

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Jeff Shearer present. Let the record show that 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. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the record show that Engineer Dan Davis, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Maintenance Zach Benedict and Sheriff Kevin Aistrope were present in the boardroom for this meeting. County Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting at 9:06.

Supervisor Shearer made a motion to table any action on the creation of supervisor districts. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion Shearer by to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign agreement for engineering and design services with HGM Associates for the J-18 Phase 3 resurfacing for amount of \$165,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Shearer by to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign agreement for engineering and design services with HGM Associates for 110th Street culvert replacement (culvert crossing 410th Avenue) for the amount of \$93,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss/Action Regarding Additional Duties for the Assistant Engineer. Davis recommends the board to either talk about it or approve for Robbie Kromminga to take on more duties since he will be retiring. With Davis leaving at the end of October, Kromminga's workload will be more than usual. Blackburn agrees there will be more duties for the Assistant Engineer. Blackburn would like to speak with the Mills County Engineer to see what duties they will be doing and what duties Kromminga will be doing. Blackburn asked about the other road projects in the county. Davis mentioned two roads in the county that were getting resurfaced. Blackburn was worried about the time of year if it would be still protected till springtime. Blackburn asked if we could talk to the company that did the resurfacing if they would come back in the spring to fix if the road needs repair. Motion by Shearer to table the additional duties for the Assistant Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Zach Benedict, Maintenance, met with the board to discuss concrete repair on the driveway ramp. There are two curbs that are caving in and we do not need additional moisture and deterioration. Both curbs would be addressed and the cracked sidewalk by the generator. The companies would also fix the south stairs leading up to the courthouse lawn and the east stairs leading up to the courthouse drive.

Three companies that bid on the project were Ironside \$15,175, Hodges Construction \$15,020, Sticklers \$28,030. Benedict's recommendation was going with the cheaper one of Hodges. Motion by Shearer to accept the Hodges construction bid for the concrete driveway repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Kevin Aistrope discussed the policies & procedures manual with the board again. County Attorney Peter Johnson reached out to the council that Aistrope recommended, and Johnson received out of the office replies. Aistrope will have the council he has been talking to reach out to Johnson also.

Motion by Shearer to table Policies & procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a claim received from Meier Repair. Blackburn mentioned they were curious that it was Bateman still doing the repairs. Aistrope said that was not true that Bateman is not doing repairs for Meier. Blackburn said the claim was pulled due to complaints from the county residents saying Bateman has been working on Aistrope farms, working on other projects for Aistrope during county time, that are not county time and residents not sure if he is on the clock or not. Blackburn said that the claims were very similar and wanted to make sure that it wasn't Bateman working under a different name. Aistrope assured the board that Bateman was not working for Meier Repair.

Aistrope asked what the Sheriff's Office needs to do for snow removal. Wondering if they will have to bid it out now since Bateman isn't able to do it without a bid. Aistrope was also worried about his office being open 24 hours a day and whether the Sheriff's Office will get the same or different services as the Courthouse. Blackburn mentioned that the snow removal will have to be put out to bid and make sure the wording is very specific since they are open 24 hours.

The board discussed a change in meeting date from November 11th to November 10th to canvass the General Election. Motion by Shearer to move the meeting to November 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for October 23, 2026.

At 9:28 a.m., with no further business, Shearer moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman