed at 9:37. On a motion by Anderson to authorize chair to sign the resolution for Dixon Co. 2026-2027 1&6 Road Improvement Plan. 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.

At 9:45 a.m. the public hearing on whether to vacate or abandon 576 Ave between 885 & 886 Roads in Hooker Township took place. No public attended the hearing; the hearing closed at 9:50 a.m. A motion was made by Hassler to offer the road to Hooker township 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.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company applications for fiber optic lines were reviewed and approved, with a motion by Peterson, seconded by Lunz. 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.

Discussed Application forms and requirements for Dixon County Roads for water, sewer, gas, telephone, power, fiber optic, ETC. With problems surfacing we need to put together a new application with more exact and regulated rules. McDonald will talk to other counties in our area and get an application together for us.

On a motion by Nicholson and seconded by Blohm the Annual Road Report was approved, Shea Scollard the Emergency Manager updated all the information, bridge program, cost, meter reports, inventory, maintenance ETC. 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.

At 10:30 AM Ebony Cooksay Thomas with Government Affairs Team at Nextlink Internet was on a zoom call with the board. Her goal is to share progress on internet availability and regional broadband development.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager & Sara Kumm, E911 Director gave updates to the board.

Kumm stated the ½ year maintenance has been completed on the generators and was happy to report there were no issues with rodents as in the past. She is still working with the Martinsburg Fire Department Radio connections. It was a very busy weekend with fires Saturday there were 8 fire calls, 6 combine fires, 1 rescue call, total calls on Saturday were 73. Several counties asked farmers to stop combining due to the lack of manpower they would not have been able to take any more fires calls at one time. Farmers should be prepared to help themselves with disks and water available. They have had fire safety for kids to have their parents work out evacuation plans for their own homes. Sara reported that the kids have come back to tell her they now have plans at their house. Sara informed the board they have 2 grants and a donation they now have 3 drones in the sheriff's department with thermal imaging, speakers, and viewable in cars and dispatch.

Dixon County sheriff's department will now be contracted with the City of Ponca Police (similar to the City of Wakefield) motion to approve and sign contract by Peterson 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.

At 11:00 am the Board recessed to meet as Board of Equalization and reconvened with all members present.

At 11:30 am Judith Stanton with MBA Grant Administration & Consulting was present to discuss different types of grants that could help pay for some items connected to the new courthouse. She talked about grants and answered questions regarding time frames, individual smaller grants and larger grants. Board will continue discussion later.

The Board recessed at 11:55 A.M. for lunch.

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

There were no public comments.

Angela Abts, Nicole Luhr and Amy Topp from the Dixon County Extension office came to present their quarterly report to the board. Angela thanked the board for taking part in the cookie jar contest at the Dixon County Fair and the many activities such as the science of apples, pollination, apple grafting, and apple orchards. Nicole assisted with the 2026 North American Manure Expo in Wayne and several other educational field research and trainings. Amy told the board about the Pancake breakfast on October 18th from 9AM to 1PM.

BVH Architecture, on behalf of the Dixon County Board of Supervisors, has requested a proposal for a site survey from DGR Engineering for a portion of Tax Parcel ID 0023163.02 located south of Ponca, Nebraska.

BVH had a presentation for the board of ideas from the ad hoc committee suggestions. Showing types of roofing, with skylights for some natural lighting, with no skylights. Explained the roof over the FEMA shelter must be clear of items on the roof. Discussed different ways to drain water and snow off the roof. Board will be waiting for pricing on both ideas.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nicholson to approve the County Official's fee reports and Treasurer's list of Pledged Securities. 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.

Discussed the Audit exit interview with the state, no major issues of concern. Publication will be published when the final report is received from the State.

After some questions were answered regarding a few claims a motion was made by Blohm and seconded by Hassler to approve 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.

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**	$	208,068.30
A T & T	OE	$	251.86
Advantage Laser Products	VS	$	430.00
Alan Mackling	PY	$	13.00
Angela Abts	RE	$	288.04
Applied Connective Technologies	OE	$	9,180.36
Art Kathol Appliance, Inc	VS	$	218.86
At&T Firstnet Mobility	OE	$	69.48
Bank Of Dixon County	OE	$	1,707.91
Bank Of Dixon County	OE	$	617.56
Bishop Business Equipment - Tf	VS	$	160.86
Brite	VS	$	2,550.00
Central Valley Ag	VS	$	4,719.07
Central Valley Ag - York	VS	$	757.42
Clearfly	VS	$	580.32

Cubby'S Corporate Office	VS	$	644.92
Cubby'S Inc.	VS	$	120.96
Dakota County Correctional Facility	OE	$	220.00
Das State Accounting-Centralfinance	TS	$	230.00
Das State Accounting-Centralfinance	TS	$	230.00
Das State Acctg-Central Finance	TS	$	150.00
Deluxe Advertising	VS	$	747.31
Dixon County 911 Emerg Serv #2910	INS	$	139,260.79
Dixon County Clk Dist Ct	OE	$	170.00
Dixon County Court	OE	$	83.00
Dixon County Fund #985 Child Suppor	OE	$	3,329.75
Dixon County Historical Society	OE	$	4,998.00
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	INS	$	21,695.70
Dixon County Noxious Weed Control	OE	$	54,643.41
Dixon County Road Fund	OE	$	511,218.47
Dixon County Sheriff'S Office	OE	$	61.76
Doc Jay'S Auto Repair	VS	$	222.64
Duane Dean Chase	PY	$	16.00
Eakes Office Plus	VS	$	110.07
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	VS	$	4,053.29
Erb Auto Glass	VS	$	525.00
Galyen Boettchener Baier Pc, Llo	LS	$	2,398.65
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	$	1,296.48
Guardian Rfid	VS	$	3,388.00
H20 4 U Inc	VS	$	103.30
Hd Supply Facilitities Maint, Ltd	VS	$	168.69
Hometown Leasing	OE	$	316.32
Hometown Leasing	OE	$	48.00
Jack'S Uniforms & Equip	VS	$	187.90
Jorgensen Law Office	LS	$	150.00
Kathy Eifert	PY	$	18.00
Katie Scollard	OE	$	460.00
Kennedy,Pier,Knoff,Loftus Llp	LS	$	643.70
Knoepfler Chevrolet	VS	$	1,428.74
Krohn Car Care Llc	VS	$	211.93
Landmark Surveying Associates	OE	$	4,949.33
Leland K. Miner	LS	$	50.00
M I P S, Inc	OE	$	3,252.64
Mark D. Albin	LS	$	577.20
Maximus, Inc.	VS	$	1,900.00
Menards-Sioux City	VS	$	538.67
Naco	VS	$	7,272.12
Ne Neb Tire & Trailer Sales Inc	VS	$	89.20
Nebraska Health & Human Services	OE	$	171.00

Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	$	2,270.07
Nebraska Law Enforcement	VS	$	240.00
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	$	47.60
Northeast Power	OE	$	1,892.43
One Office Solution	VS	$	960.36
One Office Solution	VS	$	160.00
Paul Pfister	PY	$	11.00
Pch Pharmacy-Pender	VS	$	3.69
Penas Tires	VS	$	1,627.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Serv	VS	$	85.11
Ponca Public Utilities	OE	$	426.98
Region Iv Behavioral Health System	OE	$	4,550.50
Region Iv Inc	OE	$	2,035.50
Robert Wendte	PY	$	18.00
Stratton,Delay,Doele,Carlsn,Buettnr	LS	$	5,274.90
Thomson Reuters-West	LS	$	806.00
Thurston County Sheriff'S Office	OE	$	10,290.00
U.S. Postal Service	OE	$	2,014.05
Veit Llc	VS	$	109.14
Verizon Wireless	OE	$	40.01
Verizon Wireless	OE	$	160.04
Visa	OE	$	678.87
Wakefield Republican	VS	$	2,143.12
Woodbury County Sheriff	VS	$	10.00
Z-Mart	VS	$	1,263.39

ROAD FUND

Road Employees	**Salaries**	$	51,698.32
Airgas Usa Llc	VS	$	286.90
Auto Value Vermillion	VS	$	425.84
B'S Enterprises Inc	VS	$	53,928.00
Beaver Bearing Company	VS	$	490.10
Bomgaars	VS	$	107.16
Butch'S Propane, Inc	OE	$	2,078.63
Cap Gravel	VS	$	27,847.14
Countryside Gas & Grocery	VS	$	19,249.48
Dunrite Repair	VS	$	2,500.00
Ekberg Auto Parts	VS	$	304.05
Fastwyre Broadband	OE	$	161.00
Fischer Hauling, Llc	VS	$	4,224.00
J E O Consulting Group Inc	OE	$	13,250.00
Kayton International Inc	ER	$	2,400.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	VS	$	123.53
M & H Sand & Gravel	VS	$	5,301.53

Marrons Convenience & Service	VS	$	6,581.61
Mike Block	ER	$	3,432.00
N M C Exchange Llc	VS	$	557.31
Ne Nebraska Tire & Trailer Sales	VS	$	229.00
Nebraska Journal Leader	OE	$	26.52
Northeast Glass	VS	$	1,950.72
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	$	157.20
Northeast Power	OE	$	185.89
Ponca Cooperative, Llc	VS	$	8,452.15
Powerplan	VS	$	9,978.99
R C Customs	VS	$	269.30
Rdo Truck Centers	VS	$	5,016.58
Rod'S Repair	VS	$	707.10
Rush Trucking Inc	VS	$	8,363.32
Shur-Co, Llc	VS	$	9.42
Theisen Construction Inc	VS	$	125,405.91
Tri County Aggregates	VS	$	7,969.87
Truck Trailer Sales & Service, Inc	VS	$	24.04
Village Of Allen	VS	$	98.35
Wakefield City Clerk	VS	$	72.46
Warren Oil	VS	$	9,168.06
Wiechelman Repair Inc	VS	$	501.86
Wynot Oil, Llc	VS	$	5,005.50

CHILD SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Bank Of Dixon County	OE	$	330.00

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Nebraska Journal Leader	VS	$	4.75
Wakefield Heritage Organization	VS	$	400.00
Dixon County Jr Leaders 4H Club	OE	$	1,000.00

INSURANCE FUND

Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska	INS	$	2,018.24
Dixon Co. Health Ins Acct 5207621	INS	$	139,580.58
Hm Life Insurance Company	INS	$	46,653.75
Mercy Business Hlth Serv/Urgnt Care	INS	$	108.16
Mutual Of Omaha	INS	$	378.13

CANINE (K-9) FUND

Bank Of Dixon County	VS	$	519.16
Wayne Veterinary Clinic	VS	$	564.77

INHERITANCE TAX			
Bvh Architecture	OE	$	10,627.50
Dixon County Clerk	OE	$	10.00
Dixon County General Fund	OE	$	7.85
Dixon County Treasurer	OE	$	1,628.48
J21 Land & Cattle Company	OE	$	123,109.67
Lewis & Clark Title & Escrow, Inc	OE	$	508.00
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND			
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE	**Salaries**	$	5,841.51
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	INS	$	3,615.95
Electronic Engineering Company	VS	$	1,157.50
H M E, Inc	VS	$	57.00
Northeast Power	VS	$	395.11
Visa	OE	$	320.62
911 WIERLESS SERVICE FUND			
Apco	VS	$	35.00
City Of Norfolk	VS	$	130.48
Great Plains Comm Inc	OE	$	256.12
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	$	249.40
Optk Networks	VS	$	622.44
NOXIOUS WEED FUND			
Noxious Weed Employees	**Salaries**	$	5,781.47
Allen Village Clerk	VS	$	91.60
Nebraska Weed Control Association	VS	$	235.00
Northeast Nebr Telephone Co	OE	$	79.28
Northeast Power	OE	$	95.38
Rod'S Repair	VS	$	115.17
Wakefield Republican	VS	$	198.00

The safety committee had no recommendations.
The Clerk gave agenda and information regarding the NACO Convention coming in Dec.
No committee report or unfinished business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Anderson 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None.
The Board adjourned at 2:30 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 October 13, 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 the County Assessor. Chair Lunz gave notice to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law. Motion was made by Andersen, 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 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 Hassler to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. One 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 was one Tax List Correction on a mobile home by the river. Motion by Anderson seconded by Nicholson to approve chair to sign the correction. 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 exemption applications.

At 11:05 am the Resolution of levies for Dixon County and all sub-divisions for 2026-2027 was reviewed and approved with a motion by Nicholson and 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, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None. **NOTE** levy for Dixon County has changed from the Joint Public Hearing levy was 0.290393 NEW levy is 0.265216. The Board signed the Resolution of Levies.

There was no further business.

The Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:20 AM.

ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

LISA LUNZ, CHAIR
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS