

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session to reorganize for 2025 on Thursday, January 2, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Dustin Sheldon and Jeff Shearer present. Clint Blackburn was present by telephone. 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 Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Sanitarian Caleb Hammons, EMC Clayton Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, and Recorder Tarah Berry were present for this meeting.

The board approved the following resolutions to reorganize the board for 2025:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

WHEREAS, motion was made by Sheldon to appoint Clint Blackburn as Board Chairman and motion by Dustin Sheldon as Board Vice-Chairman.

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman may make motions and vote as any other member of the Board.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that Supervisor Blackburn is appointed Board Chairman and Supervisor Sheldon is appointed to the position of Vice-Chairman.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025 that the Board will hold its regular meetings on Wednesday of each week in the office of the Fremont County Courthouse, Sidney, Iowa, commencing at 9:00 a.m. until business is concluded. Meetings for 2025 will begin on January 8, 2025.

Motion made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the 2025 committee appointments are as follows:

Supervisor Sheldon – Welcome Center Board, West Central Development, Landfill Commission, Local Emergency Response, Southwest Iowa Juvenile Emergency Services Board, Loess Hills Alliance, and Safety Committee.

Supervisor Blackburn – DECAT Board, DHS Service Advisory Board, Emergency Management Commission, Zion Recovery Board, Fourth Judicial District 28E Board, Board of Health, Corner Counties Early Childhood, Workforce Development, East & West Nishnabotna WMA, and REAP Commission.

Supervisor Shearer – Waubonsie Mental Health, Tourism Board, Loess Hills Authority, Hungry Canyons Authority, Hungry Canyons Alliance, Southwest Iowa Transit, Southwest Iowa Planning Council, SCIA, Regional Planning Affiliate Board, and Local Emergency Response.

Blackburn, Sheldon, and Shearer appointed to E911 Board with one vote.

Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the Fremont-Mills Leader-Beacon and The Hamburg Reporter be designated as the County's official newspapers for 2025.

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMINENT DOMAIN COMPENSATION COMMISSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the following persons are appointed as members of the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission for the year 2025.

PROPERTY VALUE OCCUPATION: Chris Johnson, Sidney, IA 51652, Karen Berry, Sidney, IA 51652, Phil Worcester, Sidney, IA 51652, Nicholas Clark, Tabor, IA 51653, Cindy Gregg, Hamburg, IA 51640, Kendra Johnson, Farragut, IA 51639, Jay Longinaker, Randolph, IA 51649. REAL ESTATE: Denise Hammer, Tabor, IA 51653, Cory Gordon, Randolph, IA 51649, Dan Holliman, Hamburg, IA 51640, Nancy Vanatta, Sidney, IA 51652, Jenna Gregory, Sidney, IA 51652, Janell McIntyre, Farragut, IA 51639, Doug Shirley, Sidney, IA 51652. CITY PROPERTY OWNERS: Staci Shearer, Farragut, IA 51639, Rita Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652, Alan Dovel, Hamburg, IA 51640, Tina Apperson, Hamburg, IA 51640, Kristin Blackburn, Tabor, IA, 51653 Brendon Hardy, Sidney, IA 51652, Paul Hutt, Sidney, IA 51652. FARMERS: John Askew, Thurman, IA 51654, Bob Benton, Tabor, IA 51653, H. Frances Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652, Dave Roberts, Sidney, IA 51652, Pat Sheldon, Percival, IA 51648, Steve Lorimor, Farragut, IA 51639, Justin Ewalt, Sidney, IA 51652.

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6

Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa, hereby authorize the Fremont County Auditor, Dee Owen, to issue warrants for fixed charges including, but not limited to freight, postage, utilities, telephone service, contractual services, insurance premiums, and invoices allowing discounts. Any prepayment of civil service fees submitted by the County Attorney's Office or County Sheriff's Office and emergency general assistance claims. These claims shall be audited and allowed at the next regular claim date. The County Auditor is further authorized to issue warrants for salaries and payrolls as approved by the Board of Supervisors, all according to Section 331.506 of the Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution - Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants for 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the 2024 taxable utilities – payable 25/26 as certified to the Auditor by the Iowa State Department of Revenue and Finance be approved, collected, and disposed of as regular taxes, according to taxing district.

Taxable: Railroads 25,152,194, Pipeline 4,349,981, Transmission Lines 2,807,182, Electric 12,969,425, Gas 924,742 Total: 46,203,523

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

Motion made by Sheldon to set the mileage rate at \$.70 (IRS mileage rate for 2024 was \$.67) per mile effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Randy Moyer as weed commissioner for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to reappoint Kelli Woltemath, D.O. as medical examiner for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint David Owen and John Travis as medical investigators for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 2025-8 to reappoint staff of the Fremont County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the following individuals shall be approved as staff for the Office of the Fremont County Auditor, as requested by Fremont County Auditor Dee Owen. The effective date of appointment shall be January 2nd, 2025: Cassie Gilbert – Assistant Auditor; Kristi Clark – Assistant Auditor; Jessica Richardson – Assistant Auditor.

Motion made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2025-9 to reappoint deputies of the Fremont County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the following individuals shall be approved as Deputies for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be January 1, 2025:

Timothy Bothwell - Chief Deputy, Andrew Wake – Seargent, Ashton Luke – Seargent, Michael Wake – Deputy, Jacob Degase – Deputy, Michael Cisneros – Deputy, Joshua Degase – Deputy, Mitchell Bowden – Deputy, Logan Roberts – Deputy/SRO
Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to sign an agreement with FSB Hawkeye Farm III, LLC and Fremont County, Iowa for a temporary easement in ROW for project FM-CO36(83) - - 55-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint Supervisor Blackburn as an alternate for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Susan Shepherd as the economic and business development representative for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve the following new hire resolution for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Jailer for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be October 4, 2025:

Kasie L. Parr

Motion was made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2025-11

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that Room and Board rates for the Fremont County Jail be increased from \$50 per day to \$80 per day, effective January 1, 2025, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope.

Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

Claims were approved for January 3, 2025.

At 9:39 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman