

DIXON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Dixon County Board of Supervisors met on March 12, 2024, 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, 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. Chairman 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 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 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. Dixon County Engineer Brian McDonald and Arnold Mellick, Dixon County Highway Supt. were present to discuss ongoing road and bridge projects. Brian McDonald delivered options for the bridge between Section 27 & 28 in Township 29 Range 5E. Decision was to start with a survey on section lines. The Dairy Road design is laid out. The Newcastle Southwest project was completed in May of 2023 and the 1-year warranty period is nearly over. Discussed and reviewed MEI Proposed rate of services for 2024. Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Anderson to have chair to sign as Dixon County Representative proposed rate of services. 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.

Shea Scollard, Emergency Manager, is still working with auditors and FEMA money. He has also been working on the bridge maps and has found some errors that are being corrected. Also mentioned that culverts over 20 ft long are considered bridges.

Sara Kumm, 911 Director, reported training is coming in April for fire chiefs. Radio errors are getting worked out. The fire extinguishers will be checked in April. She is having trouble getting a dispatch evacuation plan approved for third floor.

Globe Life gave a presentation of supplemental benefits they could offer to employees at their own expense.

Mike Elton, Weeds Superintendent was present to discuss the Weed Program Evaluation. Motion for chair to sign was made by Peterson 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. The Board recessed at 11:00 A.M. to meet as Board of Equalization and reconvened with all members present.

At 11:30 A.M. a motion was made by Nicholson, to enter a closed session to discuss the road union, 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.

Motion was made at 11:40 A.M. by Blohm to return to open session, 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.

Motion by Anderson was made to order Attorney to file petition for decertification, 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.

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 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.

The County Official's Fee Reports and Treasurer's List of Pledged Securities were approved on a motion by Hassler and second 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 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		
<i>Courthouse empl.,supv. & coord.</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	
		\$ 154,911.96
ANGELA ABTS	RE	\$ 81.74
DERIC ANDERSON	RE	\$ 200.00
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	TS	\$ 249.99
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	TS	\$ 8,857.93
ART KATHOL APPLIANCE, INC	RP	\$ 294.86
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	OE	\$ 40.00
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	OE	\$ 215.19
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	OE	\$ 430.57
JULIE BOYLE	RE	\$ 49.58
CEDAR COUNTY COURT	VS	\$ 353.50
DUANE DEAN CHASE	PY	\$ 16.00
COMFORT INN - KEARNEY	VS	\$ 134.95
COPPLE,ROCKY,SCHLECHT,MASON & WERTH	LS	\$ 28.50
CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE	VS	\$ 1,999.00
DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	LS	\$ 63.80
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRALFINANCE	VS	\$ 230.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	VS	\$ 230.00
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	VS	\$ 751.60
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	VS	\$ 150.00

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DIXON COUNTY CLK DIST CT	LS	\$ 101.00
DIXON COUNTY COURT	LS	\$ 94.00
DIXON COUNTY COURT	LS	\$ 24.90
DIXON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	MI	\$ 40.84
AUDREY DOHMA	PY	\$ 16.00
KATHY EIFERT	PY	\$ 18.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	OE	\$ 400.00
GILL HAULING INC	VS	\$ 219.82
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	VS	\$ 1,556.19
GROUP RESOURCES OF IOWA, LLC	INS	\$ 2,918.55
STEVEN HASSLER	RE	\$ 89.11
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$ 189.33
HOMETOWN LEASING	ER	\$ 292.66
H20 4 U INC	VS	\$ 47.50
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIP	VS	\$ 99.90
JORGENSEN LAW OFFICE	LS	\$ 1,378.54
K & K CATERING	VS	\$ 1,689.00
REBECCA KNEIFL	RE	\$ 35.91
LISA LUNZ	RE	\$ 359.12
M C I	VS	\$ 68.24
M I P S, INC	VS	\$ 2,708.29
ALAN MACKLING	PY	\$ 13.00
DONALD L. MACKLING	PY	\$ 16.00
MENARDS-SIOUX CITY	SU	\$ 129.94
NE NEB TIRE & TRAILER SALES INC	VS	\$ 870.46
NEBRASKA ASSN CLERK,ROD,ELECTN COMM	OE	\$ 50.00
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	VS	\$ 93.00
NEBRASKA JOURNAL LEADER	VS	\$ 979.44
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	VS	\$ 153.99
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	VS	\$ 725.46
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	VS	\$ 46.70
NORTHEAST POWER	VS	\$ 1,818.35
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	VS	\$ 638.66
PAUL PFISTER	PY	\$ 11.00
PONCA COOPERATIVE, LLC	VS	\$ 90.63
PONCA FAMILY DENTISTRY LLC	VS	\$ 815.00
PONCA PUBLIC UTILITIES	VS	\$ 832.51
POSTMASTER OF PONCA	OE	\$ 49.40
R & D CATERING	VS	\$ 100.00
ROD'S REPAIR	VS	\$ 110.00
SANFORD HEALTH	VS	\$ 197.00
LARRY SCHULTE	PY	\$ 23.08
SHEA SCOLLARD	RE	\$ 75.00
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	OE	\$ 837.55

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STRATTON,DELAY,DOELE,CARLSN,BUETTNR	LS	\$ 2,252.10
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	LS	\$ 2,181.91
UNIVERSITY OF NEBR LINCOLN/EXTENS	VS	\$ 225.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN	VS	\$ 541.67
VERIZON WIRELESS	VS	\$ 80.02
VERIZON WIRELESS	VS	\$ 232.11
VERZANI FARMS LLC	VS	\$ 300.00
VISA	SU	\$ 341.80
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC	ER	\$ 266.69
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.,	ER	\$ 40.94
WAKEFIELD REPUBLICAN	VS	\$ 625.51
AMY WATCHORN	RE	\$ 259.38
ROBERT WENDTE	PY	\$ 18.00
Z-MART	VS	\$ 567.32

ROAD FUND

<i>Road Employees</i>		<i>Salaries</i>	
		\$	35,697.11
B'S ENTERPRISES INC	VS	\$	9,972.00
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	VS	\$	4,273.39
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	VS	\$	7.94
BOMGAARS	SU	\$	252.74
EKBERG AUTO PARTS	SU	\$	44.00
GARY BACKHAUS GRAVEL LLC	VS	\$	526.50
GROSSENBURG IMP	SU	\$	1,200.00
J E O CONSULTING GROUP INC	LS	\$	4,388.75
KROHN CAR CARE LLC	OE	\$	321.54
L G EVERIST INC	OE	\$	4,208.14
LAUREL WELDING	OE	\$	1,114.89
LEAD, INC	OE	\$	541.62
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OE	\$	101.39
LUX BROS.	VS	\$	800.00
MARRONS CONVENIENCE & SERVICE	VS	\$	1,006.89
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	VS	\$	60.00
MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	OE	\$	15,540.00
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	OE	\$	164.50
NORTHEAST POWER	OE	\$	190.51
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC	OE	\$	291.80
PONCA COOPERATIVE, LLC	OE	\$	1,863.69
POWERPLAN	OE	\$	8,667.08
QUALITY POWER & CONTROL ELECT. LLC	VS	\$	168.00
RUNNING SUPPLY INC.,	OE	\$	442.90
RUSH TRUCKING INC	VS	\$	7,105.92
SILVER CREEK ELECTRIC LLC	VS	\$	629.57
STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	OE	\$	197.20

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WAKEFIELD CITY CLERK	OE	\$ 149.93
WARREN OIL	OE	\$ 484.25
WYNOT OIL, LLC	OE	\$ 5,820.58
ZIEGLER INC	OE	\$ 1,670.93

CHILD SUPPORT AGREEMENT FUND

<i>Child Support Employee</i>	<i>Salary</i>	\$ 212.04
MADISON GUNDERSON	RE	\$ 84.98

COUNTY VISITORS PROMO FUND

BETTER PONCA FOUNDATION	OE	\$ 4,000.00
CEDAR HILLS DESIGN	OE	\$ 390.00
DIXON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET	OE	\$ 500.00
NEBRASKA JOURNAL LEADER	OE	\$ 8.64
THE LITTLE RED HEN THEATRE	OE	\$ 2,000.00
WAKEFIELD REPUBLICAN	OE	\$ 6.00

REAPPRAISAL FUND

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OE	\$ 3,759.30
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INSURANCE FUND

DIXON CO. HEALTH INS ACCT 5207621	INS	\$ 76,439.88
GROUP RESOURCES OF IOWA, LLC	INS	\$ 22,332.19
MERCY BUSINESS HLTH SERV/URGNT CARE	INS	\$ 110.40

CANINE (K9) FUND

	SALARY	\$ 200.00
BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	SU	\$ 560.83
MAYER SIGNS	OE	\$ 150.00

LATCF LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSIST FUND

JUSTIN KAY	VS	\$ 6,737.50
MICHEAL M SORENSON	VS	\$ 1,112.50
BRAD SORENSON	VS	\$ 1,250.00
VERZANI FARMS LLC	VS	\$ 2,100.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

AMERICAN LEGION POST # 62 NEWCASTLE	VS	\$ 150.00
PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES INC.	LS	\$ 192.76
WOODS & AITKEN LLP	LS	\$ 210.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

<i>E-911 Employee</i>	<i>SALARY</i>	\$ 4,593.33
GROUP RESOURCES OF IOWA, LLC	INS	\$ 661.36

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SARA KUMM	RE	\$	88.14
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	OE	\$	72.54
NORTHEAST POWER	OE	\$	356.65
VISA	SU	\$	40.00

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	OE	\$	384.18
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	OE	\$	249.40
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES INC	OE	\$	720.00

911 WIRELESS SERV HOLDING FUND

CITY OF NORFOLK	OE	\$	149.12
OPTK NETWORKS	OE	\$	622.44

COMMISSARY FUND

BANK OF DIXON COUNTY	SU	\$	347.40
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NOXIOUS WEED FUND

Noxious Weed Employees

		Salary	\$ 5,018.14
EKBERG AUTO PARTS	OE	\$	11.99
FARMER'S PRIDE COOPERATIVE	OE	\$	458.33
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	OE	\$	91.27
NORTHEAST POWER	OE	\$	111.65
SHARE CORPORATION	VS	\$	265.39
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT INC	OE	\$	417.76

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	\$	861.78
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	41,411.07
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	38.00
First Concord Benefits Group	\$	824.99
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#91	\$	635.00
Legalshield	\$	85.75
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	971.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	18,519.94
Washington National Ins Co.	\$	15.17

Roads / Bridge Fund

AFLAC	\$	218.74
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	8,246.20
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	9.00
Liberty National	\$	10.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	3,663.55

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985 Child Support Agreement

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	71.80
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	32.30

2430 Canin (K-9) Fund

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	52.77
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	30.50

2910 E011 Emergency Management Fund

AFLAC	\$	147.68
Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	1,136.57
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	\$	50.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	516.75

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Dixon County Imprest Payroll Acct	\$	1,439.85
Dixon County Insurance Fund #1275	\$	1.00
Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas	\$	530.79

Motion was made by Blohm, seconded by Andersen 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.

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

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

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

The County Treasurer's Tax Sale Reports were reviewed.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's List of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes which remain unsold for want of bidders.

The County Treasurer was ordered to take the 2021 Certificates of Tax Sale to the County Attorney for foreclosure on a motion by Peterson and second by Anderson. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: None. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Andersen.

On a motion by Hassler and second by Nicholson it was moved to order the County Attorney to foreclose on 2021 Certificates of Tax Sale. 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 Anderson and seconded by Blohm to order the Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates. 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.

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A motion was made by Nicholson and second by Anderson at 1:30 P.M to enter into closed session to discuss Burial Assistance Application #24-3-01. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Andersen. Chair Lunz re-stated the purpose of the closed session. Closed session was declared over at 1:35 P.M. On A motion by Blohm and second by Hassler. On roll call vote: Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, Deric Anderson, and Lisa Lunz. Absent: Andersen. Supervisors voting against: None.

Motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Blohm to allow \$1,800.00 on Burial Assistance Application #24-3-01. 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 insulating for the Allen shop building, Blohm will get estimates for foam insulation.

The Noxious Weed Board had a deposit of \$2,904.00.

Deric Anderson left meeting at 1:46 P.M.

Jail/Courthouse discussion took place with Amy Watchorn, County Assessor, Melissa Gensler, Quin Rohan, Clerk of District Court and Joann Brennan, County Treasurer all present.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn. On roll call vote, Motion carried. Supervisors voting in favor of said motion were: Neil Blohm, Steve Hassler, Terry Nicholson, Roger Peterson, and Lisa Lunz. Supervisors voting against: None. Absent: Anderson and Andersen. The Board adjourned at 2:05 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 12, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. for an adjourned meeting in the Jury Room in the Dixon County Courthouse 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 Nicholson, 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.

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

Motion by Hassler, and seconded by Blohm to set the hearing date & time for Approval or Disapproval of Tax Exemption Applications will be held April 9, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at the Dixon County Annex building in Ponca, NE.

There was one (1) Tax list correction. Motion to approve the correction was made by Hassler and 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.

There being no further business, the Board reconvened as Board of Supervisors at 11:10 A.M.

**ATTEST: CATHY STILWELL
DIXON COUNTY CLERK**

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

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