

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 29, 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 Engineer Dan Davis, Recorder Tarah Berry, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Darrin Hansen, Andy Hansen, and Sheriff Kevin Aistrope were present at this meeting.

As previously discussed on July 15, 2026, the board talked about the sale of the lot at 809 Ohio Street by public auction. Motion by Sheldon to declare the real estate locally known as the west ½ of Lots 1 & 2 in Block N, City of Sidney, Iowa, a surplus property and authorize the chairman to sign a resolution to that effect. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROPOSING DISPOSITION BY PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, is a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, owns certain real property locally known as the west ½ of Lots 1 & 2 in Block N, City of Sidney, Iowa, as shown in the attached Plat of Survey and legally described as follows:

west ½ of Lots 1 & 2 in Block N, City of Sidney, Iowa, Fremont County, Iowa, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, no longer has use for the land and it should be declared surplus and sold by public auction with all proceeds from the sale deposited in the general fund of Fremont County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, reserves the right to reject all submitted bids if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the County to do so; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described real estate is declared surplus property and shall be disposed of by auction to be held September 1, 2026 at 9:00am, with a proposed purchase price and detailed proposed use with demonstrated ability to achieve its proposed use.

Passed and approved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on July 29, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert

Fremont County Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

aye

aye

Motion by Sheldon to proceed with the auction process with conditions laid out by the county attorney. Motion carried unanimously. The full bid conditions are available in the auditor's office, on the Fremont County Website, and will be published in the official county newspapers.

Attorney Johnson was not available for the meeting. Motion by Shearer to table the termination of the 28E agreement between Fremont, Taylor, and Adams Counties for the collection of delinquent court debt from 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Board had reservations about the speed limit staying at 55mph on some of the county roads. Reasoning for this is that the residents do not know that the speed is still at 55mph in some spots. Blackburn asked what would happen if we changed the county roads to 60 mph, would there be more work. Davis said that the sealed roads will not get striped, but the other roads will have to have them restriped due to the 60mph limit and paver makers would have to get redone. Davis said you would also have to look at the curbs on the side of the road and see if they need changed for the requirement for 60mph.

Motion by Shearer to sign Resolution 2026-31 establishing speed limits for various locations in Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Fremont County Resolution No. 2026-31

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Fremont County Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Fremont) COUNTY that the speed limit be established and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

The following roadways will be set at 55 MPH.

L31 from J24 north to the county line.
Bluff Road From the Hamburg city limits north to J10
J64 From the Hamburg city limits west and south to the State line
J34 From the Sidney city limits west to L31
J18 from Highway 275 west and south to the Thurman city limits.
J24 From Highway 275 west to the Thurman city limits
L40 from Highway 2 south to J64
J26 from Highway 275 east to the intersection of 170th st. and 305th ave.
J10 from the Tabor city limits east to L63
L68 from J18 north to the county line and from Highway 2 south to J64
M16 from J18 north to the county line and J18 south J64
J40 from M16 east and north to Highway 2
M18 from J64 south to the county line
J52 from Highway 59 east to the county line

Resolution adopted this 29th day of July, 2026

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Assistant Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve an IDOT Agreement with Fremont County for Iowa Highway 2 roundabout construction detour. DOT sent a recommendation for using Manti Road and Airport Road for part of the detour, and part of J52 in the detour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Shearer to table the payment to Olmsted & Perry for HWY2/I29 Drainage District for the Operation and Maintenance Manual. Blackburn, aye, Shearer, aye, Sheldon abstain

Motion by Shearer to table the payment to Olmsted & Perry for HWY2/I29 Drainage District for easement revision preparation. Blackburn, aye, Shearer, aye, Sheldon abstain

The board discussed a request from the City of Sidney to abate taxes on Parcel No. 470470214000000, which is now owned by the city. Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2026-32

Resolution Abating Taxes on Land Owned by the City of Sidney. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

RESOLUTION ABATING TAXES ON LAND NOW OWNED BY CITY OF SIDNEY

WHEREAS, the City of Sidney now owns certain property in Sidney, Fremont County, Iowa, parcel numbers are as follows: Parcel #470470214000000, described as: LOT 2 OF OUTLOT 4, City of Sidney, Fremont County, Iowa, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, the property is now owned by the City of Sidney and therefore should not be on the tax rolls according to Section 427.1(2), Code of Iowa,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above-described property shall be listed as exempt on the tax list of the Fremont County Auditor. Further, all current and delinquent real property taxes are abated under Iowa Code Section 445.63.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Auditor and Treasurer shall enter such change orders required to abate these taxes.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2026.

Motion by Sheldon and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman	aye
Fremont County Assistant Auditor	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Jeff Shearer	aye

At 9:25 a.m., motion by Blackburn to recess until 9:30 for the sheriff's stipends. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., motion by Shearer to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously

Sheriff Kevin Aistrope met with the board to discuss stipends for sheriff's office employees. Aistrope stated they met with the County Attorney, Blackburn and our HR representative on Tuesday. Aistrope mentioned that the stipends must be done every year. Aistrope said the stipends are for the Jail Administrator job that was never filed after the vacancy. Blackburn asked if the union had to be notified before this. Aistrope stated he understood that this is the process before going to the Union. Blackburn stated this is just a proposal and then it will get sent to the Union to either agree or disagree upon the new changes for the union contract. Blackburn stated that after the Union agrees or disagrees and then they will make their changes and they will send back if they are okay with it or if the sheriff's office needs to amend the proposal. Blackburn stated the money is in the budget already from the jail administrator job due to not being able to take out the position per union contract. Sheldon asked why Bothwell did not get a stipend when he took over the jail administrator job. Aistrope stated he spoke with Bothwell, and he decided that he did not need the stipend to do the job. Sheldon stated that he should have the biggest cut of the stipend because he is listed as the jail administrator and for the inspections and anything jail related, they come to Bothwell. Blackburn does not believe that there needs to be any action taken since this is just a proposal brought to the board. No action was taken on this matter.

Claims were approved for July 31, 2026.

At 9:40 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman