

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Alise Snyder, Scott Evans, Tarah Berry, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Clayton Long, Peter Johnson, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Dee Owen, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: assessment notices and information, tax statement pie charts, and software support.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present in the boardroom and Jeff Shearer present by telephone. 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, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Sherry Gilbert, John Long, Ruth Paper, Luke Laumann, Ryan Langfelt, Tucker Kirkpatrick, Caleb Owens, Garrett Graham, Michael MacDonald, Tyler Inman, William West, and Drew Bartholomew, were present at this meeting.

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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW with Olsson on behalf of MidAmerican Energy for conduit, placement of handholes, and installation of fiber optic cable connecting substation facilities. Blackburn emphasized that it should be deep enough. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Shearer asked Engineer Davis if M18 was going to be resurfaced any time soon. Davis stated that it is not in his 5-year plan. Davis said he had a call on it from that area and let the person that he spoke to know that it was in the plan.

Purchasing Agent Tomie Thompson met with the board regarding a quote for a new tandem axle dump truck to replace A-25. He has bids on three makes/models and the cost to up-fit the truck with necessary equipment. Those are as follows: Freightliner 114SD \$130,703; Kenworth PX9 370HP \$194,013 and Kenworth PX9 380HP \$208,341; Mack 64FR \$154,686. Thompson gave the supervisors the different specifications of each truck. Supervisor Shearer asked what the drivers prefer. They agreed they did not like Freightliners. Shearer asked if they were all automatic. Thompson stated that they were. Vice Chairman Sheldon said it seems like the Mack is the best option. Macdonald said the Mack also had the best warranty. After much discussion, motion by Sheldon to accept the bid for the Mack and for Hawkeye to up-fit the truck for \$105,755. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Mendoza met with the board to discuss building a crossing over a drainage ditch at 1227 Western Avenue in Thurman. He stated that recently they purchased this property. He is requesting the ability to make a crossing over the ditch in his yard. Engineer Davis said they could get the correct size of the tube for him but he would be responsible for paying for it and making arrangements. This was approved in a Scott Drainage District meeting on 3/19/25. The board will hold a Scott Drainage District meeting next week to act on the other properties in that area that will be facing the same issue.

Auditor Dee Owen spoke to the board about purchasing new election tablets for voter check-in. The current laptops her office received were free from a grant from the state. They are dated and she will need to purchase new laptops with Windows 11 or shift to another system. She has a quote from Adkins Elections Services for Tenex Precinct Central Touchpads. Owen is still gathering information and would like the board to table any action until she receives another quote that she is waiting on. Motion by Shearer to table the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

John Long and Sherry Gilbert from the Conservation Board met with the board to discuss a request from employees for golf course membership benefits. Chairman of the Conservation Board John Long stated they have discussed this and giving a discounted membership. The cost of a single membership is \$450. They are proposing a half price membership for \$225. There was much discussion including but not limited to questioning if this was a taxable benefit, having it be a specific dollar amount like the current eyeglasses benefit, certain employees being allowed to golf for free, options for family memberships, what Shenandoah offers their employees, and amending the handbook/union contracts. Long suggested tabling it so they could have another meeting to make a recommendation to the supervisors. Motion by Shearer to table until the conservation board can meet to discuss the issue and come up with a recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a request from the Fremont County Secondary Road Department Union Representative for the board to reconsider their FY26 wages. They settled at 3.25% prior to any other wage considerations. The board then approved 3.5% for

the other employees of the county. Motion by Sheldon to give the road department an extra .25% to make them equal to all other county employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Johnson, County Attorney met with the board for consideration of the following:

Johnson stated the county has several surplus county real estate parcels. One of those properties is located at 200 Main Street in Hamburg. The county has owned this for many years and there has been nothing done with it. They have someone with interest in it and another property. Johnson recommends the board auction these to be fair. Sheriff Kevin Aistrope has volunteered to be the auctioneer. Johnson said the law states there must be one notice seven days in advance but he would like to do two notices.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SETTING 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 200 Main St., Hamburg, IA and legally described as: Northern Half of Lot Four (N½ Lot 4) and all of Lot 5 (Lot 5), in Block Nineteen (19) in Phelps Addition to the City of Hamburg, Fremont County, Iowa, as shown in the attached Plat of Survey.

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, no longer has a use for the above-described real estate parcel listed above; it should be declared surplus and sold at public auction with all proceeds from the sale deposited in the general fund of Fremont County, Iowa. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described real estate is declared surplus property and shall be disposed of at public auction. Passed and approved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

The board discussed the same surplus property issue regarding a small triangular parcel property in Block 124 in Hamburg that someone is interested in. Motion by Sheldon to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SETTING 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 and legally described as:

Lots 6 and 7, Block 124, in the City of Hamburg, Fremont County, IA

as shown in the attached Plat of Survey. WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, no longer has a use for the above-described real estate parcel listed above; it should be declared surplus and sold at public auction with all proceeds from the sale deposited in the general fund of Fremont County, Iowa. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described real estate is declared surplus property and shall be disposed of at public auction. Passed and approved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

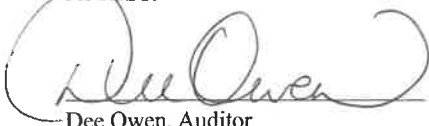
Attorney Johnson also told the board he would like them to discuss a boardroom document retention policy. He said there a state retention policy that is generally used. Auditor Owen gave him an example of what a prior auditor had approved many years ago. The board will take action on this next week.

Claims were approved for April 11th, 2025.

In other business, the Sheriff's Monthly Report for March was approved.

At 9:20 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman