

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Chris Clark, Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, Dee Owen, Tarah Berry, Dan Davis, Mark Stockstell, Arnold Emberton, Erman Mullins, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Alise Snyder, Doug Weber, and Peter Johnson. Some topics discussed: Assessor-field work & carport being delivered next week; VA-metric report that goes to the state, working with Page & Mills Counties, office hours being placed on door next week; Recorder-scanning project, Treasurer-hiring, second half taxes coming up; IT-ad for the position after creating a job description; Auditor-new budget mailing & budgets deadlines; Attorney-steady case load now; Conservation-ready to ramp up for April 1 start, last year best year since he's been employed here, membership at second highest ever, golf teams getting more talented & larger, grounds crew doing an amazing job; Roads-crews patching potholes, crews cutting brush, & hauling rock from the stockpile, working on IDOT budget & 5-year program, remaining flood damage projects will be complete, J-64, bridge grant; Sanitation-prices going up for well tests & plugging, retiring July/August, talked to DNR to get a packet for training, classes are 4-5 day classes, possibly a grant to cover those.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 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. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, and Sanitarian Erman Mullins were present at this meeting.

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

After discussion about projects, motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign Resolution No. 2024-12 authorizing FY25 STBG Funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Submittal of the
Application For FFY2025 STBG Funding
Resolution No. 2024-12

Moved by Sheldon and seconded by Blackburn that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, as a condition to receiving State and/or Federal aid for Fremont County, Iowa, the following provisions must be met:

- Certification that at least 20% match is being provided from Fremont County's FM Fund if the funds are awarded,
- Guaranteeing that the improvements will be maintained by Fremont County,
- Authorization to submit the proposed project for State/Federal Funds: and

WHEREAS, the Application for the FFY2025 STBG funds and supporting documentation are attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa authorizes the submittal of the attached Application for FFY2025 STBG funding for Fremont County and certifies that the 20% match is available for the J64 project if funds are awarded.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Dee Owen
Attest: Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign an agreement with HGM Associates for preliminary design services on County Road J-64. Motion carried unanimously.

Davis discussed Payne Road and J-64 projects with the board.

Sanitarian Erman Mullins met with the board to discuss the salary for the person who will replace him when he retires. He discussed his budget with the board and asked when he should advertise for his position. Chairman Clark said he would like to see it posted two months before hiring to give them a full month of training. Motion by Sheldon to approve starting salary of \$19.64/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:20 a.m., Sheldon moved to go into public hearing on the proposed 2023/2024 budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. Present for this meeting were Owen, Clark, Blackburn, Sheldon, Johnson, and Mullins. At 9:24 a.m., hearing no comments and with no objections, motion was made by Blackburn to go out of public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Sheldon to approve the budget amendment and Resolution 2024-13. Clark, aye. Sheldon, aye. Blackburn, aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

RECORD OF HEARING AND DETERMINATION ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT
AND CHANGE OF APPROPRIATIONS

On this 14th day of February 2024, the Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in session for the purpose of amending the current operating budget adopted April 26th, 2023. The notice and time and place of hearing was published on April 13th & April 14th, 2023. The amendment was taken up and considered and taxpayers heard for or against the amendment as follows and the amendment passed unanimously:

Expenditures	From	To	Difference
Public Safety & Legal Services	3,681,511	3,747,011	65,500
Physical Health & Social Services	344,620	352,399	7,779
Government Services to Residents	587,094	599,094	12,000
Administration	1,807,711	2,339,798	532,087
County Environment & Education	491,006	510,506	19,500
Operating Transfers Out	2,278,190	2,328,190	50,000
Total	9,190,132	9,876,998	686,866
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	11,661,973	11,711,973	50,000
Operating Transfer In	2,278,190	2,328,190	50,000
Total	13,940,163	14,040,163	100,000
Appropriations			
Auditor	335,241	347,241	12,000
County Attorney	291,817	307,817	16,000
Sheriff	2,501,633	2,536,133	34,500
Medical Examiner	35,000	50,000	15,000
Data Processing	272,971	294,658	21,687
Veteran's Affairs	65,914	73,693	7,779
Non-Departmental	2,537,311	3,117,211	579,900
Total	6,039,887	6,726,753	686,866

Amendment for health insurance for attorney & auditor, ARPA funds, repayment to IHSEMD, equipment repair & K9 for sheriff's office, and added costs for IT position.

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn aye

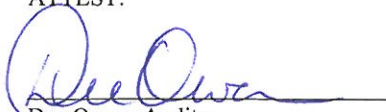
At 9:30 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Vote: Clark, aye; Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye. At 9:30 a.m., the board went into closed session. Present were Chairman Chris Clark, Vice Chairman Clint Blackburn, Member Dustin Sheldon, Jack Reed HR, Chelsea Stoll HR, Attorney Peter Johnson, and Auditor Dee Owen. At 9:57 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Vote: Clark, aye; Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye.

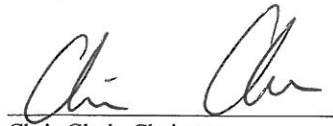
In other business, the Sheriff's Report was approved for January 2024.

Claims were approved for February 16, 2024.

At 9:58 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman