

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Vicki Kirkpatrick, Tarah Berry, Scott Evans, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Dan Davis, Clayton Long and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: safety and policy updating, veterans' affairs on a county level, Iowa Home Base Communities, board of review update, boiler update and annual fire alarm testing scheduled, bridge updated from roads.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 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 Engineer Dan Davis, Emergency Management Clayton Long, IT Scott Evans, Tori Westhoff and Josh Heard were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Shearer to sign Resolution No. 2026-18 for salaries beginning July 1, 2026, for supervisory and non-union personnel for the Secondary Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-18

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries be in effect commencing on the 1st day of July 2026, for the supervisory and non-union personnel in the Secondary Road Department.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT: \$31.36 per hour salary

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: \$26.43 per hour salary

ASSISTANT TO ENGINEER: \$38.14 per hour salary

ENGINEER: \$123,336.00 salary

Motion made by Shearer and seconded by Blackburn.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Sheldon to sign county line maintenance agreement between Mills County and Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign application for Payment No. 9 for Hwy 2/I29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, abstain; Shearer, aye.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment for Olmsted & Perry for Hwy 2/I29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, abstain; Shearer, aye.

The board received an email request from Grape Community Hospital Foundation to request that the green fees be waived as in years past for the Grape Community Hospital Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Motion made by Sheldon to waive the green fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the contract with Cost Advisory Services for 2026-2028. The consultant will develop annual central services cost allocation plans based on actual costs incurred for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028. The cost remains \$4,450.00 per year. Motion by Shearer to approve the Cost Advisory Services, Inc. contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The board considered a submission for secondary employment for Kasie Parr, who works at the sheriff's office. Motion by Sheldon to sign the secondary employment form. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the following appointments to county boards:

- a.) Board of Adjustment
- b.) Civil Service Commission
- c.) Tourism Board

Shearer asked if people could serve on multiple boards at a time. Also, what all the Civil Service Commission board entails. People have till May 26th at 4pm to apply for these positions.

At 9:15 a.m., the board opened sealed bids for the former sheriff's office building located on Ohio and Cass Streets in Sidney, Iowa. Had one sealed bid to open. Sealed bid was from Josh Heard.

Discuss/Action Award of Bid for Lots 3 & 4 of Block N, Sidney, IA. Blackburn stated Heard wrote a very good proposal for the property. The lone sealed bid was for \$7509 cashier's check, no appraisal is needed, sold as is without obligation for repairs or modifications or clean up. Sheldon would accept the bid but would give the proposal over to the Attorney for inspection. Sheldon made a motion to approve the \$7509 sealed bid contingent on the County Attorneys approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the ICAP Insurance Renewal Paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Clayton Long asked about the new Drainage District what happens in a flood situation is there pumps that the county needs to use in a high-water event. Or do we use sandbags. Long also asked about O&M for levy and the pumps. Blackburn stated that might be a Jim Olmsted question. Sheldon stated when the next time the drainage ditch is on the agenda he will have Long in here with the questions.

Shearer wants to change the windmill set back ordinance on non-participating landowners only. Shearer wanted to know if he had the two board members' support on this. Blackburn states the only thing is that if we change any type of ordinance regarding the wind mills since we are in litigation we could deal with legal ramifications from the company. Blackburn needs to speak with the County Attorney on how to proceed with changing the ordinance. Sheldon agrees with Blackburn, it is hard to do anything when we are in litigation. Sheldon stated that the County Attorney has more important things going on right now than changing an ordinance that won't be affecting anyone in the near future. So, waiting to see if we can change it right now should be fine for everyone. Shearer asked about the districts for the supervisors and asked if they could be on the ballot next election. Blackburn stated he didn't know the laws on that and he would need to reach out to someone to get the information.

The sheriff's monthly report for April was approved.

Claims were approved for May 15, 2026.

At 9:47 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman