

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Vicki Kirkpatrick, Dee Owen, Scott Evans, Dustin Sheldon, Robbie Kromminga, Tarah Berry, Clint Blackburn, Clayton Long, Mark Stockstell, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: weather, veterans' outreach at Popcorn Day, IT, concrete repair south side walk and concrete repair on the ramp, contractors working on L40 and switching to L31, assessor going to the field, engineer's job posting, new legislation causing delays in year-end processes, tax collections, possible auto-attendant on phones, and the hiring freeze still in effect.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon 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.

At 9:04 a.m., motion by Sheldon to recess until the 9:30 a.m. closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Let the record show that Sheriff Kevin Aistrope was present in the boardroom for this meeting. Supervisor Jeff Shearer called in at 9:30 a.m., and Tim Hutchinson with Jackson Lewis called in at 9:31 a.m.

At 9:31 a.m., motion by Sheldon to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:32 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye. At 9:32 a.m., the board went into closed session. Roll call: Chairman Clint Blackburn, Vice Chairman Dustin Sheldon, Member Jeff Shearer, Tim Hutchinson with Jackson Lewis HR by telephone, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, and Auditor Dee Owen.

At 9:47 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye.

Sheriff Aistrope visited briefly with the board about a public records request from deputies regarding a call and possible litigation. He didn't believe the records should be released. His personal attorney advised him to check to see if the attorney for ICAP should represent him.

Claims were approved for September 11, 2026.

At 9:50 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman