

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon and Jeff Shearer present in the boardroom. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that Engineer Dan Davis, Robbie Kromminga, John Long – Conservation Board, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Drew Bartholomew, Tandon VanScyoc, Sherrie Brink, Sally Bateman, Conner Nuss – Mortenson, Keegan Sneyn – JFECC, Jade Knippel – JFECC, Dennis Bateman, Kristy Rogers – Dentons Davis Brown, Jared Noack – MidAmerican, Recorder Tarah Berry, Jon Johnson and Ruth Paper – Conservation Board and Doug Weber were present at this meeting.

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

Motion by Sheldon to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for J-10 & J-24 per agreement through 03/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for project#BRS-CO376(92) - 60-36 per agreement through 03/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign work in ROW permit for Nick Brumbaugh to reshape approximately 12' of South and North shoulder of 230<sup>th</sup> St from Bluff Road to 220<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign County Road ROW use permit for Annelise Paulik for installation of temporary radii off of public road intersections with ROW as well as extending existing turbine access road radii. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye.

Motion by Sheldon to approve temporary revision of the Road Use Agreement between MidAmerican Energy and Mortenson for 310<sup>th</sup> St to 380<sup>th</sup> & 390<sup>th</sup> Ave, ½ mile on 380<sup>th</sup> Ave North of 310<sup>th</sup> St and ½ mile South of 310<sup>th</sup> St. This is for approximately a 2-week time frame. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye.

Motion by Shearer to sign final IDOT payment vouchers for the following: Project #STBG-SWAP-CO36(90) - - FG-36 and Project #STBG-SWAP-CO36(91) - - FG-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign contract with HGM Associates for bridge inspections and transformation to new FHWA data. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign utility crossing permits for MidAmerican Energy for 25 locations for medium voltage collection cable that will be installed in bore pipe under county roads. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye

At 9:16 a.m., motion was made by Shearer to go into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. A public hearing for adoption of the 2025/2026 Fremont County Budget was held. Present were Supervisors Jeff Shearer, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Assistant Auditor Kristi Clark, Engineer Dan Davis, Robbie Kromminga, John Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Drew Bartholomew, Tandon VanScyoc, Sherrie Brink, Sally Bateman, Conner Nuss, Keegan Jneyn, Jade Knippel, Dennis Bateman, Kristy Rogers, Jared Noack, Recorder Tarah Berry, Jon Johnson and Ruth Paper and Doug Weber. At 9:19 a.m., with no objections or public comment, motion was made by Sheldon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Shearer stated he wanted the public to know that if each department hit the top of their budget the county will be operating at a half a million-dollar deficit, but he was informed that most departments do not use their entire budget.

Motion by Shearer to pass the following resolutions to approve the FY 2025/2026 Fremont County Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21**

#### **RESOLUTION FOR SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Fremont County Compensation Board has recommended an increase of pay of 10% for all Elected Officials, and THEREFORE, be it resolved, after considerable discussion, that the raises from the Fremont County Board of Supervisors are as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$67,072	3.5%	\$69,420

County Attorney	\$88,821	3.5%	\$91,930
Recorder	\$66,457	3.5%	\$68,783
Sheriff	\$94,019	7.5%	\$101,070
Supervisors	\$35,504	3.5%	\$36,747
Treasurer	\$66,457	3.5%	\$68,783

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary adjustments for the above-elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22**

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on this 16th day of April, 2025, the following:

1. The amounts itemized by fund and department on the attached schedule are hereby appropriated from the resources/funds as shown.
2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under number 1 shall constitute an authorization for the department/officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund, effective July 1, 2025.
3. In accordance with 331.437, Code of Iowa, no Department/Officer shall incur any liability in excess of the amount appropriated to this resolution.
4. If, at any time during the 2025/2026 budget year the Auditor ascertains that the available resources of a fund will be less than said fund's total appropriations, he/she shall immediately inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.
5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in number 1. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable Departments/Officers monthly during the 2025/2026 budget year.
6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2026. The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025. The Fremont County Board of Supervisors, meeting in session on this 16th day of April, 2025, do hereby resolve to appropriate the amounts itemized by department for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2026:

Board of Supervisors 204,971	Medical Examiner 45,000
Auditor 388,010	Court Administration 0,000
Treasurer 389,614	District Court 5,000
County Attorney 340,962	County Library 48,135
Sheriff 2,882,648	Communications 597,470
Recorder 310,519	Courthouse 150,820
County Farm 10,000	Data Processing 324,354
General Assistance 21,838	Elections 80,850
Local Option Tax Fund 419,530	Bonds (LEC & ISICS) 586,548
Secondary Road 8,366,000	Juvenile Court Services 97,263
Veterans Affairs 68,405	Home Health 169,254
Conservation Board 345,186	Emergency Management 115,510
Health Board/Sanitation 54,955	Landfill 55,736
Weed Eradication 6,620	Non-Departmental 2,682,472
Social Services 22,200	
GRAND TOTAL: \$18,789,870	

Motion made by Shearer.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 16th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23**

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF TAXES**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, held during public hearing as required by law, on April 16, 2025, the proposed budget for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, was adopted as summarized and tax levies voted on all taxable property of this County.

The property tax levies will be levied as follows:

GENERAL BASIC	3.70085
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	2.45000
RURAL BASIC	3.20388
DEBT SERVICE	0.75436

And approved a 7.5% increase for the Sheriff, a 3.5% increase for the Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Supervisors as follows:

Attorney	\$91,930
Auditor	\$69,420
Recorder	\$68,783
Treasurer	\$68,783
Supervisors	\$36,747
Sheriff	\$101,070

Motion made by Shearer and approved April 16, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve the amended Fremont County Secondary Roads Union Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

John Long stated the Conservation Board held a special meeting to discuss a discounted golf course membership for employees of Fremont County. The Conservation Board recommends, by 3-1 vote, a flat rate discount in the amount of \$225 for each current, full-time employee of Fremont County. These memberships are due by May 31<sup>st</sup> and if you leave employment in Fremont County and wish to continue your membership you must pay a prorated rate for the rest of the season. This will be a trial benefit program for the 2025 season and will be re-visited next year. Long also stated that the Director and Superintendent of the golf course will be exempt from any dues. The board feels that they need to play the course to see where improvements are needed. Ruth Paper stated it is in the job description. Bartholomew stated most employees won't benefit from this. Bartholomew stated they were looking at a county benefit that would be free, not one that costs the employee money. Bartholomew does not feel the County needs to bring in revenue off employees. Clark stated several people have shared their appreciation for the discounted rate. Bartholomew stated if they are charging employees, then schools should charge as well for using the golf course. Paper stated the golf course is beautiful and has been the selected course for several conference and district meets. Shearer stated it is a personal preference if you use the proposed discount and asked for clarification on the school's use of the course. Weber explained that each school purchases one family membership that allows the golf team of that school to use the course during the school's golf season. If those students choose to use the course outside of the school's golf season, they are required to purchase a membership or pay the green fees to golf. Motion by Sheldon to approve the conservation board's recommendation of a flat rate of \$225 towards a membership for current, full-time Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Tandon VanScyoc asked about the proof of ownership for the wind turbines. VanScyoc stated at a March meeting, Invenergy came saying they were selling to MidAmerican. VanScyoc wanted to know if there is any proof of the transfer of ownership. Blackburn stated the Supervisors can't discuss anything regarding the turbines due to current litigation. Kristy Rogers, council for MidAmerican, stated all requirements have been met. VanScyoc asked why Invenergy representatives are still showing up to residences. Rogers stated she represents MidAmerican not Invenergy. Van Scyoc and Rogers discussed IUB requirements. VanScyoc asked if the roads were to be maintained during the project. Davis stated Robbie had been down in that area and had reported some ruts that were to be taken care of. After a brief discussion of the road use agreement, Chairman Blackburn asked that the discussion remain pertinent to the agenda item which is proof of ownership. County Attorney Johnson stated that proper notice of transfer was received.


During public comment Van Scyoc asked Davis to expedite taking a look at the 290<sup>th</sup> St area, within the project, that needs fixed. Project manager, Conner Nuss, who was in attendance stated he will look into the road concerns. Brink then asked about parking downtown and Nuss stated this was temporary and they will be parking elsewhere soon. Shearer asked for answers to a

previously asked question for Brink regarding who she can contact with concerns on a turbine or two. Rogers and Jarod Noack with MidAmerican stated they would give the Supervisors contact information after the meeting. Jon Johnson thanked the board as he stated there are people in favor of this project and how it will benefit Fremont County.

Claims were approved for April 18th, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

  
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Clint Blackburn, Chairman