

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 30, 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 Recorder Tarah Berry, Engineer Dan Davis, IT Scott Evans, Dawn Miller, John Hall, Katrina Gude, Mark Stockstell, and John Travis were present in the boardroom for this meeting.

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

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 09/15/26 for \$35,371.20. Motion carried unanimously.

They briefly discussed seal coating and bridge repair.

Regarding the chief deputy stipend, none of the board members have heard from the county attorney about the MOU/resolution for the stipend. Motion by Shearer to table action on the stipend for the chief deputy. Motion carried unanimously.

Veteran's Affairs Director Mark Stockstell met with the board to request a reduction in the Fremont County Veteran's Affairs Commission members. He is having trouble getting a quorum and would like to reduce the number from five to three. He said two were stepping down because they couldn't make the meetings due to busy times in their lives. He thinks this will help with having a quorum. He said all five of his members support this decision. VA Commission Member John Travis spoke and echoed his desire to reduce the number of commissioners. The board all agreed they support this move. Motion by Sheldon to reduce the number of Fremont County Veterans Affairs Commission members from five to three members. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Miller with Tabor Library met with the board to discuss library contracts and to request a board member attend their next meeting. She said newer members are questioning how the percentages were set. She requested that a board member attend the next meeting on October 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the library in Sidney. She discussed the percentages with the board. Katrina Gude said she brought up the conversation because she is trying to understand how the percentages came about. After much discussion, Supervisor Shearer said that he could attend the meeting.

At 9:15 a.m., County Attorney Peter Johnson and Sheriff Kevin Aistrope joined the meeting.

The board discussed a resolution supporting state legislative action to ban the sale of Kratom, 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), and Related Synthetic or Concentrated Kratom-Derived Products. Chairman Blackburn requested that Richard Mullen of Resilient Recovery Counseling speak to the board about the resolution before taking action. Motion by Sheldon to table the approval of the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. Auditor Owen will contact Mullen to speak to the board.

IT Director Scott Evans met with the board regarding the renewal of the Document Locator Program for Solutions Users in the county. He said it is over his \$5,000 threshold, so he is asking the board to approve the renewal. Motion by Shearer to approve the renewal of Document Locator. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the requested payment for a revised easement for the Hwy 2/129 Drainage District. The board is questioning the need for this. The board would like Jim Olmstead to come to explain the easement. Motion by Sheldon to table approving a payment for a revised easement for the 129/HWY 2 Drainage District pending further information. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Kevin Aistrope met with the board again regarding a policies and procedures manual. He said he wants to get the county attorney involved to help with it. Aistrope read a letter from the ICAP attorney as to why the attorney thinks there should be a separate contract. The letter said his scope is narrow and limited. The attorney wrote that his scope is to deal with the policy manual and personnel issues that arise from it. He said he has represented sheriffs with legal issues and policies, so he is experienced. He said this doesn't undercut the bargaining representation firm. He said this is a non-issue. He is the one defending the above claims and included language in there in case they would want to talk about it. The attorney wrote that he is not taking over 28E agreements; he's just trying to get policies and procedures. Aistrope said he looked, and our HR firm doesn't do policies and procedures, so he thought he should go with the group that represents us in a violation, which is ICAP. Aistrope reiterated he

would like to see the county attorney and the other attorney to get in contact, so he can get this done sooner rather than later. No action was taken on this item.

Claims were approved for October 2, 2026.

At 10:08 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dee Owen", written over a horizontal line.

Dee Owen, Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Blackburn", written over a horizontal line.

Clint Blackburn, Chairman