

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Sheldon, Hickey, and Clark present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that IT Arnold Emberton, Terry Graham, Sandy Parmenter with Valley News Today, and North Productions (KMA) were present by telephone for this meeting. Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, EMC Mike Crecelius, and Sheriff Kevin Aistrope attended in person.

There were no updates regarding the flood this week.

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for a signing. Motion by Hickey to allow Chairman Sheldon to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for L-31 over Waubonsie Creek Bridge Management, per agreement through December 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hickey to reappoint Susan Shepherd as the SWIPCO Policy Council second representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hickey to reappoint Bob Benton and Mike Fox as additional members of the Loess Hills Alliance Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a letter of support allowing SCIA to move forward with the COVID-19 Relief Grant Project. They previously discussed this at the December 30th meeting. Motion by Hickey to sign the letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Alise Snyder met with the board for the approval of the semi-annual report. Motion by Hickey to approve the semi-annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m., County Attorney Naeda Elliott joined the meeting.

Sheriff Kevin Aistrope updated the board on the ISICS Radio System. He stated that is a good system, but that there are still areas where service is limited such as the fire call they had south of Thurman earlier this week. They discussed possibly placing a repeater on a grain leg outside of Thurman or Percival. Vice-Chairman Hickey stated any changes regarding the contract need to be run past the county attorney since we have an existing contract. Sheriff Aistrope said he was just trying to get a price to see what a repeater would cost. Sheriff Aistrope stated that we can map out our areas with no service and Motorola can send someone to test those areas. Chairman Sheldon stated he would like to see Motorola down here asap to address the issues after review of the contract. Supervisor Clark stated that he is concerned that the area that they do not have coverage tends to be where they see the most calls. Chairman Sheldon echoed that and stated that his level of communication may have decreased. Sheriff Aistrope stated that he is just hearing some of this for the first time. He just needs departments to let him know where there are problems and he can address them with Motorola.

The board then discussed the maintenance for the radios purchased for ISICS Radio Project. The maintenance agreement is due to expire on June 30th. He stated overall this is a good system. The maintenance is roughly \$22,000 per year. Aistrope believes if you enter a 10-year agreement there would be less increase in the yearly maintenance price. Vice-Chairman Hickey stated that the board originally agreed to fund the purchase of the radios, but that after that the users were responsible for the costs. Hickey stated that they also agreed years ago that the county would fund Emergency Management in lieu of a levy. The board discussed whether they should have them pay per department or per radio. The supervisors would like to see the cities and townships cover the maintenance for these radios and that a per radio seemed like the most reasonable option. Attorney Elliott stated she would prepare a letter to send to the entities regarding the maintenance fee. She also believes there should be a document stating the responsibilities for these issues. It amounts to about \$100.00 per radio. Sheriff Aistrope invited the board to attend a conference call with Motorola at 11:30 a.m. The board stated they have their meeting continuance at 11:00 a.m., but one of them would go to the conference call if available at 11:30 a.m. Motion by Hickey to allow County Attorney Elliott to draft a letter to the departments with radios that they will be responsible for maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, the board approved the Recorder's Monthly Report for December.

Claims were approved for January 8, 2021.

At 10:05 a.m. motion by Hickey to recess the meeting until 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

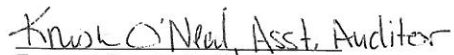
At 11:00 a.m. motion by Hickey to come out of recess and resume the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m., Emberton left the meeting.

At 11:01 a.m., motion made by Hickey to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) in a matter where litigation is imminent. Vote: Sheldon, aye; Hickey, aye; Clark, aye. Present were Chairman Dustin Sheldon, Vice-Chairman Randy Hickey, Member Chris Clark, and Auditor Dee Owen. Present by telephone were Assistant County Attorney Tyler Loontjer and Attorney Krista Baisch of Crueger Dickinson Law Firm. At 11:01 a.m., the board went into closed session. At 11:17 a.m., motion was made by Hickey to go out of closed session. Vote: Sheldon, aye; Hickey, aye; Clark, aye.

At 11:18 a.m., there being no further business, Clark made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Krista O'Neal, Asst. Auditor
Fremont County Auditor


Dustin Sheldon, Chairman

Claims January 8, 2021

General Basic Fund		Mainstay Systems Inc.	1,381.00
Food & Provisions		Office & Data Proc Equip Maint	
Card Services	686.93	Cummins Inc.	1,234.79
Clothing & Dry Goods		Radio & Related Equip Maint	
Charm-Tex	81.80	Verizon	480.18
Custodial Supplies		Buildings - Rental	
Valeri Albertsen	240.00	Jaimie Moyer	45.00
Card Services	429.62	Dues & Memberships	
Minor Mv Parts & Access		Card Services	30.00
Larson Motors	1,171.25	Mid-Sts Org. Crime Info. Ctr A	100.00
911 Custom	1,700.00	Secretary of State Notary Divi	30.00
Stationery & Forms		Data Processing	
Card Services	562.72	Community Connections, Inc.	140.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.Co.	32.40	Rural Services Basic Fund	
Paper Tiger Shredding	110.40	Fuels	
Data Processing Supplies		WEX BANK	4,422.96
Great Western Bank	40.00	Sanitation & Disposal Services	
Safety & Protective Supplies		Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	650.00
Card Services	713.50	Secondary Road Fund	
Iowa Prison Industries	479.71	Parts (non motor vehicle)	
Wearing Apparel & Uniform		Elizabeth Shirley	621.00
Aramark	228.76	Fuels	
Card Services	418.72	Holt Gas Co. Inc.	13,843.25
Galls	120.54	Minor Mv Parts & Access	
Homemaker-Home Health Aides		Freightliner Truck Center Co	148.74
Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	33.87	Motor Vehicle Equipment	
Other		Power Plan	440.79
The Hamburg Reporter Nebraska	95.00	Jnt Disaster Serv.Fund	
Official Publ & Legal Notices		Fuels	
Nebraska City News-Press Inc	228.00	WEX BANK	71.33
Photocopying & Duplicating Ser		Telephone & Telegraph Services	
Paper Tiger Shredding	25.00	Chat Mobility	35.67
Postage & Mailing		Windstream Iowa Communication	167.16
Card Services	7.75	Protection/Security Services	
Telephone & Telegraph Services		City Treasurer ATTN: Gale Murp	1,860.24
U.S. Cellular	860.44	Co. Assessor Agency Fund	
Windstream Iowa Communication	1,716.45	Telephone & Telegraph Services	
Data Processing Services		Windstream Iowa Communication	104.87
IA Co Attorneys Case Mgmt Proj	196.50	Planning & Management Consult	
Office Warehouse Inc.	409.24	Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	10,550.00
Windstream Iowa Communication	189.04	E911 Surcharge	
Educational & Training Service		Telephone & Telegraph Services	
Solutions Inc	28.75	Windstream Iowa Communication	852.16
Fixed Plant Equipment			
		Grand Total	48,015.53