

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Jeff Shearer present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was 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 Treasurer Alise Snyder, Jim Olmsted, and Attorney Peter Johnson were present for this meeting.

Motion by Shearer to sign the application for Payment No. #4 for the HWY 2/I-29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment for Woods Tucker, PLLC for legal services for the HWY 2/I-29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, aye.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment for Houston Engineering for professional services for the HWY 2/I-29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, aye.

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

Motion was made by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the following Resolution 2026-9. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026, and January 31, 2027, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREMONT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

/s/ Clint Blackburn

Chair, Board of Supervisors

January 7, 2026

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert

County Assistant Auditor

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Jim Olmsted with Olmsted & Perry Engineering met with the board to update them on the Hwy 2/I-29 Drainage District Project. Jim talked to the contractor and the inspector and they said that the sand core portion is about 75% complete. They did have a little problem with the geotechnical people, but they did get that all figured out. The construction hasn't started east of the interstate yet but that should not be a problem since it is a small bit of the project. Olmsted mentioned they will have to wait till late spring to do the seeding for the levee. Olmsted said they were having a problem with REA, Atchison Holt electrical, stating that the company will not move any wires without getting paid. Olmsted said they have a solution they will be sharing the underground wiring fees with the Western Electric Company. Olmsted said they got started a month late, but they are making up for it as much as they can. The key factor is to get it done so the construction company is not in the way of the farmers this spring. Blackburn asked about the local contractors and the payment aspect. Blackburn has received calls and complaints about the local contractors working on the project that they are not getting paid. Blackburn asked Olmsted to see what was going on with the payments to the local contractors.

At 9:32 a.m., motion by Blackburn to recess until Jack Reed with INCS can call in. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:41 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Blackburn to table the discussion of New Law RE: Drug & Alcohol Training. Motion carried unanimously.

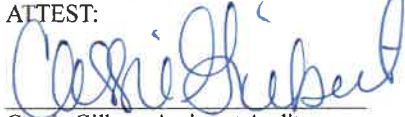
Motion by Blackburn to table Union Negotiations-Closed Session Under 20.17(3). Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for December 2025.

Claims were approved for January 9, 2026.

At 9:42 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman