

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 1, 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 record show that Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Bri O'Hearn, Devin Juel, Ruth Connell, Justin Shirley, Zach Euler, Connor Shields, EMC Clayton Long, Jim Olmsted, and Andy and Darrin Hanson were present at this meeting. Wes Mayberry was present by telephone. Bri O'Hearn, Treasurer Alise Snyder, and Recorder Tarah Berry joined the meeting shortly after the start.

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for the following:

Wes Mayberry with the IDOT called to discuss the IDOT's detour route for next summer's roundabout construction. Mayberry explained the plan for the roundabout. He said it would be closed for roughly 60 days. It would be Highway 59 to 250<sup>th</sup> Street, then 370<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Highway 2. Shearer asked if Mayberry drove the route. Mayberry said his traffic tech drove it. Shearer asked why they are not driving through Page County on their paved roads. Shearer also said that when school gets out, it will be a nightmare. Mayberry said that is why the project is from June 1 through August 1 to avoid school. Mayberry said the City of Shenandoah also contacted them about the detour. They want it on the north side of Shenandoah on J32 down M41. Shearer asked if he had spoken to the City of Farragut. Mayberry said he is attending the July 9<sup>th</sup> Farragut City Council meeting to see what they and mayor want to do. Motion by Shearer to table until the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> after Farragut has their city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for FM-CO36-(83) - - 55-36 per agreement through June 15, 2026, for \$21,921.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve the renewal of the Cigarette, Tobacco, Vapor, Alt. Nicotine Products Permit for Cubby's Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License for Williams-Jobe-Gibson Post 128 Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Olmsted with Olmsted & Perry, Connor Shields with R-W Engineering, and Zach Euler with M Con met with the board for the approval of an O & M Manual and signing of two agreement amendments regarding the Hwy 2/I29 Drainage District. He said that IDOT is requiring an operation and maintenance manual to be prepared. He said they want to address how they close Highway 2 where levee comes up and stops in the event of a flood. He said it would have to be closed in event of a flood with sandbags, tiger dams, etc. It would also address how the dike is mowed and maintained. He said the DOT as agreed they will pay for it and county will approve it first. He said there will be two agreements, one between Olmsted and the county and one between county and IDOT. He said the IDOT would also be purchasing whatever is used to close Highway 2. Motion by Shearer to approve going ahead with the O & M Manual. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Regarding closing the project, Olmsted stated they can't completely close today. He said there is no agreement with the sand and there is still an issue with one property owner on the north side. Zach Euler with M Con said he talked to Mr. Kruse. The issue wasn't what he originally thought it was. He thinks it is with access problems on the other side at the grain bins. Olmsted said if he will let us go beyond there, we can make that ramp smoother. Sheldon said he thinks the problem is with the road at his bin driveway. Sheldon said they offered to make a new driveway, he said no. Olmsted said he had been in contact with Kruse throughout the project and he had maps. Olmsted said it is a little late in the game to change now. Blackburn and Sheldon said they need to talk to him to try to reach a common solution. Olmsted said two documents need to be signed today. Those are the two change orders and the certificate of substantial completion. The original cost of the project was \$4,374,461.20, after Change Orders 1-3, the contract price increased by \$29,594.20. The final contract price is \$4,404,055.40. Motion by Shearer to approve the certificate of completion with a date of July 1, 2026, and to approve the certificates of changes. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Bri O'Hearn met with the board to discuss the law enforcement 28E agreements with the cities. She told the board she is the city attorney for all our cities, except Imogene and Farragut. She said she wanted to bring up the conversations because the 28E agreements expired yesterday. She said she has been trying to get in contact with the county attorney but hasn't been able to. She

said she talked to Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, and he is out of town, but they will meet next week. She informed the board that the 28E's in the past were negotiated 15-20 years ago. She said it is the agreement in cookie cutter format. She said Hamburg and Sidney have a minimum patrol time and a flat rate is paid quarterly. She said the issue was raised how did we come up with the rates that are charged, and trying to figure out an equitable way to pay those fees. She wants the best way to maximize that value for everyone. She said each city has their own concerns like Thurman and Randolph's would be traffic control on main roads. The question is how to meet budgetary requirements and provide city with solutions for their concerns, too. She said an example option would be geo-pinning, so when the deputy reaches the corporate city limits and enters town, they have that information. She said these would be simple reports to print off and it seems the system now makes it difficult for the towns to understand the reports. She said some other ideas were to pay a hourly rate, paying per capita rate, or other unique ways to calculate cost. She is here to request that he (Sheriff Aistrope) will continue to provide coverage until the contacts are renegotiated. She asked the board for thoughts on this matter. Sheldon said one of his concerns with geo-pinning is that if a deputy is elsewhere in the county and gets a call to a city, travel time should be considered. He said from the financial standpoint of the county, they are still spending money on travel time/fuel going there. At 9:40 a.m., Kent Benefiel joined the meeting. Justin Shirley said the geo-pinning idea is for accountability. The group said another thing is how terms are defined like what patrol time is, not investigative work. They would like the 28E's clarifying terms and understanding of what each party is going to be doing. She said the agreements are antiquated and concerns need to be addressed. She also said the idea of a code enforcement officer has been discussed. It would be a way cities could have a code enforcement officer they could share. She gave the possible benefits of a code enforcement officer. Kent Benefiel said they are supposed to be getting 3-4 hours day. He doesn't think a deputy being in town is a deterrent. He said there are three places where they park and anyone who wants to be doing anything knows those three spots. Chairman Blackburn used examples to cite differences between baseline nuisance ordinances, mowing, dogs at large, and inspections. O'Hearn said having deputies do some municipal code enforcement would justify the expense that the cities have. She said they need to figure out expense to value ratio equitably and the board has ultimate decision. She said the board has control of the budget. Auditor Owen pointed out that the board has control of the amount of money distributed to departments, but after that, they can't tell the elected official how they can spend it. After much discussion, the matter will be discussed further after O'Hearn speaks with the sheriff. The board said they support a committee to discuss a fair and equitable resolution. Blackburn said he would sit on the committee. There was no action taken on this matter.

The board discussed the new hires for the sheriff's office. They discussed the previous hiring freeze. The board is going to be clear from this point forward that there are no new hires for any office/department without prior approval. Chief Deputy Tim Bothwell had one of these approved by the board and previously discussed filling the other without official board approval. Motion by Shearer to approve two new hire resolutions for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of July, 2026, that the following individual shall be approved as a Jailer for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be May 22, 2026:

Amanda Driever

Motion was made by Shearer.

Attest:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of July, 2026, that the following individual shall be approved as a Jailer for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be June 30, 2026:

Todd Bonnes

Motion was made by Shearer.

Attest:

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

Motion by Sheldon to rescind the motion made on June 24, 2026, approving the agreement to rectify the discrepancy of the 25/26 union agreement and to approve the 26/27 union agreement due to lack of assent from the union. Motion carried unanimously. The contract was subsequently approved on June 29, 2026, with the intent to renegotiate a stipend agreement in the future.

Claims were approved for July 3, 2026.

At 10:35 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman