The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 23, 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, EMC Clayton Long, Recorder Tarah Berry, Sherrie Brink and Tandon VanScyoc were present at this meeting.

At 9:15 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board regarding revisions to the road use agreement. He said this is still within the boundaries of the original road use agreement. They want to add extensions for the empty trucks to turn around. Supervisor Shearer asked what they were changing. Engineer Davis said the blue area on the map is the new tie in so the trucks don't have to try to turn around when they are empty. Supervisor Shearer asked how badly they want it signed and if the county can get something else out of them. Engineer Davis and Supervisor Blackburn stated MidAmerican Energy would take over the maintenance of these areas. Supervisor Sheldon stated that revision last meeting was to add two miles. Sherrie Brink said from 250th south to Gandy's house was down to dirt. She said dirt was plastered all over their house. Brink and Supervisor Shearer asked if they could put dust control down since the water isn't working. Engineer Davis stated he would request this from MidAmerican. Supervisor Shearer asked if they could get MidAmerican to give the county more if they want this change, such as the dust control. Supervisor Sheldon stated this revision appeared to be adding around 9 miles to what was already in the scope of the project. Brink asked for a speed limit for trucks near residences. Sheldon stated that during the construction after the flood that group would not put dust control down. They used water due to cost effectiveness and gravel. He said they did impose a 35-mph speed limit. Engineer Davis said he could contact Mortensen regarding speed. Another suggestion, if they didn't slow down, was to have the sheriff's office periodically monitor speed. Supervisor Sheldon stated he was sure they wouldn't put the dust control down and then grade the road. Their graders would negate dust control, and they would have to do it again, which would be expensive. Shearer reiterated that the turbine group would be using their equipment, not ours, until the project is over. VanScyoc and Brink both stated that they are not watering down the whole route. The board agreed someone would need to reach out regarding this issue. After much discussion, motion by Shearer to table revisions until next week after they have contacted MidAmerican about better road maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal of Class C Retail Outdoor Service Alcohol License for Wilds Property Management, LLC dba Whiskey Springs. Shearer questioned a report he had heard that people were leaving overly intoxicated. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve renewal of Class C Retail Permit/Outdoor Service/Sunday Sales Liquor License for Williams-Jobe-Gibson Post No. 128. Motion carried unanimously.

Reva Benefiel with Grape Community Hospital Foundation emailed a request that the green fees be waived as in years past for the Grape Community Hospital Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 7th, 2025. Motion made by Sheldon to waive the green fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The Fremont County Board of Health recommended hiring Gregory Gordon for the sanitarian position due to the resignation of Caleb Hammons. Supervisor Blackburn stated that they had three applicants. After interviewing, Blackburn and another Board of Health Member felt this person was the best choice. Motion by Shearer to appoint Gregory Gordon as Sanitarian for Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve Noxious Weed Resolution No. 2025-24. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-24

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of April, 2025, that the following order for destruction of noxious weeds be effective June 1, 2025.

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Fremont County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon and shall prevent weed seeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel.

Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1: June 1, 2025 - for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Sour Dock, Sheep Sorrow, Canada Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn, Wild Mustard, Musk Thistle, Bull Thistle, and all other species of thistle

Group 2: July 1, 2025 - for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot

Group 3: August 1, 2025- for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Hemp, Shatter Cane, Wild Sunflower, and Palmer Amaranth

- 2. That each owner and person in possession or control of any lands in Fremont County, infested with any noxious weeds, including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canada Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Hemp, any species of Thistle, and Palmer amaranth shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner, which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.
- 3. That if the owners or persons in possession/control of any land in Fremont County fail to comply with the foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.

ATTEST:

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

Motion by Shearer to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 Transfer for State Contingency Loan Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025, that the following transfer of funds be approved and made: \$15,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the State Contingency Debt Service Fund for loan payment #4 for the 2019 Flood Debris Removal.

Motion to approve transfer 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 Shearer to approve the following new hire resolution for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of April, 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Deputy for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be April 21, 2025:

Justin Phillips - Deputy

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

Claims were approved for April 25, 2025.

EMC Clayton Long briefed the board on his press release regarding the tornadoes in Fremont County last Thursday. He also went over criteria for assistance for Federal Aid. He initially submitted 45 properties to the state but says there were far more. He said if anyone has questions about this, they can be directed to him. He said they plan to do a door-to-door campaign with information for aid. EMC Long said he saw a lot of good in the community, with people telling the Red Cross to help their neighbors who were worse off. The board thanked him for his response to the emergency.

Tandon VanScyoc addressed the board about the ownership issues regarding MidAmerican and Invenergy again. Chairman Blackburn stated again that it was his understanding that everything changed hands in the agreement. Auditor Owen said he could get a copy of the document in the Recorder's Office or the Auditor's Office, as it is a public record. VanScyoc said he thought last

week that MidAmerican's attorney said they don't need a road use agreement conveyed with the purchase because it was a utility. The supervisors stated that they understood that they didn't need a new agreement because everything transferred. VanScyoc also said that they are watering 250th street up the hill, and then they stop. He was told after the last meeting it would be addressed, and it wasn't. VanScyoc also asked why MidAmerican was here for the meeting last week. Auditor Owen stated she believes they are monitoring the agenda because her office has received calls about the agenda. She also stated that it is a public meeting and anyone can attend.

At 9:50 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dee Owen, Auditor

Clint Blackburn, Chairman