

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 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 session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Shirley, IT Scott Evans, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert, were present at this meeting.

Kevin Kruse met with the board regarding the road placement in the I29/Hwy2 Drainage District. He said they have a road hazard when you come up over the hill; someone who doesn't know the area is going to get killed. Kruse said when he and Sheldon met with Jim Olmsted, he said he would move it "down there". Kruse said Olmsted lied to him and Sheldon. Engineer Davis said he looked it up and found maybe they were short on minimum design. He said when there is low traffic volume, they need to maintain 6%, and it was 7.95% on the north side and 5.1% on the south side. Dan said there is an exception if the total length is less than 500', which it was, so they can raise it to 8% per design guidelines. Dan told Kruse he wanted to meet minimum specifications, which they did. Davis said they could put delineators so it could be seen at night. He said it is marked as a dead end. Supervisor Sheldon said there was concern when they were there, and they discussed moving it south. Kruse said they brought machinery in a couple of weeks ago, and they dragged the road, which told him there is something wrong. Kruse asked if the board has the power to have them move it. He said if you go over 25 mph, you will go right into the tree. Sheldon said his concern is Kruse has grain storage there, and semis going on it, and with 8% grade is going to be hard on his equipment. He said they can't take the height of the levee down. Kruse said he knows they are not going to change for him because they lied to him the whole time. Kruse asked again if the board could make them change it. Chairman Blackburn said they met all guidelines and they aren't going to move the road. He also said the funding is from IDOT and there won't be any more available. Kruse said the bottom of the road on the north side lost 2 feet of road. Engineer Davis said they could possibly try to blade it. Kruse said they'd have to add dirt, and it is two feet wider on the south side where they added gravel. Chairman Blackburn said they all need to meet down there, including Jim Olmsted, Kevin Kruse, Davis's road crew, to come up with a solution. Kruse said he wanted to add another discussion with all the loads of dirt they brought in, that they had no rock left on their road. It is all just dust. Blackburn said they could address that too while meeting there. Kruse also addressed the trees on Robbins' corner by the mechanic shop are dangerous, and you can't see past them. Engineer Davis said they could do some cutting because they are probably in the right-of-way. After much discussion, they agreed to work on setting a meeting with one supervisor, Olmsted, the road department, and Kruse.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for design of 310th Street/J-64 per agreement through May 31, 2026, for \$60,300. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Shearer asked if that would be done by summer, and Davis said no, not by the time the letting is done.

The board discussed the agreement with the DOT regarding the roundabout. Engineer Davis said they will have to close Highway 59 and Highway 2 for the roundabout, with many detours through our county. Davis explained the detour routes. The board and Davis discussed the issues with our roads with the current detours because of the Highway 2 construction. The board asked the timeline. Davis said they are saying June 1 to August 1, but that would be unlikely. Supervisor Shearer asked why the detour isn't going down M32 in Page County. Engineer Davis said they could get DOT down here but doesn't think they will budge. After much discussion, motion by Shearer to table the signing of the agreement with IDOT for roundabout construction so they could talk to DOT. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis presented the board with a retirement letter. He plans to retire October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The board congratulated him on his retirement and spoke on his excellent service and loyalty to Fremont County. Kevin Kruse also spoke, agreeing that Davis has done a fine job. Motion by Sheldon to accept Davis's retirement letter with thanks and regrets. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Vice Chairman Sheldon to sign application of approval of underground construction in county ROW for Windstream Communications to place fiber optic cable on 325th Avenue from the intersection of Depot Street south for 531' along east side of the road. Sheldon, aye. Shearer, aye. Blackburn, abstain.

Motion by Shearer to approve the renewal of cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for Sapp Brothers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve ownership update amendments for Pilot Travel Centers LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Alise Snyder met with the board to discuss recommendations from IDOT for county cell phones. She went to IDOT training with investigators there. They recommend no longer keeping email on personal cell phones because it is public record and causes safety concerns. Snyder said she has to use new authentications to get into computers on her personal phone. She said she has it in her budget and has spoken to IT. She would get the most economical package. She discussed their scheduling program, and it is not fair for them to have to put their personal cell phones as contacts and have customers with their personal phone numbers. She said several counties have done this in the last few months. Motion by Sheldon to approve a cell phone purchase by the treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Snyder also gave the board the results of the tax sale held on June 15th, 2026. There were 203 regular parcels. All 203 parcels sold for \$143,435.81. Snyder stated that there were 451 investors. There were 6 that the county held. She said some other counties had importing issues, but we did not.

IT Scott Evans met with the board regarding the renewal of the Solutions Software Contract. Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the Solutions Software Annual Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for June 19, 2026.

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

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman