

Dixon County Board Minutes



DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on July 11, at 9:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting in the Jury Room in the Dixon County Courthouse in Ponca, Nebraska. Chairman Jerry Schroeder opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called for roll call of members present. Answering were: Myron Fleury, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Jan Von Minden, William Koch and Jerry Schroeder. Absent: Alan Mackling. Also present were Cindy Purucker, Dixon County Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Supervisors and other interested persons. Chairman Schroeder gave notice to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law.

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

An amendment to the minutes to show that Supervisor Fleury did not vote in favor of the bridge bonding. Motion was made by Koch, seconded by Blohm to approve the amended minutes of the last meeting as written. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

Dixon County Road Supt., Arnold Mellick and Engineer, Brian McDonald were present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. Brian informed the Board that Martinsburg NE bridge project ran short of dirt and the crew are awaiting federal approval of a borrow pit. After the dirt is moved in the bridge should be completed. The bridge project Allen SW is underway.

Supervisor Schroeder opened the Public Hearing at 9:15 A.M. George Koch, Greg Utech, County Attorney Leland Miner, County Highway Superintendent and Brian McDonald were also present. It was noted that the road going north on the section line was not advertised and included in the legal description of the road to be closed. There will have to be another hearing to close the part of the road that was not included. Brian McDonald stated there should be an agreement between the landowners Mr. Koch and Mr. Utech, at the time of closing to guarantee access to Mr. Utech so his property does not become landlocked. Supervisor Nicholson made a motion that the Board table the decision to sign the resolution that offers the road to the township or close the road until after the hearing on the other part of the road, seconded by Von Minden, on roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling. Supervisor Schroeder declared the Public Hearing over at 9:28 A.M.

The Highway Superintendent was directed to do a study on the additional part of the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 22, Twp, 31N, Range 4E. Motion was made by Koch, seconded by Von Minden. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling. **RESOLUTION Book 2 page 602**

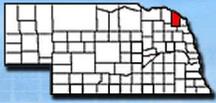
Discussion was had on trading roads with the township in Supervisor 2's district on 586 Road. County Attorney Leland Miner told the Board that they can assume maintenance of any township road with a written agreement between the county and the township. Mr. Miner will look into it and let the Board know next month how to proceed.

A pay application from Theisen Construction Inc. was submitted on the Allen SW bridge project. A motion was made by Von Minden to accept and pay the application, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling.

Clyde Flowers, Dixon County Surveyor, Reed Bartels, TradeWind Energy, and Grant Miller were present to discuss the surveys that need to be done for the Rattlesnake Creek Wind Projects. Due to the numerous surveys to be completed Clyde Flowers wanted the Board to consider deputizing Grant Miller with Olsson Associates out of Grand Island. Mr. Miller has been working closely with TradeWind Energy on the project. Mr. Bartels stated that the surveys would all be paid for by TradeWind. Grant Miller said all the GIS coordinates would be given to the Assessor. The only thing needed from the County would be a backhoe and a man to run it. Clyde Flowers stated he would still be overseeing the surveys. Blohm made a motion to approve deputizing Grant Miller as the Deputy County Surveyor, seconded by Von Minden. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling.

Koch motioned to send a letter of request to NDOR for the county's share of Highway Allocation fund money, seconded by Von Minden. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

The Board decided not to adopt an Emergency Action Plan for the road shops at this time.



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Alan Bauman gave the Board an update on the County Fair activities scheduled for this year. The fair will be held July 29 through August 2. Some repairs were needed to the facilities and some improvements still need to be made in the next couple years. He also gave us a list of the members and how long they had served on the Fair Board.

Mike Carlson, District Probation Officer, introduced the Board to Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer for District 6. She recently took over the position.

Annette Sudbeck with Lewis & Clark Natural Resource District approached the Board for support from the County. Her organization supports the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center on Highway 81. The Welcome Center is interested in any Dixon County tourism information that they can display. The County Clerk will put her in touch with the Dixon County Visitor's Committee. The Lewis & Clark Natural Resource District maintains 50 Aowa dam structures in Dixon County.

Shea Scollard, Dixon County Emergency Manager, discussed the recent audit report. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Merci Suarez gave them a good report on the handling of their records.

Lynn Eifert, E911 Director updated the Board on the progress of the telephone/internet system upgrades. The phone company will be visiting with each office in the next couple of months and training will be scheduled after phones are installed.

A letter was received from the Veteran's Service Committee nominating Roger Godfredson to represent the Ponca area on the Veteran's Service Committee Board of Supervisors. Koch made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Blohm. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling. Also, another letter was received from the Committee stating that Merle Von Minden will no longer be serving on the board. They will looking for a new alternate member as Dean Chase will be next in line to take Mr. Von Minden's position.

The Safety Committee met on July 10, 2017 and had the following recommendations for the Board, the third floor needs 4 new light fixtures, the current lights have casings that are cracked and falling apart. A bid from Art Kathol's Appliance for 4 new LED fixtures was approved. The sidewalk on the southeast side of the courthouse is badly damaged and needs repaired. Myron Fleury will be in charge of getting the sidewalk fixed.

On a motion by Koch, second by Fleury it was agreed to sign the contract with NDOR for the Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections for 2017. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling. **RESOLUTION BOOK 2 Page 601**

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

The Board toured the jail.

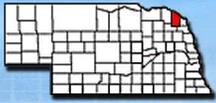
County Attorney, Leland Miner was present to discuss legal concerns of the Board.

Pat Dorcey, Terry & Cheryl Nelson addressed the Board about the bill Mr. Dorcey was sent for the re-surveying of the tower site property. Mr. Dorcey was hoping to come to a compromise in paying the bill. Mr. Dorcey stated that he knew that it was going to be surveyed but wasn't aware that the survey had been done. Mr. Dorcey's hired hand was not aware of the survey stakes until he had already planted over them. Terry Nelson stated he had never been contacted about the survey being complete or he would have put up a fence. He didn't feel it was fair to Mr. Dorcey to have to pay all of the bill. Fencing the property line on the tower site property was discussed. The consensus was that it should probably be fenced. Fleury made a motion that the County pay for half of the re-survey fee, seconded by Von Minden. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling.

A potential agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center was discussed for juvenile boarding. Dixon County Attorney Leland Miner will look it over and bring a recommendation to the Board at the August meeting. The Board tabled the matter until the August 8, 2017 meeting.

Assessor, Amy Watchorn, County Clerk, Cindy Purucker and Treasurer, JoAnn Brennan met with the Board to discuss budget expectations with regard to salary increases for Courthouse employees.

Motion was made by Koch, seconded by Fleury to allow a 2% cost of living increase for full time elected County Officials effective, July 1, 2017 per the current term salary resolution and also allow \$55.50 per month salary increase effective July 1, 2017 for full time County employees under the County Board's supervision. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.



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Ivadell Burcham voiced her objection to the tube that was installed in the cattle pass that connects her property to her family's property. Her concern was that the tube was not large enough for the livestock to pass through. The Board assured her that it was large enough for livestock to utilize and that the 5 ½ ft. squashed tube is the standard that the County installs. There has been a number installed of the same size in the area. She was directed to contact some of the farmers that have the same size tube to see if their livestock had problems with the tube. The Board also stated that if she wanted the larger 6 ft. tube that she would have to pay the difference in the cost.

The union contract with the Sheriff's deputies and dispatcher's was discussed. A motion was made by Koch to approve and have the Chairman sign the contract, seconded by Von Minden. On roll call vote: M.C. Absent: Mackling.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The County Sheriff's and Treasurer's Distress Warrant Reports were reviewed.

The Treasurer was authorized to strike taxes from the Tax List on a motion by Koch and second by Fleury. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

The County Treasurer's Six Month Report was approved on a motion by Von Minden and second by Nicholson. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

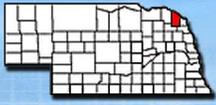
Dixon County's NIRMA Crime Policy with regard to bonding of County Officials was approved on a motion by Koch and second by Blohm. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

The County Official's Fee Reports and Treasurer's List of Pledged Securities were approved on a motion by Nicholson and second by Von Minden. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

At 1:35 P.M. motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Nicholson to go into closed session to discuss burial assistance application #17-07-1. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling. Chairman Schroeder re-stated the reason for the closed session was to discuss burial assistance application #17-07-1. Closed session was declared over at 1:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Von Minden, seconded by Koch to approve burial assistance app. #17-07-1. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

The following claims were presented by the Claims Committee:



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

The Noxious Weed Board did not have a deposit this month.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Von Minden, seconded by Fleury to adjourn. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling. The Board adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

JERRY SCHROEDER, CHAIRMAN
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Equalization met on July 11, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting in the Jury Room in the Dixon County Courthouse in Ponca, Nebraska. Chairman Jerry Schroeder called for roll call of members present. Answering were: Myron Fleury, Neil Blohm, Terry Nicholson, Jan Von Minden, William Koch and Jerry Schroeder. Absent: Mackling. Also present were Cindy Purucker, Dixon County Clerk and Secretary to the Board and Amy Watchorn, Dixon County Assessor. Chairman Schroeder gave notice to the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Law.

Motion was made by Koch, seconded by Von Minden to show by the records that this meeting was preceded by due and legal notice. On roll call vote, M.C. Absent: Mackling.

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

Tax list corrections and exemption applications were reviewed. Amy presented a list of valuation changes.

The Board discussed the protest hearings scheduled for July 12, 2017.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST: CINDY PURUCKER
DIXON COUNTY CLERK

JERRY SCHROEDER, CHAIRMAN
DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION