

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Clint Blackburn, and Dustin Sheldon present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the records show that Attorney Peter Johnson, Engineer Dan Davis, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, EMC Clayton Long, Dillon Petersen, Gerald Baker, Dan Kitchens, Tom Eden, and Honi Brown were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Blackburn to sign Resolution No. 2024-30 Approving Salaries for Supervisory and Non-Union Secondary Road Department Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2024-30

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries be in effect commencing on the 1st day of July 2024, for the supervisory and non-union personnel in the Secondary Road Department.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT: \$29.42 per hour salary

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: \$24.79 per hour salary

ASSISTANT TO ENGINEER: \$35.78 per hour salary

ENGINEER: \$115,723.00 salary

Motion made by Blackburn.

Approved this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga gave the board an update on nuisance properties. He said that Welch and Simmerman are making progress on their property. He said Simmerman is the grandson of Boyer's and he is also making progress on their property. Motion by Blackburn to grant a 30-day extension to Welch, Simmerman, and Boyer to allow them to continue progress. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by to approve Resolution No. 2024-31 Transfer for State Contingency Loan

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of May 2024, that the following transfer of funds be approved and made: \$15,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the State Contingency Debt Service Fund for loan payment #4 for the 2019 Flood Debris Removal.

Motion to approve transfer made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

Honi Brown with the Hamburg Reporter met with the board to discuss a resident guide for Fremont County. She stated they usually make a guide for each individual city in the county. This year they are going to make it a countywide guide. She is requesting a welcome letter from the Fremont Board of Supervisors. The guide will come out at the end of August. Chairman Clark said he would like to submit a request to the Tourism Board for funds for an ad and letter. Motion by Sheldon to allow Clark to apply for a tourism grant for the guide that Hamburg Reporter is preparing. Motion carried unanimously.

The board received a recommendation from the Director of Lakin Library and Envisioning Center Dawn Miller to appoint two members to Tabor Library Board. The recommendation to the board is to appoint Rachel Bell and Linda Howard. Motion by Blackburn to appoint Rachel Bell and Linda Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to set public hearing for the budget amendment for May 29, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

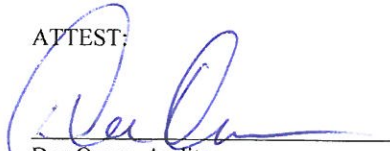
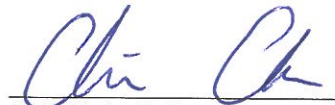
Dan Kitchens visited with the board during public comment period regarding his nuisance. He hasn't heard any more regarding his property and wondered if he is in compliance. He discussed the trailer park area in Sidney. He has a squatter and a person that brought in 5 cars even though they are only allowed to have one. He asked if a fence at the McPaul property would make the board happy. He said he is only here in the spring and fall. Clark stated first and foremost is safety. Supervisor Sheldon discussed

unlicensed vehicles and items that aren't functioning. They questioned if he was a licensed junk yard. He said he knows the property looks like crap. He has people that won't pay rent and he tries to get them to pay. The board stated that is beyond their control. Sheldon stated that they are trying to clean up the façade of the county to make it a nice place where people want to move. He said Kitchens is responsible for his property and he is liable if someone comes on to the property and gets injured. He said he will also have better luck selling if the property is cleaned up. Kitchens then questioned the trees the county removed and piles of dirt they left years ago in the drainage ditch area south of his property. The board argued that was in the right-of-way. Blackburn stated the engineer's office could come look at that area. Kitchens wanted to know why they left it that way and asked they could level it. Blackburn reiterated that the road department would go look at it. Kitchens asked where they stand at this point. The board stated that he is still in violation as he was not granted an extension in January. Tom Eden pointed out the economy and weather being factors. Blackburn stated at the end of the day residents have to abide by the ordinance and must have it cleaned it up. Gerald Baker said he got letter and made tremendous progress and he believes Dan did, too. He asked if the three of them are comfortable with his progress and would give him an extension. The board reminded them that it was not on the agenda so there could be no action. Attorney Johnson stated that he is now in a period of violation and not extension. The trailers as a fence are still an issue. After much discussion, the board stated that anyone with an issue needs to be on the agenda for action to be taken. They told them to stop in auditor's office to be placed on next week's agenda.

Claims were approved for May 3, 2024.

At 9:44 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor
Chris Clark, Chairman