

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Courtroom, with Dustin Sheldon and Clint Blackburn present. Let the records show that Chris Clark 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. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the records show that no one else was present for this meeting.

Dillon Petersen and Gerald Baker did not attend the meeting.

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

Claims were approved for November 3, 2023.

At 9:08 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark and Clint Blackburn present. Let the records 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. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, EMC Clayton Long, Sanitarian Erman Mullins, Harry Adams, Mike Stenzel, Lindsey Wilson, and Liz Skillern with SWI Herald were present for this meeting.

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

Motion by Blackburn to sign application for approval of underground construction in ROW for Windstream Iowa Communications to bore 40' under Bluff Road to provide services to 1166 Bluff Road, Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed sanitarian position. Sanitarian Erman Mullins is going to retire at some point in July or August 2024. He wanted to bring this to the attention of the board so they could hire someone to train with him before he retires. He thinks it will take about 30 days and he would still be qualified when the new person goes to training. He stated he will remind the board when it is closer to the time.

Due to elections, the board must meet on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> to canvass the city/school election. They must also meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> for the second-tier canvass. Motion by Clint to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for the first-tier canvass and to hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for the second-tier canvass. They will have their regular meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Lindsey Wilson with the Family Crisis Center met with the board to update them. They are located out of Council Bluffs. They assist people who have been victims of violent crimes and their families. They have assisted 5 clients and 2 calls on the crisis line. These calls would be residents of Fremont County. The assistance would be doubled if they included victims or family members that reside outside of Fremont County, but the crime was committed here. The board stated the item was for discussion only but they would research and consider a contribution next week.

Auditor Owen presented the board applications from the assessor's office for family farm credit applications for FY 2024. Motion by Blackburn to approve the applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Stenzel and Harry Adams with the City of Hamburg met with the board to discuss abatement of taxes for buyout properties in Hamburg. The taxes have not been paid on these properties since 2019. The total for real estate taxes is around \$17,000 and the total for drainage is around \$9,600. The board stated the item was for discussion only but they would gather more information and consider it next week.


In other business, the Sheriff's Monthly Report was approved for October 2023.

Claims were approved for November 10, 2023.

At 9:34 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

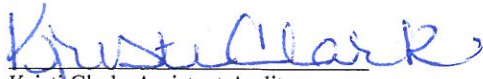
The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a special session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark and Dustin Sheldon present. Let the records show that Clint Blackburn was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

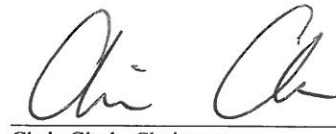
Let the records show that County Attorney Peter Johnson was present for this meeting.

The board held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tier canvass of the results of the Fremont County 2023 City/School Election (Fremont County only). Motion by Sheldon to approve the canvass results of the Fremont County 2023 City/School Election. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:24 a.m., motion to adjourn by Sheldon. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. The minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Treasurer Alise Snyder, County Attorney Peter Johnson, and John Askew were present for this meeting.

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW for Telcom Construction for Lumen to bury service wire 30' from PED to 2559 Swedish Road in Hamburg. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a contribution to the Family Crisis Center. They came in last week to request funding for their organization. In a State Auditor's Opinion, the board is prohibited to donate to any not for profit unless it is specifically allowed by Iowa Code such is the case with a not-for-profit historical society. Motion by Blackburn to deny any funding to the crisis center due to the Iowa Code and Iowa State Auditor's opinion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Clark stated that he gave both Hamburg representatives his number last week. He stated he hasn't heard from anyone. They were checking into the reason why there were taxes owed prior to the flood. Treasurer Snyder stated that the only one that must be abated is 300 Park Street which was abandoned through the court system. The treasurer and the board discussed the fact that this should have been taken care of in the closing of these properties. The board discussed abating taxes on the City of Hamburg buyout properties. Motion by Sheldon to table action on the abatement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to sign renewal of insurance buy down plan with Auxiant. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:16 a.m., Sheriff Kevin Aistrope joined the meeting.

Attorney Peter Johnson met with the board regarding the appointment of a temporary county attorney when he is out of the county.:  
RESOLUTION 2023-59

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY UNDER IOWA CODE SECTIONS 331.757 AND 331.754 IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, recognizes the need for legal expertise and assistance in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the County Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.754 and 331.757 authorize the appointment of assistant county attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Fremont County Attorney only has one practicing attorney and no assistant county attorneys; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure the continuity of legal services for Fremont County in the event that the County Attorney of Fremont County, Iowa, is unreachable, unavailable, or otherwise incapacitated; and

WHEREAS, there may arise an emergency situation in Fremont County where the Fremont County Attorney is unreachable or unavailable and time is of essence; and

WHEREAS, the Mills County Attorney and the Montgomery County Attorney are neighboring part-time county attorneys who can provide legal assistance in such situations;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that:

The Mills County Attorney, and any assistant Mills County Attorneys are hereby appointed as a temporary Assistant County Attorney for Fremont County, Iowa, on an as-needed basis only, under the provisions of Iowa Code Section 331.757 and 331.754, solely when the County Attorney of Fremont County, Iowa, is unreachable or unavailable during an emergency in Fremont County. The Mills County Attorney shall assist in legal matters, including but not limited to, representing Fremont County and providing legal counsel to county officials during such periods.

If both the Fremont County Attorney and the Mills County Attorney are unreachable or otherwise unavailable, the Montgomery County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney, is hereby appointed as a contingent temporary Assistant County Attorney for Fremont County, Iowa, on an as-needed basis only. The Montgomery County Attorney shall temporarily assist in legal matters, including but not limited to representing Fremont County and providing legal counsel to county officials in emergency circumstances during such periods.

The temporary appointment of the Mills County Attorney and the Montgomery County Attorney shall be effective only when they are called upon to serve in accordance with this resolution, without compensation, and their appointments shall only be effective for a period necessary to resolve the emergency issue or until the Fremont County Attorney is available. This resolution is effective until terminated by resolution of the Fremont County Board of Supervisors with written notice to the Mills County Attorney and Montgomery County Attorney.

Any anticipated or foreseeable absences or periods of incapacitation of the Fremont County Attorney longer than 24 hours must be addressed by separate resolution.

The Mills County Attorney, the Mills County Assistant Attorneys and the Montgomery County Attorney and the Montgomery County Assistant Attorney shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws, rules, and ethical standards governing the practice of law in the State of Iowa.

Motion by Blackburn.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen  
Fremont County Auditor

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

At 9:21 a.m., Jack Reed and Chelsea Stoll with INCS joined the meeting.

John Askew with Missouri Valley Drainage District met with the board regarding the county purchasing stamped warrants. He told the board that they are around \$6 million in debt due to a delay in funds that FEMA owes them. They need to pay their current debt to their clerk and other expenses. He believes it will be around \$10,000.00. He is requesting that the county agree as they did with Mule Slough to buying warrants for necessary expenses. Auditor Owen stated that Mule Slough/West Benton was a limit of \$10,000 and it was for operating/maintenance expenses. Clark suggested they also reach out to our state & federal representatives to see if they can help with FEMA. Askew said he had been working with Senator Grassley directly on this issue. They are still appealing the decisions. Motion by Blackburn to allow the county to purchase stamped warrants not to exceed \$10,000.00 for maintenance/operating costs for MVDD. Clark, aye; Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

At 9:34 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Clark, aye; Dustin, aye; Blackburn, aye.


At 11:14 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Clark, aye; Sheldon, aye; Blackburn, aye.

Claims were approved for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

At 11:14 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark and Clint Blackburn present. Let the records show that Dustin Sheldon was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:06 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis and Assistant Auditor Kristi Clark were present for this meeting.

The board held the 2nd Tier canvass of the results of the Fremont County 2023 City/School Election (Fremont & Mills County). Motion by Blackburn to approve the canvass results of the Fremont County 2023 City/School Election. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Blackburn to table any action regarding updates to zoning ordinances to allow the board to research the process of updating these ordinances to match Fremont County's Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

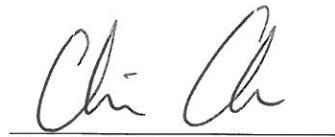
Engineer Davis discussed a raise for the assistant engineer. Motion by Blackburn to table allowing Engineer Davis to increase the salary for the assistant engineer so the board can obtain comparables. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for November 24, 2023.

At 9:30 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Clint Blackburn present. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis and County Attorney Peter Johnson were present for this meeting and Wendy Mueller with WCCA was present by telephone.

Wendy Mueller with West Central Community Action met with the board by telephone regarding the funding for FY23. She started by thanking the board for their support. They are requesting \$3,500 for FY25 which is the same as last year. Mueller went over the client demographic information. They helped with head start, childcare resource and referral, child and adult food care program, weatherization, energy assistance, water assistance, Embrace Iowa, I Care – Black Hills Cares Assistance, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Program, food pantry, and Habitat Home Assistance, just to name a few. They provided \$841,962.00 total dollars for services in Fremont County in FY23. Mueller said their outreach office is now located at 705 Indiana Street in Sidney. Motion by Blackburn to approve the 28E Agreement and a budget allocation of \$3,500.00 for FY25. Motion carried unanimously.


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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for a bridge (MR-100) on J-18 per agreement through November 15, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for December 1, 2023.

At 9:11 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Chris Clark, Chairman

### November 2023 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	633.11
AgriVision Equipment Group LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,364.83
Valeri Albertsen	Custodial Supplies	480.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Postage & Mailing	26.98
Allied Oil & Tire Company	Lubricants	240.00
Aramark	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	124.91
AT&T Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	1,852.00
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	124.60
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	16,058.43
Drew Bartholomew	Medical & Health Services	85.51
Bateman Tire and Repair	Tires & Tubes	200.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	3,632.42
Jessa Bears	Election Officials	201.42
Susie Berry	Election Officials	165.00
Tarah Berry	Employee Mileage & Subsis	123.53
Bess Machining Nicholas Bess	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	158.00
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	887.16
Penny Bredensteiner	Election Officials	280.28
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	76.50
Nancy Buckalew	Election Officials	179.41
Lori Burge	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	154.03
Busy Bee Cleaner	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	38.00
Card Services	Safety & Protective Suppl	7,300.11
CenturyLink	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	33.95
Anne Chambers	Election Officials	165.00
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	1,175.40
Chat Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	98.40
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	400.41
CINTAS LOC 749	Custodial	196.17
Cintas Corporation	Buildings	353.03
City of Farragut	Roads	1,060.87
City of Randolph	Roads	443.57
City of Riverton	Roads	256.41
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	879.39
City of Thurman	Roads	638.72
Kent Claiborne	Election Officials	186.20
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Cristi Coy	Election Officials	165.00
Culligan	Custodial Supplies	177.00
Century Homes Co dbs D & K Pro	Fertilizer & Seed	975.00
D&L Pro	Office & Data Proc Equip	6.97
Dannar Auto	Lubricants	210.00
Darnold's Towing	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	250.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.Co.	Dues & Memberships	33.00
Diamond Mowers	Minor Mv Parts & Access	113.63
Dollar General Charged Sales	Food & Provisions	100.50
AAA Refrigeration DBA Dovel Re	Buildings	6,121.24
Justin Driever	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
Jannine Edwards	Election Officials	173.91
Electronic Contracting Co	Buildings	81.00
Teri Emberton	Election Officials	63.58
Nina Embree	Employee Mileage & Subsis	166.89
Farragut Oil Inc	Lubricants	67.00
Fire Ex LLC	Fixed Plant Equipment	1,447.00
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Other	2,932.87
First Wireless, Inc.	Radio & Related Equip Mai	15,375.00
Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,437.92
Fremont County Vet Clinic	Postage & Mailing	602.00
Faye French	Election Officials	239.19
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	201.34
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07



Melinda Gilbert	Election Officials	173.10
Patrick Gilson	Veterans Affairs Commissi	50.00
Gracie Global LLC Gracie Unive	Employee Mileage & Subsis	1,200.00
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	49.50
Guardian RFID	Data Processing	3,426.25
Hamburg Scout Hall C/O David M	Polling Places	50.00
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	322.90
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc	Printing of Ballots	7,759.85
HGM Associates Inc.	Engineering Services	1,161.17
Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	36,689.56
The Home Depot Pro Inst	Custodial Supplies	55.47
Hose & Handling Inc	Hardware (non motor vehic	57.64
Houser's Air Conditioning & He	Fixed Plant Equipment	1,382.32
Becky Hughes	Election Officials	178.10
IA Communities Assurance Pool	Equipment Insurance	598.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Compensation In	13,854.00
Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	Buildings-Capital Outlay	130.00
IA Dept of Public Safety ATTN:	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,482.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue Administr	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	151.41
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	91.15
Iowa Prison Industries	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	2,149.31
ISSDA c/o Jared Schneider, Fin	Dues & Memberships	700.00
Teresa Jamison	Election Officials	40.00
Tunnickliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	683.71
JD Lawn Service James Allen Ba	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	200.00
Nancy Johnson	Election Officials	40.00
Peter E. Johnson	Employee Mileage & Subsis	1,904.37
Robbie Kromminga	Election Officials	170.00
William Labrum	Election Officials	174.29
Barbara Lamb	Election Officials	178.10
Lisa Phillips	Stationery & Forms	34.23
Danielle Loewe	Election Officials	165.00
Michael MacDonald	Medical & Health Services	74.88
Carolyn Maher	Election Officials	165.00
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	808.69
Mainelli Mechanical Contractor	Buildings	15,336.91
Mainstay Systems	Data Processing	19,183.00
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Board Proceedings	657.05
Manatt's Inc	Roads	496,540.04
Sandra McIntyre	Medical & Health Services	191.92
McNeilly Garage Door Svc.	Parts (non motor vehicle)	831.20
Menards - Council Bluffs	Hardware (non motor vehic	1,143.67
MHC Kenworth	Minor Mv Parts & Access	784.66
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Electric Power	3,906.42
Midwest Data Center, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,000.00
Midwest Laboratories Inc	Water & Sewer	47.00
Miller Building Supply	Custodial Supplies	22.15
Beth Mincer	Election Officials	160.00
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	23.65
Fred Moyer	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
Erman Mullins III	Postage & Mailing	46.45
National Association of Co	Dues & Memberships	450.00
NE OMS Specialty Dental	Acute & Emergency Treat.	816.00
Nebraska-Iowa Ind. Fasteners	Hardware (non motor vehic	1,409.73
Nishnabotany Lodge 153 c/o Wil	Rent Payments	540.00
Treasurer State of Iowa Attn A	Legal & Court-Related Ser	3,921.00
Office Warehouse Inc.	Other	704.00
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Communic	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	212.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	666.63
Paper Tiger Shredding	Office Equipment	333.32
Suzan Pauley	Legal & Court-Related Ser	401.25
Penn Drug	Medical & Laboratory Supp	153.19
Performance FoodService	Food & Provisions	733.53

Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc Mi	Minor Mv Parts & Access	615.76
Phillip Peters	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Pioneer Telephone	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	48.70
Postmaster	Postage & Mailing	330.00
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	518.82
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	734.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Postage & Mailing	145.54
Rash-Gude Funeral Home Inc.	Employee Mileage & Subsis	819.00
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	263.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	236.00
Ricoh USA, Inc	Office Equipment	141.99
Riverton Community Center	Polling Places	50.00
Rolling Hills Small Engine Ser	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	63.00
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Tires & Tubes	7,570.30
Schildberg Constr Co Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	81,015.85
SCIA Shenandoah Chamber and	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	5,000.00
Shenandoah Family Dentistry	Acute & Emergency Treat.	567.00
Shield Technology Corporation	Data Processing	200.00
Elizabeth Shirley	Parts (non motor vehicle)	552.00
Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	332.86
John Smith	Election Officials	179.41
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	Data Processing	16,373.00
Mathew Shane Song Dog Towing,	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	280.00
Southwest Iowa Herald Lee News	Official Publ & Legal Not	37.49
Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	Homemaker-Home Health Aid	1,800.00
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	279.50
Deloris Stenzel	Water/Sewer Structures	500.00
Mark Stockstell	Employee Mileage & Subsis	423.13
Storey Kenworthy	Stationery & Forms	1,122.71
Stouder Plumbing LLC	Plumbing Equipment	240.00
Tabor City Hall	Polling Places	50.00
Tabor Motor Company, LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	469.00
Tradesmen Automotive LLC	Motor Vehicle Equipment	85.00
John Travis	Employee Mileage & Subsis	361.70
Mary Trowbridge	Election Officials	179.41
Truck Center Companies - CB	Minor Mv Parts & Access	9,325.61
Davis Equipment Corporation DB	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	289.00
U.S. Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	821.02
United Faith Church	Polling Places	50.00
US Bank	Educational & Training Se	748.49
US Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	64.45
Verizon	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.01
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Vogel Traffic Services	Flood & Erosion Control S	138,245.96
Walman Optical Company	Medical & Health Services	842.00
Waterfalls Event Center	Polling Places	50.00
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Postage & Mailing	1,387.84
WEX BANK	Fuels	7,508.44
Whipp Sales and Service	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,703.62
Bill Williams	Water/Sewer Structures	1,500.00
Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	4,246.29

**Grand Total**

**990,647.97**