

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Dee Owen, Alise Snyder, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Tarah Berry, Scott Evans, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Peter Johnson, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: tax collections at 97%, another county signed with ReGov, assessment notices went out, tax statement informational meeting with vendor, election security ttx training was very informative, Earl May will be replacing some plants, upcoming closure of Highway 2.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 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 sessions were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Attorney Peter Johnson and Josh Heard were present at this meeting.

Fremont County Landfill requested the board to consider the financial assurance for closure/post closure costs letter. This is a yearly letter that the board signs for the landfill. Motion was made by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign 2025 Certification of Cost Allocation Report from Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 2026-12
Resolution Abating Taxes on Land Owned by the City of Randolph. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

RESOLUTION ABATING TAXES ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF RANDOLPH

WHEREAS, the City of Randolph now owns certain property in Randolph, Fremont County, Iowa, Parcel No. 450450005010000, described as: PCL A LOT 8 BLK 3, City of Randolph, Fremont County, Iowa, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, the property is now owned by the City of Randolph and therefore should not be on the tax rolls according to Section 427.1(2), Code of Iowa,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above-described property shall be listed as exempt on the tax list of the Fremont County Auditor. Further, all current and delinquent real property taxes are abated under Iowa Code Section 445.63.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Auditor and Treasurer shall enter such change orders required to abate these taxes.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2026.

Motion by Sheldon and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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

Attorney Peter Johnson shared with the board a message certificate and a flag honoring America's 250th Anniversary from the Iowa State Bar Association & Iowa State Bar Foundation to Display for National Law Day on May 1, 2026. He also discussed the history of Law Day in Fremont County.

Chairman Blackburn said he has been asked by the contractors to hold off on this payment due to non-payment issues. Sheldon discussed modifications to a federal levee site where they added sand to a levee approach to get trucks over it. They have not wanted to put gravel over it and they do not the levee sponsors will get a huge hit on inspection will knock federal funding down. Sheldon said they stated they're willing to do that but Sheldon recommended not paying until the work is complete. He said Olmstead requested that we get something in writing regarding deficiencies in writing. Motion by Shearer to table the application for payment #8. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment to Olmsted & Perry for HWY2/I29 Drainage District for construction observation services for \$8,115.16. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Supervisor Shearer discussed changing from at-large to supervisor districts for the county. He presented a map showing what areas would be within the 5% margin. He said he would prefer Plan 3, where the districts vote only on their candidate. Vice Chairman Sheldon stated he worries about division. He said he cares about every resident, and he could see that forming districts could have one district not caring about the other. Supervisor Shearer pointed out that there was a lot of division on the windmill issue. Sheldon said he likes it being a big pool of candidates. Blackburn says it also makes it less of a challenge to win in a person's district that everyone knows. After much discussion, the board will continue looking into the process and discuss it further in the future.


Josh Heard stopped in to visit with the board regarding the previous discussion about the old jail property Blackburn provided him with sealed bid information prepared by the county attorney. Attorney Johnson explained the caveats he put on the bid requirements regarding how much money is generated and/or the most productive use.

The board discussed an addendum to the ordinance to limit the number of wind turbines to 35. Attorney Johnson reiterated that project has been verified and has no retroactive effect. They discussed that for example a board can make its own political changes once written, and another board could come in and change some or not all items in an ordinance. They discussed the setbacks of non-participating people and participating people. Attorney Johnson stated that if others see a history where an ordinance is changed it can signal to future boards that there is a concern. This gives public a chance to come in to voice their opinions. He said there are more political than legal considerations. He said he doesn't think that making the amendment now would jeopardize legal actions going on now. Attorney Johnson asked if they would like him to draft a proposal including extending the setbacks. Shearer said yes and Johnson said he would.

Claims were approved for April 10, 2026.

At 10:14 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Clint Blackburn, Chairman