The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 2, 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 Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Attorney Peter Johnson, and EMC Clayton Long were present at this meeting.

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign an equipment rental agreement between Fremont County and Mills County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the final payment voucher on project #ER-CO36(80)-58-36, Road repair from L-31 Percival to Highway 2. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed appointing someone to the board of adjustment for the term expiring April 2025. The current member is Robert Benton. They discussed whether to post or reappoint an experienced member. Motion by Shearer to reappoint Robert Benton to the board of adjustment.

The board considered an amendment they received from Olmstead & Perry for the I29/Hwy 2 Drainage District Project. Motion by Shearer to sign the amendment. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Motion by Shearer to approve Sheriff's Office Union Contract Agreement as negotiated. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for April 4th, 2025.

In other business, the Recorder'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:

Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor

Clint Blackburn, Chairman

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, Garett 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

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon and Jeff Shearer present in the boardroom. 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, Robbie Kromminga, John Long – Conservation Board, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Drew Bartholomew, Tandon VanScyoc, Sherrie Brink, Sally Bateman, Conner Nuss – Mortenson, Keegan Sneyn – JFECC, Jade Knippel – JFECC, Dennis Bateman, Kristy Rogers – Dentons Davis Brown, Jared Noack – MidAmerican, Recorder Tarah Berry, Jon Johnson and Ruth Paper – Conservation Board and Doug Weber were present at this meeting.

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

Motion by Sheldon to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for J-10 & J-24 per agreement through 03/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for project#BRS-CO376(92) - - 60-36 per agreement through 03/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign work in ROW permit for Nick Brumbaugh to reshape approximately 12' of South and North shoulder of 230<sup>th</sup> St from Bluff Road to 220<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign County Road ROW use permit for Annelise Paulik for installation of temporary radii off of public road intersections with ROW as well as extending existing turbine access road radii. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye.

Motion by Sheldon to approve temporary revision of the Road Use Agreement between MidAmerican Energy and Mortenson for 310<sup>th</sup> St to 380<sup>th</sup> & 390<sup>th</sup> Ave, ½ mile on 380<sup>th</sup> Ave North of 310<sup>th</sup> St and ½ mile South of 310<sup>th</sup> St. This is for approximately a 2-week time frame. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye.

Motion by Shearer to sign final IDOT payment vouchers for the following: Project #STBG-SWAP-CO36(90) - - FG-36 and Project #STBG-SWAP-CO36(91) - - FG-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign contract with HGM Associates for bridge inspections and transformation to new FHWA data. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign utility crossing permits for MidAmerican Energy for 25 locations for medium voltage collection cable that will be installed in bore pipe under county roads. Motion carried 2-1. Sheldon aye, Shearer nay, Blackburn aye

At 9:16 a.m., motion was made by Shearer to go into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. A public hearing for adoption of the 2025/2026 Fremont County Budget was held. Present were Supervisors Jeff Shearer, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Assistant Auditor Kristi Clark, Engineer Dan Davis, Robbie Kromminga, John Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Drew Bartholomew, Tandon VanScyoc, Sherrie Brink, Sally Bateman, Conner Nuss, Keegan Jneyn, Jade Knippel, Dennis Bateman, Kristy Rogers, Jared Noack, Recorder Tarah Berry, Jon Johnson and Ruth Paper and Doug Weber. At 9:19 a.m., with no objections or public comment, motion was made by Sheldon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Shearer stated he wanted the public to know that if each department hit the top of their budget the county will be operating at a half a million-dollar deficit, but he was informed that most departments do not use their entire budget.

Motion by Shearer to pass the following resolutions to approve the FY 2025/2026 Fremont County Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21**

## RESOLUTION FOR SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Fremont County Compensation Board has recommended an increase of pay of 10% for all Elected Officials, and THEREFORE, be it resolved, after considerable discussion, that the raises from the Fremont County Board of Supervisors are as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

Elected Official<br/>AuditorCurrent Salary<br/>\$67,072Proposed Increase<br/>3.5%Recommended Salary<br/>\$69,420

| County Attorney | \$88,821 | 3.5% | \$91,930  |
|-----------------|----------|------|-----------|
| Recorder        | \$66,457 | 3.5% | \$68,783  |
| Sheriff         | \$94,019 | 7.5% | \$101,070 |
| Supervisors     | \$35,504 | 3.5% | \$36,747  |
| Treasurer       | \$66,457 | 3.5% | \$68,783  |

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors approve the following salary adjustments for the above-elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye /s/ Jeff Shearer aye

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22**

#### RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the different officers and department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on this 16th day of April, 2025, the following:

- 1. The amounts itemized by fund and department on the attached schedule are hereby appropriated from the resources/funds as
- 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under number 1 shall constitute an authorization for the department/officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund, effective July 1, 2025.
- 3. In accordance with 331.437, Code of Iowa, no Department/Officer shall incur any liability in excess of the amount appropriated to this resolution.
- 4. If, at any time during the 2025/2026 budget year the Auditor ascertains that the available resources of a fund will be less than said fund's total appropriations, he/she shall immediately inform the Board and recommend appropriate corrective action.
- 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in number 1. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable Departments/Officers monthly during the 2025/2026 budget year.
- 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2026. The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors, meeting in session on this 16th day of April, 2025, do hereby resolve to appropriate the amounts itemized by department for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2026:

Board of Supervisors 204,971 Medical Examiner 45,000 Auditor 388,010 Court Administration 0,000 Treasurer 389,614 District Court 5,000 County Attorney 340,962 County Library 48,135 Sheriff 2,882,648 Communications 597,470 Recorder 310,519 Courthouse 150,820

County Farm 10,000 Data Processing 324,354

General Assistance 21,838 Elections 80,850

Local Option Tax Fund 419,530 Bonds (LEC & ISICS) 586,548 Secondary Road 8,366,000 Juvenile Court Services 97,263

Veterans Affairs 68,405 Home Health 169.254

Conservation Board 345,186 Emergency Management 115,510

Landfill 55,736 Health Board/Sanitation 54,955

Weed Eradication 6,620 Non-Departmental 2,682,472

Social Services 22,200 GRAND TOTAL: \$18,789,870

Motion made by Shearer. PASSED AND APPROVED, this 16th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye

> /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye

> /s/ Jeff Shearer aye

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23**

#### ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF TAXES

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, held during public hearing as required by law, on April 16, 2025, the proposed budget for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, was adopted as summarized and tax levies voted on all taxable property of this County.

The property tax levies will be levied as follows:

GENERAL BASIC 3.70085
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL 2.45000
RURAL BASIC 3.20388
DEBT SERVICE 0.75436

And approved a 7.5% increase for the Sheriff, a 3.5% increase for the Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Supervisors as follows:

Attorney \$91,930 Auditor \$69,420 Recorder \$68,783 Treasurer \$68,783 Supervisors \$36,747 Sheriff \$101,070

Motion made by Shearer and approved April 16, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve the amended Fremont County Secondary Roads Union Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

John Long stated the Conservation Board held a special meeting to discuss a discounted golf course membership for employees of Fremont County. The Conservation Board recommends, by 3-1 vote, a flat rate discount in the amount of \$225 for each current, full-time employee of Fremont County. These memberships are due by May 31st and if you leave employment in Fremont County and wish to continue your membership you must pay a prorated rate for the rest of the season. This will be a trial benefit program for the 2025 season and will be re-visited next year. Long also stated that the Director and Superintendent of the golf course will be exempt from any dues. The board feels that they need to play the course to see where improvements are needed. Ruth Paper stated it is in the job description. Bartholomew stated most employees won't benefit from this. Bartholomew stated they were looking at a county benefit that would be free, not one that costs the employee money. Bartholomew does not feel the County needs to bring in revenue off employees. Clark stated several people have shared their appreciation for the discounted rate. Bartholomew stated if they are charging employees, then schools should charge as well for using the golf course. Paper stated the golf course is beautiful and has been the selected course for several conference and district meets. Shearer stated it is a personal preference if you use the proposed discount and asked for clarification on the school's use of the course. Weber explained that each school purchases one family membership that allows the golf team of that school to use the course during the school's golf season. If those students choose to use the course outside of the school's golf season, they are required to purchase a membership or pay the green fees to golf. Motion by Sheldon to approve the conservation board's recommendation of a flat rate of \$225 towards a membership for current, full-time Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Tandon VanScyoc asked about the proof of ownership for the wind turbines. VanScyoc stated at a March meeting, Invenergy came saying they were selling to MidAmerican. VanScyoc wanted to know if there is any proof of the transfer of ownership. Blackburn stated the Supervisors can't discuss anything regarding the turbines due to current litigation. Kristy Rogers, council for MidAmerican, stated all requirements have been met. VanScyoc asked why Invenergy representatives are still showing up to residences. Rogers stated she represents MidAmerican not Invenergy. Van Scyoc and Rogers discussed IUB requirements. VanScyoc asked if the roads were to be maintained during the project. Davis stated Robbie had been down in that area and had reported some ruts that were to be taken care of. After a brief discussion of the road use agreement, Chairman Blackburn asked that the discussion remain pertinent to the agenda item which is proof of ownership. County Attorney Johnson stated that proper notice of transfer was received.

During public comment Van Scyoc asked Davis to expedite taking a look at the 290<sup>th</sup> St area, within the project, that needs fixed. Project manager, Conner Nuss, who was in attendance stated he will look into the road concerns. Brink then asked about parking downtown and Nuss stated this was temporary and they will be parking elsewhere soon. Shearer asked for answers to a

previously asked question for Brink regarding who she can contact with concerns on a turbine or two. Rogers and Jarod Noack with MidAmerican stated they would give the Supervisors contact information after the meeting. Jon Johnson thanked the board as he stated there are people in favor of this project and how it will benefit Fremont County.

Claims were approved for April 18th, 2025.

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

Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

lint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon and Jeff Shearer present in the boardroom. 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, EMC Clayton Long, Recorder Tarah Berry, Sherrie Brink and Tandon VanScyoc were present at this meeting.

At 9:15 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board regarding revisions to the road use agreement. He said this is still within the boundaries of the original road use agreement. They want to add extensions for the empty trucks to turn around. Supervisor Shearer asked what they were changing. Engineer Davis said the blue area on the map is the new tie in so the trucks don't have to try to turn around when they are empty. Supervisor Shearer asked how badly they want it signed and if the county can get something else out of them. Engineer Davis and Supervisor Blackburn stated MidAmerican Energy would take over the maintenance of these areas. Supervisor Sheldon stated that revision last meeting was to add two miles. Sherrie Brink said from 250th south to Gandy's house was down to dirt. She said dirt was plastered all over their house. Brink and Supervisor Shearer asked if they could put dust control down since the water isn't working. Engineer Davis stated he would request this from MidAmerican. Supervisor Shearer asked if they could get MidAmerican to give the county more if they want this change, such as the dust control. Supervisor Sheldon stated this revision appeared to be adding around 9 miles to what was already in the scope of the project. Brink asked for a speed limit for trucks near residences. Sheldon stated that during the construction after the flood that group would not put dust control down. They used water due to cost effectiveness and gravel. He said they did impose a 35-mph speed limit. Engineer Davis said he could contact Mortensen regarding speed. Another suggestion, if they didn't slow down, was to have the sheriff's office periodically monitor speed. Supervisor Sheldon stated he was sure they wouldn't put the dust control down and then grade the road. Their graders would negate dust control, and they would have to do it again, which would be expensive. Shearer reiterated that the turbine group would be using their equipment, not ours, until the project is over. VanScyoc and Brink both stated that they are not watering down the whole route. The board agreed someone would need to reach out regarding this issue. After much discussion, motion by Shearer to table revisions until next week after they have contacted MidAmerican about better road maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal of Class C Retail Outdoor Service Alcohol License for Wilds Property Management, LLC dba Whiskey Springs. Shearer questioned a report he had heard that people were leaving overly intoxicated. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve renewal of Class C Retail Permit/Outdoor Service/Sunday Sales Liquor License for Williams-Jobe-Gibson Post No. 128. Motion carried unanimously.

Reva Benefiel with Grape Community Hospital Foundation emailed a request that the green fees be waived as in years past for the Grape Community Hospital Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 7th, 2025. Motion made by Sheldon to waive the green fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The Fremont County Board of Health recommended hiring Gregory Gordon for the sanitarian position due to the resignation of Caleb Hammons. Supervisor Blackburn stated that they had three applicants. After interviewing, Blackburn and another Board of Health Member felt this person was the best choice. Motion by Shearer to appoint Gregory Gordon as Sanitarian for Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve Noxious Weed Resolution No. 2025-24. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-24

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of April, 2025, that the following order for destruction of noxious weeds be effective June 1, 2025.

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Fremont County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon and shall prevent weed seeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel.

Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1: June 1, 2025 - for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Sour Dock, Sheep Sorrow, Canada Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn, Wild Mustard, Musk Thistle, Bull Thistle, and all other species of thistle

Group 2: July 1, 2025 - for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot

Group 3: August 1, 2025- for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Hemp, Shatter Cane, Wild Sunflower, and Palmer Amaranth

- 2. That each owner and person in possession or control of any lands in Fremont County, infested with any noxious weeds, including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canada Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Hemp, any species of Thistle, and Palmer amaranth shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner, which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.
- 3. That if the owners or persons in possession/control of any land in Fremont County fail to comply with the foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.

#### ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
Fremont County Auditor /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

Motion by Shearer to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 Transfer for State Contingency Loan Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025, that the following transfer of funds be approved and made: \$15,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the State Contingency Debt Service Fund for loan payment #4 for the 2019 Flood Debris Removal.

Motion to approve transfer made by Shearer.

#### ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
Fremont County Auditor /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

Motion by Shearer to approve the following new hire resolution for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of April, 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Deputy for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be April 21, 2025:

Justin Phillips - Deputy

Motion was made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
Fremont County Auditor /s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

Claims were approved for April 25, 2025.

EMC Clayton Long briefed the board on his press release regarding the tornadoes in Fremont County last Thursday. He also went over criteria for assistance for Federal Aid. He initially submitted 45 properties to the state but says there were far more. He said if anyone has questions about this, they can be directed to him. He said they plan to do a door-to-door campaign with information for aid. EMC Long said he saw a lot of good in the community, with people telling the Red Cross to help their neighbors who were worse off. The board thanked him for his response to the emergency.

Tandon VanScyoc addressed the board about the ownership issues regarding MidAmerican and Invenergy again. Chairman Blackburn stated again that it was his understanding that everything changed hands in the agreement. Auditor Owen said he could get a copy of the document in the Recorder's Office or the Auditor's Office, as it is a public record. VanScyoc said he thought last

week that MidAmerican's attorney said they don't need a road use agreement conveyed with the purchase because it was a utility. The supervisors stated that they understood that they didn't need a new agreement because everything transferred. VanScyoc also said that they are watering 250th street up the hill, and then they stop. He was told after the last meeting it would be addressed, and it wasn't. VanScyoc also asked why MidAmerican was here for the meeting last week. Auditor Owen stated she believes they are monitoring the agenda because her office has received calls about the agenda. She also stated that it is a public meeting and anyone can attend.

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

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Dee Owen, Auditor

Clint Blackburn, Chairman