

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session to reorganize for 2025 on Thursday, January 2, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Dustin Sheldon and Jeff Shearer present. Clint Blackburn was present by telephone. A quorum was declared, and the meeting 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 records show that Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Sanitarian Caleb Hammons, EMC Clayton Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, and Recorder Tarah Berry were present for this meeting.

The board approved the following resolutions to reorganize the board for 2025:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

WHEREAS, motion was made by Sheldon to appoint Clint Blackburn as Board Chairman and motion by Dustin Sheldon as Board Vice-Chairman.

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman may make motions and vote as any other member of the Board.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that Supervisor Blackburn is appointed Board Chairman and Supervisor Sheldon is appointed to the position of Vice-Chairman.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025 that the Board will hold its regular meetings on Wednesday of each week in the office of the Fremont County Courthouse, Sidney, Iowa, commencing at 9:00 a.m. until business is concluded. Meetings for 2025 will begin on January 8, 2025.

Motion made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the 2025 committee appointments are as follows:

Supervisor Sheldon – Welcome Center Board, West Central Development, Landfill Commission, Local Emergency Response, Southwest Iowa Juvenile Emergency Services Board, Loess Hills Alliance, and Safety Committee.

Supervisor Blackburn – DECAT Board, DHS Service Advisory Board, Emergency Management Commission, Zion Recovery Board, Fourth Judicial District 28E Board, Board of Health, Corner Counties Early Childhood, Workforce Development, East & West Nishnabotna WMA, and REAP Commission.

Supervisor Shearer – Waubonsie Mental Health, Tourism Board, Loess Hills Authority, Hungry Canyons Authority, Hungry Canyons Alliance, Southwest Iowa Transit, Southwest Iowa Planning Council, SCIA, Regional Planning Affiliate Board, and Local Emergency Response.

Blackburn, Sheldon, and Shearer appointed to E911 Board with one vote.

Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the Fremont-Mills Leader-Beacon and The Hamburg Reporter be designated as the County's official newspapers for 2025.

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMINENT DOMAIN COMPENSATION COMMISSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the following persons are appointed as members of the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission for the year 2025.

PROPERTY VALUE OCCUPATION: Chris Johnson, Sidney, IA 51652, Karen Berry, Sidney, IA 51652, Phil Worcester, Sidney, IA 51652, Nicholas Clark, Tabor, IA 51653, Cindy Gregg, Hamburg, IA 51640, Kendra Johnson, Farragut, IA 51639, Jay Longinaker, Randolph, IA 51649. REAL ESTATE: Denise Hammer, Tabor, IA 51653, Cory Gordon, Randolph, IA 51649, Dan Holliman, Hamburg, IA 51640, Nancy Vanatta, Sidney, IA 51652, Jenna Gregory, Sidney, IA 51652, Janell McIntyre, Farragut, IA 51639, Doug Shirley, Sidney, IA 51652. CITY PROPERTY OWNERS: Staci Shearer, Farragut, IA 51639, Rita Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652, Alan Dovel, Hamburg, IA 51640, Tina Apperson, Hamburg, IA 51640, Kristin Blackburn, Tabor, IA, 51653 Brendon Hardy, Sidney, IA 51652, Paul Hutt, Sidney, IA 51652. FARMERS: John Askew, Thurman, IA 51654, Bob Benton, Tabor, IA 51653, H. Frances Lorimor, Sidney, IA 51652, Dave Roberts, Sidney, IA 51652, Pat Sheldon, Percival, IA 51648, Steve Lorimor, Farragut, IA 51639, Justin Ewalt, Sidney, IA 51652.

Motion to approve made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6

Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa, hereby authorize the Fremont County Auditor, Dee Owen, to issue warrants for fixed charges including, but not limited to freight, postage, utilities, telephone service, contractual services, insurance premiums, and invoices allowing discounts. Any prepayment of civil service fees submitted by the County Attorney's Office or County Sheriff's Office and emergency general assistance claims. These claims shall be audited and allowed at the next regular claim date. The County Auditor is further authorized to issue warrants for salaries and payrolls as approved by the Board of Supervisors, all according to Section 331.506 of the Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution - Authorization of County Auditor to Issue Warrants for 2025.

ATTEST:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the 2024 taxable utilities – payable 25/26 as certified to the Auditor by the Iowa State Department of Revenue and Finance be approved, collected, and disposed of as regular taxes, according to taxing district.

Taxable: Railroads 25,152,194, Pipeline 4,349,981, Transmission Lines 2,807,182, Electric 12,969,425, Gas 924,742 Total: 46,203,523

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

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

Motion made by Sheldon to set the mileage rate at \$.70 (IRS mileage rate for 2024 was \$.67) per mile effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Randy Moyer as weed commissioner for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to reappoint Kelli Woltemath, D.O. as medical examiner for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint David Owen and John Travis as medical investigators for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 2025-8 to reappoint staff of the Fremont County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that the following individuals shall be approved as staff for the Office of the Fremont County Auditor, as requested by Fremont County Auditor Dee Owen. The effective date of appointment shall be January 2nd, 2025: Cassie Gilbert – Assistant Auditor; Kristi Clark – Assistant Auditor; Jessica Richardson – Assistant Auditor.

Motion made by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2025-9 to reappoint deputies of the Fremont County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the following individuals shall be approved as Deputies for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be January 1, 2025:

Timothy Bothwell - Chief Deputy, Andrew Wake - Sergeant, Ashton Luke - Sergeant, Michael Wake - Deputy, Jacob Degase - Deputy, Michael Cisneros - Deputy, Joshua Degase - Deputy, Mitchell Bowden - Deputy, Logan Roberts - Deputy/SRO
Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

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

Motion by Sheldon to sign an agreement with FSB Hawkeye Farm III, LLC and Fremont County, Iowa for a temporary easement in ROW for project FM-CO36(83) - - 55-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to appoint Supervisor Blackburn as an alternate for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to reappoint Susan Shepherd as the economic and business development representative for SWIPCO Policy Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve the following new hire resolution for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January, 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Jailer for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be October 4, 2025:

Kasie L. Parr

Motion was made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2025-11

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of January 2025, that Room and Board rates for the Fremont County Jail be increased from \$50 per day to \$80 per day, effective January 1, 2025, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope.

Motion was made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Claims were approved for January 3, 2025.

At 9:39 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 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, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Kristi Clark, Caleb Hammons, Dan Davis and Peter Johnson. Topics discussed: safety incidents & policies, and software support.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that Engineer Dan Davis, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMA Clayton Long, Sanitarian Caleb Hammons, Assessor Vicki Kirkpatrick, Recorder Tarah Berry, and Liz Skillem were present at this meeting.

Motion by Shearer to sign title sheet for Project FM-CO36(83) - - 55-36. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed making a date change for the meeting next week but because the budget amendment hearing is set and has been published for Wednesday January 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. the board will meet at its regular scheduled date and time. No action taken.

The board discussed the yearly contribution to Loess Hills Alliance. The last contribution was in FY20. This is paid out of county betterment local option funds. Motion by Shearer to pay the \$2,000 for FY26. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed appointments to the Loess Hills Alliance Board. Motion by Shearer to reappoint Dustin Sheldon, Mike Fox and Bob Benton as Directors and Terry Lewis as Alternate to the Loess Hills Alliance Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Alise Snyder met with the board for the approval of the semi-annual report. Motion by Shearer to approve the semi-annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the following Resolution 2024-11. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026, and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREMONT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

/s/ Clint Blackburn

Chair, Board of Supervisors

January 8, 2025

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristi Clark

County Assistant Auditor

January 8, 2025

In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for December 2024.

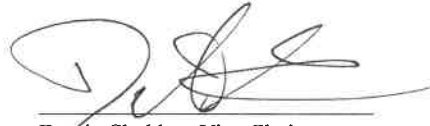
Claims were approved for January 10, 2025.

At 9:15 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor



Dustin Sheldon, Vice Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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 9:02 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the record show that Jack Reed with INCS was present by telephone for this meeting.

At 9:02 a.m., motion by Shearer to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye. At 9:02 a.m., the board went into closed session. Roll call: Chairman Clint Blackburn, Vice Chairman Dustin Sheldon, Member Jeff Shearer, Jack Reed HR by telephone, and Auditor Dee Owen. At 10:14 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye.

At 10:14 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Dustin Sheldon, Vice Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Dustin Sheldon present. Let the record show Clint Blackburn was present by telephone. Let the record show that Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. 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 sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, and EMC Clayton Long were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Sheldon to sign DOT payment voucher for HGM Associates for engineering services on Project #BRS-CO36(92) - - 60-36 per agreement through December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:05 a.m., Susan Shepherd joined the meeting.

The board received an email request from Christina Howe requesting the board of supervisors be a fiscal sponsor for grants for which the Fremont County Fair Board applies. Motion by Blackburn that Fremont County act as a fiscal sponsor for the fair board. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Shepherd updated the board on grants received and grants that will be applied for to move forward with their splash pad in Tabor.

At 9:15 a.m., motion by Blackburn to recess until the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go back into session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., Sheldon moved to go into public hearing on the proposed 2024/2025 budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. Present for this meeting were Owen, Sheldon, Johnson, Long and Blackburn by telephone. At 9:33 a.m., hearing no comments and with no objections, motion was made by Blackburn to go out of public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Sheldon to approve the budget amendment and Resolution 2025-13. Sheldon, aye. Blackburn, aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13

RECORD OF HEARING AND DETERMINATION ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT

And CHANGE OF APPROPRIATIONS

On this 15th day of January 2025, the Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in session for the purpose of amending the current operating budget adopted April 23rd, 2024. The notice and time and place of hearing was published on April 11th & April 12th, 2024. The amendment was taken up and considered and taxpayers heard for or against the amendment as follows and the amendment passed unanimously:

Expenditures	From	To	Difference
Public Safety & Legal Services	3,886,094	3,920,605	34,511
Roads & Transportation	5,595,000	5,752,317	157,317
Administration	1,964,217	2,283,513	319,296
Total	11,445,311	11,956,435	511,124

Operating Transfers Out	1,663,354	1,820,671	157,317
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Revenues

Charges for Services	374,465	384,025	9,560
Operating Transfer In	1,663,354	1,820,671	157,317
Total	2,037,819	2,204,696	166,877

Appropriations

Auditor	370,852	377,587	6735
Sheriff	2,692,389	2,726,900	34,511
Secondary Roads	9,450,000	9,607,317	157,317
Non-Departmental	2,412,734	2,725,295	312,561
Total	14,925,975	15,437,099	511,124

Amendment for health insurance for auditor, ARPA funds, miscellaneous expenses for sheriff's office.

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

In other business, the Sheriff's Monthly Report was approved for December 2024.

Claims were approved for January 17, 2025.

At 9:33 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.
ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor
Dustin Sheldon, Vice Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert was present at this meeting.

At 9:02 a.m., the board canvassed the 2025 Drainage Elections held on January 18th, 2025. Motion made by Sheldon to approve the results. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:08 a.m., County Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting.

Claims were approved for January 24, 2025.

At 9:12 a.m., with no further business, Shearer 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, January 29, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon. Let the records Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. 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, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, and Attorney Peter Johnson were present at this meeting.

At 9:03 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. At 9:03 a.m., the board went into closed session. Roll call: Chairman Clint Blackburn, Vice Chairman Dustin Sheldon, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, County Attorney Peter Johnson, Jack Reed HR by telephone, and Auditor Dee Owen. At 9:24 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board regarding the following:

Motion by Sheldon to sign stop at intersection resolution for a stop sign to be erected on 3rd Street and 1st Street and 400th Avenue in Section 10, Township 70, Range 40. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

STOP AT INTERSECTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236 and 321.255 of the Code of Iowa to designate any secondary road intersection under their jurisdiction as a STOP intersection and to erect STOP signs at one or more entrances to such intersection, and

WHEREAS: Traffic on 400th Avenue is endangered by traffic from the following roads: 3rd St. and 1st St. in Section 10, T70N-R40W in Monroe Township,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors

That 1st St. and 3rd St. approaches from the East be designated as a "STOP approach" to the above-described intersection and that a STOP sign shall be erected accordingly.

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye

Motion by Sheldon to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for construction phase services for J-18 bridge per agreement through January 15, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign final contract construction progress voucher for Project BRS-CO36(76) - - 60-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign resolution to accept low bid for Project #'s FM-CO36(97) - - 55-36 for L-68, FM-CO36(96) - - 55-36 for L-44/Bluff Road, FM-CO36(94) - - 55-36 for J-40/Manti Road.

RESOLUTION No. 2025-15

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the FM-CO36(97)--55-36 for L68, FM-CO36(96)--55-36 for L44/Bluff RD, FM-CO36(94)--55-36 for J40/Manti RD, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Fremont, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Seal Coat and Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Fremont County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from MANATT'S INC in the amount of \$1,413,269.48 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Daniel R. Davis, the County Engineer for Fremont County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Fremont County, Iowa, this 29th day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
Board of Supervisors of Fremont, Iowa

Claims were approved for January 31, 2025.

At 9:33 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

January 2025 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	1,189.10
AgriVision Equipment Group LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	62.94
All Copy Products, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	561.11
AT&T	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	93.05
AT&T Mobility	Radio & Related Equip Mai	3,660.23
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	161.24
Automated Energy Solutions Inc	Office & Data Proc Equip	467.50
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	6,435.45
Bateman Tire and Repair	Tires & Tubes	980.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	4,016.00
Tarah Berry	Educational & Training Se	253.40
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	6,703.84
Black Strap, Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	14,875.69
BOO, Inc. Bobcat of Omaha	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,103.05
Mitchell Bowden	Employee Mileage & Subsis	121.67
C. J. Cooper & Associates Inc.	Medical & Health Services	123.50
Card Services	Minor Mv Parts & Access	4,577.83
CenTec Cast Metal Products	Funeral Services	791.31
CenturyLink	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	33.95
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	789.72
RSA 1 Limited Partnership DBA	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	75.96
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	531.32
CINTAS LOC 749	Parts (non motor vehicle)	53.73
Cintas Corporation	Medical & Laboratory Supp	68.20
City of Farragut	Roads	1,138.77
City of Randolph	Roads	476.15
City of Riverton	Roads	275.24
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	538.40
City of Thurman	Roads	685.63
Clarinda Regional Health	Medical & Health Services	31.00
Cleanwash Laundry Systems	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	435.66
Clear Live powered by pioneer	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	111.43
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Continental Research Corp	Hardware (non motor vehic	2,039.91
Country Tire-Shenandoah	Tires & Tubes	230.25
The Crittenton Center	Group Foster Care	1,446.15
Culligan	Buildings	187.00
Jeffrey C. Dannar dba Dannar A	Lubricants	80.00
Darnolds	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	300.00
Daniel R. Davis 1009 Mobile	Employee Mileage & Subsis	32.79
District IV Recorders' Assoc.	Dues & Memberships	100.00
Dollar General Charged Sales	Food & Provisions	53.71
Douglas Co. Sheriff	Legal & Court-Related Ser	75.00
D6 Roadside Assistance	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	325.00
Eyecare Associates of SW Iowa	Medical & Health Services	2,215.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Fuels	1,994.50
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Stationery & Forms	1,305.54
Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,427.92
Fremont County	Wellness	4,245.00
Fremont County Vet Clinic	Machinery & Mech Equipmen	105.00
FSB Hawkeye Farm III LLC %Fran	Land	1,500.00
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	37.94
Gateway Hotel & Conference Ctr	Employee Mileage & Subsis	127.68
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
GFL Environmental Services USA	Lubricants	249.90

Gold Buckle Productions LLC	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	3,000.00
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	1,249.74
The Hamburg Reporter Nebraska	Official Publ & Legal Not	21.14
Caleb Hammons	Employee Mileage & Subsis	59.23
Hawkeye Truck Equipment	Minor Mv Parts & Access	3,045.10
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
HGM Associates Inc.	Engineering Services	12,057.96
Hatcher Mobile Services LLC	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	6,712.86
Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Fuels	23,199.63
Houser's Air Conditioning & He	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	895.25
Hungry Canyons Alliance	Dues & Memberships	5,000.00
Hy-Vee Inc Accounts Receivable	Food & Provisions	15.80
Iowa County Recorders Assoc. C	Dues & Memberships	250.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Compensation In	15,681.00
Versed HR dba Iowa Negotiation	Labor Relations Services	2,400.00
Interstate Battery of Omaha	Minor Mv Parts & Access	649.76
Interstate Power Systems Inc	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,721.04
Iowa Communications Network Fi	Office & Data Proc Equip	452.00
Iowa D.A.R.E. Association	Dues & Memberships	100.00
Iowa Dept. of Revenue Conserva	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	17.98
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	296.95
Iowa Prison Industries	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	7,240.40
Iowa State Assoc of Counties V	Educational & Training Se	225.00
Iowa Workforce Development Att	Unemployment Compensation	759.58
Iowa State Assoc of Assessors	Educational & Training Se	800.00
ISAC	Educational & Training Se	630.00
ISSDA c/o Jared Schneider, Fin	Employee Mileage & Subsis	1,000.00
Tunncliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	904.40
Johnson County Sheriff's Dept	Legal & Court-Related Ser	54.80
Jonathan Publishing	Other	150.00
Jones Automotive	Minor Mv Parts & Access	67.50
Laacke & Joys Company, LLC	Office Equipment	462.20
Ryan Langfelt	Medical & Health Services	75.24
Law Enforcement Systems	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	74.00
Lawson Products, Inc.	Hardware (non motor vehic	30.82
Leica Geosystems Inc	Office & Data Proc Equip	3,650.80
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	415.14
Mainelli Mechanical Contractor	Fixed Plant Equipment	2,223.50
Mainstay Systems	Office Equipment	1,080.00
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Other	555.28
Medical Clinic P.C.	Medical & Health Services	1,889.09
Menards - Council Bluffs	Fuels	1,375.71
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Electric Power	5,596.93
Midwest Data Center, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,000.00
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Buildings-Capital Outlay	7,966.43
Miller Building Supply	Plumbing Equipment	39.75
MTE Office Center	Other	561.17
Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co Inc	Construction & Maintenanc	33,525.00
National Pen	Other	884.95
Mike Nebel	Water/Sewer Structures	2,395.00
Nebraska-Iowa Ind. Fasteners	Hardware (non motor vehic	103.95
Nishna Valley Funeral & Cremat	Medical & Health Services	1,755.00
Nishnabotany Lodge 153 c/o Dic	Rent Payments	1,080.00
Office Warehouse Inc.	Stationery & Forms	1,576.88
Omaha Door & Window Co. Inc	Parts (non motor vehicle)	2,042.40
OMG Midwest, Inc. Attn: Accoun	Asphalt & Asphalt Product	5,093.31
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Communic	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	212.96

O'Reilly Auto Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	30.75
Diane Owen	Medical & Health Services	205.00
Caleb Owens	Medical & Health Services	64.19
Paper Tiger Shredding	Stationery & Forms	130.00
Penn Drug	Medical & Laboratory Supp	174.94
Pottawattamie County Medical E	Medical & Health Services	1,050.00
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,907.90
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	736.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Stationery & Forms	178.75
Quill Corporation	Stationery & Forms	564.22
Radar Road Tec Attn: Jerry Esh	Radio & Related Equip Mai	520.00
Carol Rands	Food & Provisions	14.99
ReNewGov LLC	Other Services-Misc	14,900.00
Reporting Services, LLC	Legal & Court-Related Ser	217.80
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	263.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	920.00
Logan Roberts	Medical & Laboratory Supp	39.99
Nate Roberts	Medical & Health Services	40.61
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Fuels	8,591.29
Schildberg Constr Co Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	24,058.31
Elizabeth Shirley	Parts (non motor vehicle)	1,415.00
Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	236.21
Siouxland Trailer	Minor Mv Parts & Access	55.32
So Loess Hills Welcome Center	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	1,277.32
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	Data Processing	4,038.25
Southwest Iowa Herald Lee News	Official Publ & Legal Not	39.49
Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	Homemaker-Home Health Aid	13,356.39
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	113.50
Mark Stockstell	Employee Mileage & Subsis	37.10
SWI Juv. Emergency Svcs	Legal & Court-Related Ser	18,477.70
Tabor Historical Society Susan	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	527.24
Tabor Hometown Pride Susan She	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	3,000.00
Ted's Mower Sales & Svc.	Safety Items	552.02
Thomson Reuters - West Payment	Other	370.80
Tradesmen Automotive LLC	Lubricants	3,246.13
John Travis	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Truck Center Companies	Minor Mv Parts & Access	7,702.55
U.S. Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	4,527.49
US AutoForce	Tires & Tubes	1,455.93
US Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	57.91
Vanatta, Lyndal R	Medical & Health Services	133.77
Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	Data Processing Supplies	12,775.00
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Safety Items	1,688.12
William West	Medical & Health Services	225.00
WEX BANK	Fuels	5,630.70
Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	7,594.85
Wiretap Telecom	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	256.41
Ziegler Inc.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,478.00
Monica Brennand	Office Equipment & Furnit	245.43
Grand Total		383,373.91

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, IT Scott Evans, Maintenance Zach Benedict, Recorder Tarah Berry, EM Clayton Long Atty Peter Johnson, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope and Chief Deputy Tim Bothwell were present at this meeting.

The board discussed the overseeing of the maintenance position. In the past, the IT director was paid \$4000/year to oversee the person in the maintenance position to have the proper checks and balances. Motion by Shearer for Scott Evans to oversee the maintenance person and receive the budgeted amount of \$4000/year. Motion carried unanimously.

Zach Benedict, Maintenance, met with the board requesting approval of the annual Lawn World fertilizer contract renewal for \$1895. Motion by Sheldon to approve the Lawn World contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the compensation board recommendations. The compensation board met on January 8, 2025, and recommended a 10% increase for all elected officials which include the Attorney, Auditor, Board of Supervisors, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer. Sheriff Aistrope stated the compensation board members are people who represent the citizens of the county but that typically the Supervisors cut the recommendation so questioned the point. Blackburn stated that the Compensation Board provides the Supervisors with a much broader perspective on the county with the different members rather than the decision just being up to the three Board of Supervisors. Aistrope said he asked for the compensation board to produce certain items on how they came to the recommended wage increase and he has not received any of this information. Aistrope discussed the "Back the Blue" law and that the 10% recommendation of the Compensation Board would help bridge the gap that the law was put in place to do. Aistrope stated his Sergeants have offered to take a wage freeze this year and to have their wages distributed to the other Deputies. Chief Deputy Bothwell gave some information on calls taken by the department. County Attorney Peter Johnson shared some information on interstate stops he received from the Iowa State Patrol. Shearer asked why we have two Sergeants. Aistrope explained that it was necessary to have one on each twelve-hour shift to handle phone calls. Motion by Sheldon to table the compensation board recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the Fremont County Secondary Roads Union Agreement as presented with a 3.25% and 1-year contract extension for wages only. Roll call vote. Sheldon aye Shearer aye Blackburn aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for February 7, 2025.

In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for January 2025.

At 9:42 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor


Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, EMC Clayton Long, Engineer Dan Davis and Sanitarian Caleb Hammons 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 final voucher for emergency repairs on J-64 Project #ER-CO36(82) - - 58-36. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed needing to decide on the compensation board recommendations. Motion by Sheldon to table the compensation board recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the need to fill a position on the SIRHA Board. Twila Larson is the current member and is no longer interested in serving on the board. Motion by Sheldon to post the opening for a member to serve on the SIRHA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 for a new hire for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of February 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 Aistroe. The effective date of employment shall be February 12, 2025: Steven Dale Owen Deputy

Motion was made by

Attest:

/s/ Kristi Clark
Fremont County Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye

During Public Comment, Snyder asked how it was going to be determined if the courthouse was closed due to inclement weather. Snyder stated in the past that the Engineer, Board of Supervisors and EM Director would discuss along with the department heads to determine if the courthouse should be closed. Sheldon stated that each elected official can choose to close their office, but it will be up to the discretion of the Engineer, Board Chairperson and the EM Director to close the courthouse while keeping in mind the safety of employees and the public and the ability to do business.

Claims were approved for February 14, 2025.

At 9:26 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor


Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Engineer Dan Davis, Rick Mount, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, and Sanitarian Caleb Hammons 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 IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for BRS-CO36(92) - - 60-36 per agreement through January 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Shearer to approve the renewal of Special Class C Retail Liquor License for D & L Pro, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:04 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson, Chief Deputy Tim Bothwell, and Sergeant Andrew Wake joined the meeting.

The board discussed needing to decide on the compensation board recommendations. Rick Mount spoke regarding the compensation board recommendations. He said they brought information to the compensation board with a 17% increase to reach a median for the Back the Blue Law. The compensation board then decided on a 10% cap. Mount said he believes the compensation board failed and left the board to do what they wanted to do. Mount would like to see a bigger raise to adhere to the Back the Blue Law. Sheriff Aistrope spoke and pointed out that he knew he could not negotiate with the board with Sergeant Andrew Wake in the room since he is a bargaining member of the union. Sheriff Aistrope presented figures to the board if only he and the deputies got a 10% raise. He stated that the amount is only around \$65,000 difference and with FICA and IPERS included it is about \$78,000. Aistrope said his deputies are willing to take their holidays in time rather than in pay and that is a huge chunk of money. He said he needs to get deputies what they need to be competitive. He discussed turnover and the fact that it is \$50,000 to certify someone. He said he was lucky to have BJ come back because he is already certified. He has a candidate for the other open position that is a hometown boy from Hamburg. Aistrope said in the future he has Mike that will retire and they had no other certified officers apply. Sgt. Wake stated the state recently gave the office more teeth to get that money back if an officer doesn't stay. Now if the employee leaves before the agreement is complete they have to pay or they could lose their certification. Supervisor Sheldon said he has always wanted to pay more because more years of service are valuable. He explained the recent laws limiting the county's ability to levy. He said it is possible this year but it isn't sustainable. They discussed tax credits, rollback, and valuations. Sheldon said they have the responsibility to do the best they can for the county and give raises. Chairman Blackburn discussed bridging the gap by not filling the open position. He said they could then spread that amount to the deputies. Sgt. Wake stated they have already had people say they'll leave if they cut a position. Mount pointed out that they would pay more overtime with one deputy gone. Blackburn questioned if they could live within that and not amend and if 10% would bridge that gap. Sheldon said he believed they were earning it need to be paid for it but again stated there are levy limitations. Aistrope said that jail and dispatch are ok on the pay scale but the deputies are not. Attorney Johnson added that when the sheriff's office loses experience and has turnover affects his office and public safety. He says it is hard to lose a deputy with experience investigating and testifying. Johnson explained Back the Blue Law in depth. Sheldon asked Aistrope if he could get it out of operational services and not affect deputies, for instance, food, supplies, etc. Aistrope said there are always unexpected costs, most recently a very expensive medication for a prisoner and a rooftop HVAC unit that went bad. Johnson asked if they would act on the other elected officials' salaries. Motion by Sheldon to table sheriff portion of raise until further notice. Motion carried unanimously. The compensation board met on January 8, 2025. The compensation board recommended a 10% raise for all elected officials. Attorney Johnson explained to the board the importance of his position and employing their own county attorney. Supervisor Shearer asked if we could share with Page County. Johnson explained the previous 28E and that a 28E would be evaporated if someone from the home county was willing to run. After more discussion about each office's duties and the board needing figures with 10% factored in motion by Sheldon to table the compensation board recommendations. Motion carried unanimously. The auditor states her office could enter the numbers when they receive them from the sheriff's office to give the board a more accurate picture. The board stated they would have a special meeting, if needed, after receiving the numbers from the auditor.

Claims were approved for February 21, 2025.

At 10:57 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, February 21, 2025, 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 9:03 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, and Sheriff Kevin Aistrope were present at this meeting.

The board recapped the discussion from the meeting on Wednesday. They discussed the fact that they aren't sure what their options are now that union negotiations have begun. They discussed that today's decision is regarding the elected officials' salaries, not other employees. They discussed that raises are possible this year but may not be sustainable. Sheriff Aistrope cited the Back the Blue Law and the compensation board and the board not complying for the last several years. Blackburn and Sheldon stated there is a decent carryover this year but with the limitations from the state they may not be able to give any raises next year. Blackburn stated accountability is also an issue when providing raises. Shearer pointed out that just because the carryover is good doesn't mean it should all be spent. Aistrope argued that it doesn't make sense to leave that money there and that it should be used for employee retention. Sheldon questioned if it is better to be responsible now and you can have a little this year and a little next year. Blackburn reiterated that in the event we go ahead with larger raises this year, they may get nothing next year or after. After much discussion, motion by Shearer to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:33 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, February 26, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Engineer Dan Davis, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Dan Litchfield - Invenergy, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, IT Scott Evans, Kristy Rogers Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Jill Ingraham - MidAmerican Energy, John Huff – MidAmerican Energy, Kelsey Ballard – MidAmerican Energy, EMC Clayton Long, Tandon VanScyoc, and Sanitarian Caleb Hammons 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 right-of-way use permit for Evergy for replacement of distribution poles south of 305th Avenue and 320th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT final payment voucher for Project #BROSCHBP-CO36(78) - - GA-36 Manti Bridge replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT final payment voucher for Project #ER-CO36(81) - - 58-36 for J-34. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for L-31 over Waubonsie Creek Management per agreement dated February 15, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Litchfield with Invenergy met with the board to update them on the Shenandoah Hills Wind Project. Harry Litchfield was unable to attend this meeting. Litchfield told the board that they are selling the project to MidAmerican Energy. He said this is their 14th project collaboration with MidAmerican. He said now MidAmerican assumes all obligations of the project. Kelsey Ballard with MidAmerican Energy said they are excited about the wind project and the benefits it will bring Fremont County and the surrounding areas. She said they are familiar with stipulations and agreements and that they will start in March. She said they talked through things with Engineer Dan Davis last week. She said that she knows this will cause more work for Davis's office. She stated that MidAmerican would reimburse the county if they hired a 3rd party for the administration of permits. She stated that the first step was to lay down yard in Fremont County with turbine delivery starting in June depending on the weather. They anticipate the turbine to be completed in 2025. She said there would be 12 months of work and then they would turn the project over to the operations group. Ballard said they will need zoning permits. Crane crossing and oversize load permits will be part of it and she reiterated that they would reimburse the county if they hired outside help. Supervisor Shearer asked what the first step was in the process. MidAmerican answered site construction where they will take delivery of turbines, then road work, entrances on private property, foundations, etc. Shearer asked how deep the foundation would be. Ballard state geotechnical on each site would be maybe 10-20 feet per stamped foundation plan. Shearer expressed concerns with well water safety. MidAmerican said they would make adjustments if there is an issue like that. Chairman Blackburn ask how big of a crew they would have. She stated different crews do different jobs. She thinks at the height of the project it could be 100-250 and then 5 to 10 for operations. Supervisor Shearer questioned how many days out they were from starting. Ballard stated it would be the end of this week beginning of next. Sheriff Aistrope asked who to call if there was a traffic problem and MidAmerican said they would provide a contact when they start. Ballard said they could reach out to John Huff who was also in this meeting but there will be a local contact on site. Vice Chairman Sheldon advised of the high traffic flow on Highway 2 and Ballard said the haul route was not finalized with IDOT yet. Shearer questioned the decommissioning agreement. Kristy Rogers with Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. said Fremont County has two, a decommissioning agreement and a decommissioning plan. Dan Litchfield gave copies of those to Shearer. Dan Litchfield then thanked board for their support. Supervisor Shearer stated that he wanted to make it clear that it was the previous board that supported it and not the entirety of this board or the entirety of the residents of Fremont County.

The board discussed the compensation board recommendations. The compensation board met on January 8, 2025. The compensation board recommended a 10% increase for elected officials across the board. Sheriff Aistrope wrote a letter to the compensation board to get written documentation of what they used to get that number. He said if they used his documentation then they wouldn't have recommended 10%. Sheriff Aistrope said that this may not be the end of it if he doesn't get his 10%. He doesn't know who makes that decision for the compensation board but they are not following the law. Supervisor Shearer asked for clarification of the Back the Blue law. Aistrope read from the Iowa Code saying the compensation board shall provide documents of how they reached their determination, they are to use applicable comparable officers' salaries of other entities, setting salary the board shall use comparables of the head of the Iowa State Patrol, DCI, and similar size city chiefs. He said if the Code says to do it he doesn't have the option of not enforcing it. He said that 10% is half of what it should be. Aistrope said if he gets 17% he would cap what the officers get, but not if he gets 10%. Aistrope cited prior comp board rules and what they are now. Vice Chairman Sheldon explained the 10% was to partially bridge the gap. When asked Auditor Owen discussed the budget deficit with current numbers. Sheldon said in trying to bridge the gap they can't break the bank. Shearer stated he doesn't like

disparity among the elected officials. Motion by Shearer for a raise for the sheriff at 7.5% and 3.5% for all other elected officials. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign ISAC/Wellmark/GBP Insurance renewal forms. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to set the Proposed FY 25/26 Property Tax Levy Hearing in a separate meeting for March 26, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

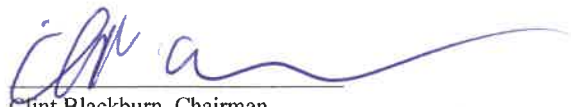
Claims were approved for February 28, 2025. There was one claim denied.

At 10:17 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

February 2025 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	710.36
Air Chek, Inc.	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	180.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	561.52
Asphalt Paving Assoc. of Iowa	Educational & Training Se	375.00
AT&T	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	101.07
AT&T Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	2,243.16
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CenturyLink	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	33.95
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	44.91
Cherryroad Media	Official Publ & Legal Not	953.39
CINTAS LOC 749	Parts (non motor vehicle)	167.23
Cintas Corporation	Medical & Laboratory Supp	99.32
City of Council Bluffs City Tr	Protection/Security Servi	1,651.25
City of Farragut	Roads	967.00
City of Randolph	Roads	404.32
City of Riverton	Roads	233.72
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	569.59
City of Thurman	Roads	582.21
Kristina Clark	Medical & Health Services	110.00
Clear Live powered by pioneer	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	78.40
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Country Tire-Shenandoah	Tires & Tubes	97.70
The Crittenton Center	Group Foster Care	1,446.15
Culligan	Buildings	93.50
Jeffrey C. Dannar dba Dannar A	Lubricants	104.00
Daniel R. Davis 1009 Mobile	Employee Mileage & Subsis	16.91
Department of Inspections Appe	Buildings	40.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.Co.	Stationery & Forms	41.00
DetectaChem,Inc	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	196.40
Diamond Mowers	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,846.25
Dollar General Charged Sales	Custodial Supplies	29.00
Justin Drierer	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
Eakes Inc. Eakes Office Soluti	Custodial Supplies	399.50
Electronic Contracting Co	Custodial Supplies	81.00
Envirotech Services Inc.	Cover Aggregate & Sand	3,135.00
Eyecare Associates of SW Iowa	Employee Gr Ins-County Co	350.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Fuels	1,442.00
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General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
Patrick Gilson	Veterans Affairs Commissi	50.00
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	719.94
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co PC	Acct/Audit & Clerical Ser	4,500.00

Hamburg Elec & Plumbing LLC	Fixed Plant Equipment	280.00
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Janine Herrick	Food & Provisions	123.76
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Jones Automotive	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,101.16
Kiesler's Police Supply, Inc.	Safety & Protective Suppl	4,311.70
Lawn World LLC	Fertilizer & Seed	1,895.06
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Frank McCann	Medical & Health Services	47.06
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Nishnabotany Lodge 153 c/o Dic	Rent Payments	540.00
OMG Midwest, Inc. Attn: Accoun	Cover Aggregate & Sand	3,459.25
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Communic	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	212.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Lubricants	874.63
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Penn Drug	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	4.99
Phillip Peters	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Petersen Auto	Minor Mv Parts & Access	885.00
Pitney Bowes	Postage & Mailing	327.66
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	5,285.54
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	736.00
Precision Diesel, Inc	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,455.24
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Stationery & Forms	86.76
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Postage & Mailing	566.31
RC Tree Services Inc	Perm.Landscaping,Capital	2,100.00
Red Oak Chrysler Inc	Motor Vehicle	30,805.03
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	263.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	1,030.00

Ricoh USA, Inc	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	193.91
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Fuels	4,036.52
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Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	282.99
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Mathew Shane Song Dog Towing,	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	455.00
Stanard & Associates Inc.	Dues & Memberships	99.50
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	243.00
State Medical Examiner's Off.	Medical & Health Services	4,194.33
Tabor Motor Company, LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	715.28
Ted's Mower Sales & Svc.	Motor Vehicle Equipment	224.95
The Master's Touch, LLC	Postage & Mailing	3,600.00
Thomson Reuters - West Payment	Other	370.80
TK Elevator Corporation	Buildings	413.26
Tradesmen Automotive LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,565.07
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Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Vermeer Sales & Svc Inc	Minor Mv Parts & Access	454.30
WahlTek, Inc.	Other	18,450.00
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Stationery & Forms	1,174.21
WEX BANK	Fuels	5,603.20
Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	5,795.62
Wiretap Telecom	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	263.55
Grand Total		482,958.03

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that Recorder Tarah Berry, EMC Clayton Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, Sanitarian Caleb Hammons, and Tom Lorimor were present at this meeting.

Tom Lorimor met with the board to discuss the Airport Road intersection by Shenandoah. The old address for former Eaton's was 1600 Airport Road. It is now a receiving yard for tires and seed box trucks that come in from other places. Their GPS takes them to the left by the old airport road and they've had trucks end up on the runway. He would like signage up that says something to clarify that going left is a dead end. Supervisor Sheldon said he spoke to Engineer Davis about signage and he will meet with him today about what can be placed there. Shearer said he would talk to the company today to see if they could change the address to the correct address or if signage was an option.

Sheriff Kevin Aistrop sent a letter to the board requesting longevity pay for Deputy Steve Owen who was recently rehired. He has 28 years of experience in the sheriff's office. Chairman Blackburn stated he was fine with the longevity because he was able to be rehired and start without training. Motion by Shearer to approve the longevity pay for Deputy Owen. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed changing next week's meeting date. The ISAC Spring Conference in Des Moines is March 12th through the 14th. The board and auditor will go up on the 13th instead of the 12th. There is no change to the meeting date.

Supervisor Shearer asked Attorney Johnson if construction could continue on windmills before the whole lawsuit was settled. Johnson stated he would check it and give Shearer a concrete answer.

In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for February.

Claims were approved for March 7th, 2025.

At 9:22 a.m., with no further business, Shearer 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, March 12, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Jeff Shearer present. Sheldon was present by telephone. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 8:16 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that no guests were present at the start of this meeting.

At 8:17 a.m., motion by Shearer to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye. At 8:17 a.m., the board went into closed session. Roll call: Chairman Clint Blackburn, Vice Chairman Dustin Sheldon, Member Jeff Shearer, Jack Reed HR by telephone, and Auditor Dee Owen. At 8:33 a.m., motion by Shearer to go out of closed session. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye.

The board discussed SIRHA applications. There were two applications received. One person works with SIRHA in their business which according to SIRHA disqualifies them. Motion by Shearer to appoint Tuesday Leseberg to serve on the SIRHA board. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17 CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF FREMONT, IOWA

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, Iowa held a duly authorized regular meeting on the 12th day of March, 2025; WHEREAS, at said meeting the following resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FREMONT, IOWA

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fremont, Iowa hereby make the following resolution.

WHEREAS, a resolution has been passed and adopted entitled "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Purpose of Creating a Multi-County Housing Authority."

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 28E. Code of Iowa, and by virtue of our office as Supervisors, we hereby appoint Tuesday Leseberg for Three years, as the one (1) person to serve as Commissioner of the Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority, representing the County of Fremont Iowa, and to serve for the number of years appearing after her name, respectively, from the 9th day of April, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fremont, Iowa and caused the official corporate seal of said County of Fremont Iowa to be attached hereto this 12th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Clint Blackburn

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Fremont County, Iowa

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

At 8:39 a.m., motion by Shearer to go into recess. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:39 a.m., Sheldon left the meeting.

At 8:50 a.m., motion by Shearer to go out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:50 a.m., Tandon VanScyoc joined the meeting.

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

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign three dust control suppliers permits to apply dust control treatment on Fremont County roads by EnviroTech Services, LLC, Advanced Situation Mitigation, and Cory Crawford Enviro Tech Services, LLC of Indianola, IA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for BRS-CO36(92) - - 60-36 per agreement through February 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

The board considered a work in ROW permit for Annelise Paulik (Mortenson) to install temporary radii off of public intersections within the ROW as well as extending existing turbine access road radii. Tandon Vanscyoc stated they couldn't go ahead because the road use agreement was not in place because it was court. Chairman Blackburn phoned County Attorney Johnson and requested he join the meeting. At 9:11 a.m., Attorney Johnson joined the meeting. Supervisor Shearer asked if they could start tearing stuff up before the lawsuit was over. Johnson stated that the parts of the lawsuit that are still in litigation are an

open meeting issue but that is not an issue in moving forward. He said the other issue is the \$35,000 in sanctions that were assessed to the plaintiff's attorneys for bringing a lawsuit without merit. He said this also doesn't affect moving forward. VanScyoc stated that because of this litigation, there is no road use agreement in place even though it was signed. He then said go ahead and sign it and see what happens. Johnson stated that at one time there was an injunction but there isn't anymore. Johnson said he would call the attorney that is handling the case. At 9:20 a.m., Johnson left the meeting. Shearer asked if VanScyoc could get his lawyer on the phone. At 9:25 a.m., VanScyoc left the meeting. At 9:26 a.m., Johnson rejoined the meeting. At 9:29 a.m., VanScyoc rejoined the meeting and said the board should do what they think they have to do. Attorney Johnson stated it is his opinion that the outstanding litigation in no way affects the validity of the road use agreement. He said it is his opinion, and he also phoned the county's counsel, and they agreed that unless there are extenuating circumstances the board can approve the permits. Motion by Shearer to table until there are three supervisors to vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for March 14th, 2025.

At 9:32 a.m., with no further business, Shearer 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, March 19, 2025, 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. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the record show that EMC Clayton Long, Attorney Peter Johnson, Assessor Vicki Kirkpatrick, Sanitarian Caleb Hammons, Assistant Engineer Robbi Kromminga, and Mark Trively were present at this meeting.

Assistant Engineer Robbi Kromminga met with the board for the following:

Motion by Sheldon to sign work in ROW permit for Annelise Paulik (Mortenson) to install temporary radii off of public intersections within the ROW and extending existing turbine access road radii. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, nay.

Motion by Sheldon to sign Resolution No. 2025-18 approving salaries with 3.5% for supervisory and non-union secondary road personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2025-18

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries be in effect commencing on the 1st day of July 2025, for the supervisory and non-union personnel in the Secondary Road Department.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT: \$30.45 per hour salary

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: \$25.66 per hour salary

ASSISTANT TO ENGINEER: \$37.03 per hour salary

ENGINEER: \$119,773.00 salary

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Shearer.

Approved this 19th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign a dust control suppliers permit for DLA Farms LLC to apply dust control treatment on Fremont County roads. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign final pay voucher for Project # ER-CO36(87)-58-36 (J64). Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Howery did not attend the meeting to discuss Bartlett Betterment Committee.

Darrell Weilage was on the telephone with the board to discuss well ordinances. He said the Fremont Aquifer or Reservoir goes as far north as Harlan but is not very wide. The feed is not related to any river. The cross runs into it north of Randolph. He has had to dig new wells to sell property and some are 200' deep and others 90'. He said he would use the City of Sidney as reference. He said some pivots are using 8,000 gallons per minute from the aquifer. Three miles south of Sidney's well field there was someone he dug a well for to put a pond in for ducks. Chairman Blackburn asked what he is proposing. Weilage told them to reference the Papio and Missouri River NRD. He said heavy use out of the Fremont Aquifer is brand new. He has talked to the state and they said there is no data from Fremont County area. He said he would start with meters. Papio NRD requires meters on irrigation. He said he set wells deeper so he doesn't have to come back in 5 years to dig further. He said meters would allow you to get true measurements in spring when wells have recovered and measurements in fall when the season is over. He said Nebraska is so far ahead of us they are a good place to model. Hammons said it is possible to use the private well grant for cost share. Chairman Blackburn asked if when he is putting in these wells if they have said that they are willing to participate. He said no they just identified the problem. Weilage said that Chad Fields and Eric Day with DNR would be where to start. Chairman Blackburn asked the cost of the meters. Weilage said they are about \$3200 installed, Vice Chairman Sheldon said this would require data collection for at least 3 years before doing an ordinance. Shearer asked how many irrigation wells are on the Fremont Channel? Weilage stated he did have a map but isn't sure. He said he would get the board that information. Blackburn said Hammons could talk to the DNR. Weilage thought about how many there were and decided there were 20 or less. Sheldon said he has trouble restricting water or mineral rights on private property and it would be a high cost to the county also. Blackburn thanked Weilage for the information.

Assessor Vicki Kirkpatrick attended the meeting to update the board. She said the assessment rolls will be going out soon and this is an equalization year. She also let them know that the CSR up \$7/point.

Claims were approved for March 21st, 2025.

At 9:57 a.m., with no further business, Shearer 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, March 26, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present. Let the record show that Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:12 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, Recorder Tarah Berry, Clerk of Court Kim Carter, and IT Scott Evans were present at this meeting.

Clerk of Court Kim Carter met with the board to discuss a gate in their office. She found a gate on Amazon for approximately \$35. It is expandable & attached to the counter and wall. Motion by Sheldon to approve the purchase of the gate for the Clerk of Court's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT 2026 Budget and Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign final payment voucher for Project #ER-CO36(84) - - 58-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to set date and time for FY26 Budget Hearing for April 16, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.


IT Director Scott Evans met with the board for the renewal of the Microsoft 365 software agreement. Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for March 28th, 2025.

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

At 9:25 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 a special session on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present. Let the record show that Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Motion by Sheldon to go into public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy for the FY25/26 budget at 8:31 a.m. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye. Let the records show that Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, Dee Owen, Kim Carter, Conrad Hall, Francine Williams, Gary Bolin, and Susan Bolin were present at this meeting. Chairman Blackburn asked for comments. Francine Williams questioned the rise in taxes in recent years. The board explained that workman's compensation, insurance, and other rising costs affect the budget. They explained the different levies that go into the total levy of the county. Conrad Hall questioned a spending freeze. The board members and auditor also explained the reason for the letter and the current situation of the county with legislation, revaluations, and unfunded mandates. The board pointed out the amount of ground that is owned by DNR & USACE that are tax exempt. At 8:53 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting. He discussed the struggle with revenues and legislation. Hall asked about revenue that the windmills will generate. The board explained the timeline of the project. Gary Bolin asked about school possibly getting donations. The board advised him to discuss that with the school. Susan Bolin asked about the difference between what the golf course spends and what they bring in. The board answered advised it is an asset to the county and Sheldon gave the numbers of their expenses and revenues. After much discussion, at 9:12 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy for the FY25/26. Clark, aye; Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye.

At 9:12 a.m., motion by Sheldon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Clint Blackburn, Chairman

March 2025 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	594.55
AgriVision Equipment Group LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	534.76
All Copy Products, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	561.11
AT&T	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	93.07
AT&T Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	2,704.53
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	160.95
Atlas Building Maintenance Inc	Hardware (non motor vehic	336.98
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	12,721.96
Rehnea Bartholomew	Employee Mileage & Subsis	75.80
Bateman Tire and Repair	Custodial	400.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	5,310.00
Benefiel Truck Repair & Towing	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	1,134.00
Tarah Berry	Employee Mileage & Subsis	346.81
Jason Birt	Employee Mileage & Subsis	66.22
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	7,701.40
Black Strap, Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	18,863.01
Lori Burge	Employee Mileage & Subsis	84.45
C. J. Cooper & Associates Inc.	Medical & Health Services	361.15
Card Services	Safety & Protective Suppl	3,370.43
Century Link Business Services	Other	33.95
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	413.00
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	197.23
CINTAS LOC 749	Parts (non motor vehicle)	103.26
City of Farragut	Roads	870.53
City of Randolph	Roads	363.99
City of Riverton	Roads	210.41
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	636.22
City of Thurman	Roads	524.13
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Darnolds	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	750.00
James Dimauro	Employee Mileage & Subsis	78.77
Justin Drierer	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
D6 Roadside Assistance	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	639.00
Echo Electric Supply	Buildings	300.00
Eyecare Associates of SW Iowa	Medical & Health Services	350.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Fuels	1,505.90
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Dues & Memberships	1,359.81
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Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,427.92
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	157.49
Gateway Hotel & Conference Ctr	Employee Mileage & Subsis	293.44
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
Cassandra Gilbert	Medical & Health Services	350.00
Patrick Gilson	Veterans Affairs Commissi	50.00
Troy J. Gorham	Medical & Health Services	64.19
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	169.98
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co PC	Acct/Audit & Clerical Ser	6,500.00
Hamburg Elec & Plumbing LLC	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	161.20

Hawkeye Truck Equipment	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,082.10
Henneman Lawn Svc/Snow Removal	Buildings	200.00
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Janine Herrick	Food & Provisions	62.54
HGM Associates Inc.	Engineering Services	20,245.20
Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport	Employee Mileage & Subsis	3,225.60
Holliman Auto Supply Co, LLC	Electrical Supplies & Par	209.95
Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Fuels	22,487.02
Hotsy Equipment Co	Buildings-Capital Outlay	781.31
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	50.00
Interstate Power Systems Inc	Minor Mv Parts & Access	7,833.09
Iowa Communications Network Fi	Office & Data Proc Equip	452.00
IA County Attorneys Assoc.	Dues & Memberships	327.00
Dept of Adminstrative Services	Dues & Memberships	50.00
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	140.64
IEMA c/o Dickinson County EM	Educational & Training Se	155.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy S	Employee Mileage & Subsis	150.00
ISACA c/o ISAC	Dues & Memberships	250.00
ISSDA c/o Jared Schneider, Fin	Employee Mileage & Subsis	250.00
I80 K9 Training Services LLC K	Secret Investigations	5,000.00
Tunncliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	632.20
Robbie Kromminga	Employee Mileage & Subsis	33.56
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	481.83
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Board Proceedings	709.29
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McMullen Ford	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,405.78
Menards - Council Bluffs	Hardware (non motor vehic	450.22
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Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	4,847.42
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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, 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

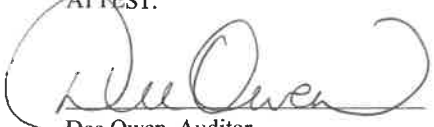
Attorney Johnson also told the board he would like them to discuss a boardroom document retention policy. He said there a state retention policy that is generally used. Auditor Owen gave him an example of what a prior auditor had approved many years ago. The board will take action on this next week.

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

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 Sney – 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 230th St from Bluff Road to 220th 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 310th St to 380th & 390th Ave, ½ mile on 380th Ave North of 310th St and ½ mile South of 310th 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:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$67,072	3.5%	\$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 shown.

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
Health Board/Sanitation 54,955	Landfill 55,736
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.

ATTEST:

/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 290th 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


Clint 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

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye

/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 23rd 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

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye

/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 Aistrophe. The effective date of employment shall be April 21, 2025:

Justin Phillips - Deputy

Motion was made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Claims were approved for April 25, 2025.

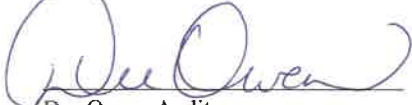
EMC Clayton Long briefed the board on his press release regarding the tornadoes in Fremont County last Thursday. He also went over criteria for assistance for Federal Aid. He initially submitted 45 properties to the state but says there were far more. He said if anyone has questions about this, they 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 Invenenergy 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

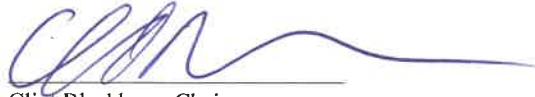
week that MidAmerican's attorney said they don't need a road use agreement conveyed with the purchase because it was a utility. The supervisors stated that they understood that they didn't need a new agreement because everything transferred. VanScyoc also said that they are watering 250th street up the 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.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman