

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 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 9:05 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, Jim Olmstead, and Scott Brown were present at this meeting.

At 9:07 a.m., motion by Shearer to go into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Present for this hearing were Chairman Blackburn, Vice Chairman Sheldon, Supervisor Shearer, EMC Clayton Long, Jim Olmstead, Scott Brown, Bob Dreyer, Cassie Gilbert, and Dee Owen. Jim Olmstead said the purpose of the public hearing is to allow anyone to review the plans and specifications regarding bids for the I29/Hwy 2 Drainage District. He stated that Attorney Matt Woods was working on the right-of-way details and then will work with Auditor Owen's office for the payment process. He said there was a lot of sheet piling to put in. Olmstead had emailed an estimate that was more than originally given. The new estimate amount is \$5,676,743.82. Auditor Owen asked if the Iowa Department of Transportation is still funding 100% of the cost. Olmstead stated that the IDOT is aware and is still paying 100% and they understand the rising costs. Olmstead said after the bid opening he would take the bids back to the IDOT and then come back and make recommendations with the approval of IDOT. Supervisor Shearer questioned why this unique project is being funded by the IDOT. Olmstead said that the IDOT sees it as a prime spot in travel from Omaha to KC. At 9:14 a.m., with no public comment, motion by Sheldon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve New Hire Resolution No. 2025-37 for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of September, 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Dispatcher/Jailer for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope. The effective date of employment shall be August 27, 2025:

Valerie Paulson

Motion was made by Shearer.

Attest:

/s/ Dee Owen

Fremont County Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

aye

aye

Motion by Sheldon to hold the public hearing for the budget amendment at 9:15 a.m. on September 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:18 a.m., motion by Sheldon to recess until 9:30 a.m. for bid opening. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., motion by Sheldon to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Present for the bid opening were EMC Clayton Long, Jim Olmstead, Scott Brown, Bob Dreyer, Anthony Johansen, Tyler Beam, Tuesday Leseberg, Taylor Boyle, Ben Wade, and Zach Euler.

Jim Olmstead read the bids as follows:

Ashland Road Excavating, LLC has required bid bond of 5%, acknowledges Addendum #1, and bid is \$4,568,405.22.

M-Con has required bid security of 5%, acknowledges Addendum #1, and bid is \$4,374,461.20

Peterson Contractors, Inc. has bid bond of 5%, acknowledges Addendum #1, and bid is \$5,098,873.90

Hendrickson Transportation, LLC has bid bond of 5%, acknowledges Addendum #1, and \$4,662,849.76

Olmstead thanked the bidders and advised they would contact them with them with the winning bid. The board will consider bids in their September 17, 2025, meeting allowing Olmstead and the Iowa DOT to review them and make their recommendation.

Supervisor Shearer discussed the need to address the condition of 390th Avenue and other roads around the windmill project. He said the company is not keeping up their end of the bargain. The board discussed the need for the roads to be taken care of, and gravel added per the road use agreement. Shearer said he will speak to Engineer Davis about this and reaching out to MidAmerican.

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

Claims were approved for September 5, 2025.

At 9:49 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman