

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Jeff Shearer present. Let the record show Dustin Sheldon was not present for this meeting. 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, and Jan Norris were present at this meeting.

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

This is on J-10 and J-24 where we had to raise the tracks after the flood. The DOT is wanting to get it closed. The contractor and secondary roads tried to negotiate a better price. Davis said the railroad came down a little, but the contractor won't sign the contract. The DOT said they want to do whatever it takes to close the contract. Davis would like to add around \$7,500 to the contract so they can get it closed out. Shearer asked if we would get that money back. Davis said no. Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign Amendment Number 2 to the original amendment agreement for construction services on J-10 and J-24. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:08 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting.

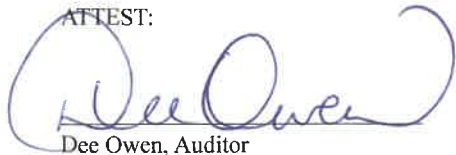
Jan Norris met with the board to discuss the carbon pipeline. She stated that her neighborhood received notices from Summit of a proposed carbon pipeline 4 years ago. She continued saying that Phase 1 was projected to run behind her house and between two of their farms, and the second route would run south of her house. She stressed the importance of being informed. She explained at first there were 3 carbon pipeline companies proposing projects in the Midwest. Two other major projects in Iowa have withdrawn, leaving Summit Carbon as the only statewide project attempting to move forward. She continued to give more background on Phase 1. The original route proposed 4 years ago, now referred to as Phase 1, would cross nearly 700 miles of Iowa, including 126 miles down the western side to join Ida County to Shenandoah. She said it impacts 18 miles of Montgomery Co, 6 miles of Page County and about 4 miles in Fremont Co. She stated that after an extended application process and evidentiary hearing, last year the Iowa Utilities Commission issued Summit a conditional permit including being able to exercise eminent domain. She said construction in Iowa is dependent upon obtaining permits in both North Dakota and South Dakota. Among other parties' objections are Farm Bureau who filed a brief arguing the Iowa Utilities Commission acted improperly in granting eminent domain as part of the permit. She stated Phase 2 doesn't affect Fremont County at this time but urged the board to stay informed. She gave them information on Phase 2 and Navigator easements. She discussed Summit filing lawsuits against landowners and counties who tried to pass local ordinances like Shelby County. She explained the current status and the legislation that was passed in HF639. This did not eliminate eminent domain. She told the board about water issues and safety issues that affect Shenandoah and in turn affect Fremont County. She said counties can pass ordinances to establish fees and policies for zoning setbacks, road crossings, and right-of-way uses. She let the board know they can reach out to her for any information they may need and reminded them to stay informed.

EMC Clayton Long stopped by to visit with the board about the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. There is uncertainty about funding in the future, so they are proposing a cost-share for 2029. It could cost as much as \$24,000 by 2029. The state and federal government would pay their part, leaving the county to pay an estimated \$3,600. Long will apply for the cost-share program when the time comes.

Claims were approved for July 25, 2025.

At 9:33 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman