

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Courtroom, with Chris Clark and Clint Blackburn present. Let the record show that Dustin Sheldon was present by telephone for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope, County Attorney Peter Johnson, IT Arnold Emberton, Purchasing Agent Jeff Shirley, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Susan Shepherd, Caleb Morse, John Askew, Lonnie Houchin, Tom Lorimor, Frances Lorimor, Jeff Johnson, Stan Orton, Brett Smith, Robert Smith, Lennie Driever, Kathleen Driever, Sonya Green, Matt Orton, Sherrie Brink, Dominique Sherrod, Elliott Alexander, and Liz Skillern with SWI Herald were present for this meeting.

At 9:07 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into public hearing for the road vacation for 130th Street. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Davis discussed closing 1/2 mile of 130th street. Susan Shepherd made an objection to any road in Fremont County being closed. She stated that the closing of alleys and streets in Tabor has created a lack of places to walk in the town. They have missed out on grants for the safe walk to school program due to a lack of routes. She said the more roads you close the more opportunities are lost for growth. Shepherd asked the board to consider not vacating the road. Caleb Morse spoke about the fact that the road has been terraced over. He said that as someone that lives there, this road saved them time on certain routes when it was dry. He discussed other uses for the road. After much discussion, at 9:13 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go out of public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Davis discussed liability to the county with a single lane road and other liabilities. Brett Smith stated that the road was impassable and then people would drive through his father's field. He said they leveled it off at their own expense. Smith said that over the years his father received multiple calls to pull people out when they got stuck. Morse gave them a file for damages for the loss of the road. Blackburn asked if the road was passable now. Smith stated that they fixed the road. He said they fixed the road past Caleb's house. Motion by Sheldon to table the vacation of 130th Street to check legalities. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:24 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into public hearing for the vacation of 260th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Davis stated there was a petition by Lennie Driever to vacate this road. Davis stated that 260th Avenue has been on plat maps but not on the secondary road system since he has been employed here. Chairman Clark agreed. Davis stated it is at 190th Street going south for 1/4 mile. He believes it should be vacated. At 9:26 a.m., Blackburn motioned to go out of the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn approve Resolution No. 2023-23 to vacate that portion of 260th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD

Fremont County Resolution No. 2023-23

WHEREAS, this being the date and time set for the hearing on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Fremont County secondary Road, described as follows:

A portion of 260th Avenue, originally established as Road No. 527 (Book 4, page 232) established on October 6, 1902 lying on the West line of Section 21, T69N, R42W of the 5th PM, Fremont County, Iowa. The intention of this road closure is to vacate a portion of the public road as now established (original and with modifications) Beginning at the SW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21, T69N, R42W thence north along the West line of said NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 21, to the south right of way of 190th street as presently established, all in Section 20 and 21, T69N, R42W of the 5th PM, Fremont County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, No objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that the section of roadway as described above R42W be ordered vacated and closed.

Motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Sheldon.

Approved this 5th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

At 9:27 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into public hearing regarding the vacation of 320th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Tom Lorimor spoke regarding keeping the road intact but would like it to be gated to keep other landowners out. Stan Orton stated he would also like it to remain open and have it gated because he would be landlocked. Davis stated that if it is made a Level C Road the county will put up posts and gates. He said the county won't maintain the road unless called by landowners. Blackburn asked if ditches would be maintained. Davis said it would be lower on the list since it is a Level C. Jeff Johnson stated that yesterday there were pickups sitting on the bridge that is closed. Sheldon stated that they would need a large span for the gate to move farm equipment in and out and asked if there would be a ditch structure to support the gates. He also said it needed gates so that people can't go out and around and get on the property anyway as they do on the levees. After much discussion, they decided the best bet would be to deny the request for vacation and then petition for the road to be made a Level C Road. At 9:39 a.m., Blackburn made a motion to leave the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn to deny the vacation of that portion of 260th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:40 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into public hearing regarding the vacation of 180th Street to be reduced from Level B to Level C. Motion carried unanimously. Davis presented the petition from Lonnie Houchin, Conrad Brake, and John Askew. He

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Engineer Dan Davis met with the board regarding the following:

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RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT

Fremont County Resolution No. 2023-26

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, such an investigation has been requested and has been completed by the Fremont County Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREMONT COUNTY that the speed limit be established and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

Waubonsie Ave From L31(200th Ave) West to the IDNR Boat Ramp, a speed limit of 20 miles per hour is established.

Speed limit shall be effective when the appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limits are erected.

Motion to approve made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn

aye

Passed and Approved this 19th day of April, 2023.

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Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign the ICAP Insurance Renewal Paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

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County Attorney Peter Johnson met with the board to discuss Resolution No. 2023-27 Salary Update Resolution. Motion by Sheldon to approve Resolution No. 2023-27. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27

RESOLUTION UPDATING COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARY

WHEREAS, the salary recommendation of \$79,846.00 for the Fremont County Attorney was adopted by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors in Resolution 2022-25 on March 30th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-58, adopted on November 23, 2022, for Establishing County Attorney as a Part-time Position, listed the salary for the County Attorney as \$72,110.00 instead of \$79,846.00 as intended; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Attorney has been paid at the rate of \$72,110.00 instead of \$79,846.00 since November 23, 2022; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the salary of the County be updated to reflect the salary as adopted in Resolution 2022-25 of \$79,846.00.

Approved this 19th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn aye

Jason DeSa met with the board again to discuss the possible road closure on 130th Street. Jason DeSa said that since the April 5th meeting the gate has been removed on the east. The Level B sign is gone, as well. He thinks that could be a huge county liability. DeSa asked who is responsible for this, the county or Smith's? The western side has a new dead-end sign and Level B sign. He asked who put those up. He posed several questions to the board. DeSa thinks that the road should be surveyed and restored at the cost of the party that did it with no penalty from the county. Blackburn stated that he would set up a fact-finding meeting with the landowner, road department, county attorney, and one supervisor. DeSa asked if that would be a public meeting. The county attorney said the initial meeting is just to get the facts from each party involved. The board said it would be a public meeting once the facts were gathered and they could proceed with discussions.

James Nennemann addressed the board regarding a road that was changed to Level A and the fact that it is not being maintained properly. He said that the section of 255th Avenue was made into a Level A in 1996. It is a stretch of road that is 200 feet long.

The minutes from 1996 state that it would be graveled with a 50/50 cost split. Davis said he wasn't aware of the agreement as he started in 1999. He said they could gravel it as soon as possible.

Motion by Clark to hold the budget amendment hearing on May 10th at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for April 21, 2023.

At 9:57 a.m., motion to adjourn by Sheldon. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

stated they would have two permanent barricades to block it off. John Askew stated that after 2019 flood the bridge was damaged. Askew stated they would build the gate structure and put additional signage. Houchin stated that he is pleased with the maintenance of the road during the winter. He said they have problems with 4-wheelers tearing things up. Sheldon stated the county would need access at any time if the landowners put the gates up. At 9:47 a.m., Blackburn made a motion to go out of public hearing, Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution 2023-24 making it a Level C Road. Motion carried unanimously. The full text of this resolution is available in the Auditor's Office.

RESOLUTION FOR REDUCED LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE TO AREA SERVICE "C" ROAD

Fremont County Resolution No. 2023-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FREMONT COUNTY that this County does hereby establish the road described as an Area Service "C" road, with restricted access and minimal level of maintenance.

A portion of 180th ST, originally established as Road No. 124 (Book 2, page 161 and book 4, page 48) established in 1872 lying on the North line of Section 15, T69N, R43W of the 5th PM, Fremont County, Iowa. The intention of this road modification is to lower the maintenance requirement to a Level C designation for the public road as now established (original and with modifications) Beginning at the NW Corner of Section 15, T69N, R43W: thence East along the North line of said section 15, to a point 420ft West of the NE corner NW 1/4 NW1/4 of Section 14, T69N, R43W of the 5th PM, Fremont County, Iowa. Resolution adopted this 5th day of April, 2023.

Fremont County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Fremont County Auditor

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Blackburn 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 March 15, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign work in ROW permit for Ethon Smith to clear dead trees on Bluff Road South of 242nd Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:52 a.m., motion was made by Blackburn to go into a public hearing regarding the County FY24 Maximum Levy/Tax Dollars. Auditor Owen discussed the levy rate. At 9:55 a.m., hearing no comment, a motion was made by Blackburn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn to approve Resolution No. 2023-25 for the FY24 Fremont County maximum tax dollars. Clark, aye; Sheldon, aye; Blackburn, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25 APPROVING THE FY24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

Whereas, the Fremont County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2024 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services; and

Whereas, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county website and/or social media accounts, if applicable; and

Whereas, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on April 5th, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY23 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services: \$3,959,073.00

Rural County Services: \$1,693,660.00

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY24 represents an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY23.

Roll call vote: Clark, aye; Sheldon, aye; Blackburn, aye.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn

aye

At 9:57 a.m., Chairman Clark presented IT Arnold Emberton and Sheriff Kevin Aistrophe with years of service awards from the Iowa Association of Counties. Each of these employees has been with the county for 35 years. The board thanked them for their service.

Motion by Blackburn to set the public hearing date for FY23/24 Fremont County Budget for April 26th at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

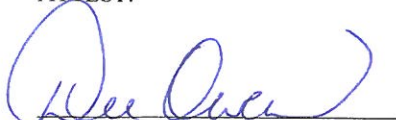
Dominique Sherrod and Elliott Alexander with Family Heritage Division Globe Life met with the board to discuss their services. This is an employee-paid program. Employees have the choice to opt-in or not. The board thanked them for stopping by.


Motion by Blackburn to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Wilds Property Management, LLC dba Whiskey Springs.
Motion carried unanimously.
In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for March.

Claims were approved for April 7, 2023.

At 10:05 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, April 12, 2023, in the Fremont County Courthouse Courtroom, 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 minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that County Attorney Peter Johnson, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Raymond Desa, Jason Desa, Susan Shepherd, and Liz Skillern with SWI Herald were present for this meeting.

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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign an application for underground construction in county ROW for Windstream Communications, LLC to bore and to place conduit 1.88 miles west of the intersection of South Main Street and 120th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign ROW Use Permit for Darin Hendrickson to lower a drainage tube at the corner of L-31 and 235th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign application for approval of underground construction in county ROW to install 4" conduit bored under the road for live electrical power on 235th Street, .5 miles west from L-31. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign application for approval of underground construction in county ROW to install 4" conduit under the road for live electrical power on L-40, 1.25 miles north from 310th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign agreement with HGM Associates for engineering services to inspect approximately 119 Fremont County bridge structures in 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to table signing resolution for establishing speed limit on Waubonsie Ave from L-31 (200th Avenue) west to the IDNR boat ramp to 25 miles per hour because the resolution reads 20 MPH. It will need to be verified whether it is 20 or 25 MPH and the board will reconsider. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond and Jason Desa met with the board to discuss the possible road closure on 130th Street. Jason Desa voiced his reasons of concern for closing the road. He posed several questions to the board and offered to email his questions to them. Sheldon stated that he drove up yesterday to look at the area. He said that he assumes any work on the road went through the road department but isn't sure. Desa said the perception seems that the whole process was done improperly. Sheldon said they are sure there was no malicious intent in the work that was done. He went over his thoughts on both sides of the issue. Desa stated that another idea is that landowners can put up fences if they don't want people driving in their fields. Sheldon stated that he thinks they should have a meeting with the engineer and Smiths to find out when this happened. The board agreed that should be done before they take any action, and it should be done in a timely manner. Susan Shepherd reiterated her concerns from last week's meeting. After much discussion, the board agreed again that there should be a meeting with the parties involved.

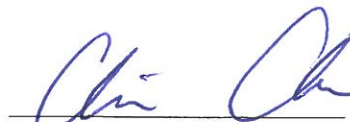
In other business, the Sheriff's Monthly Report was approved for March.

Claims were approved for April 14, 2023.

At 9:28 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


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/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

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ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman aye

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Motion by Clark to hold the budget amendment hearing on May 10th at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for April 21, 2023.

At 9:57 a.m., motion to adjourn by Sheldon. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Clark to sign application for approval of underground construction for BTC Inc. to bury fiber optic cable at various locations in Fremont County (map is attached to application). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign dust control suppliers permit for Heffron Services, Inc. to apply dust control in Fremont County for the 2023 season. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to deny permit for dust control suppliers permit for Curtis Green to apply dust control on 110th St (near his property at 3607 110th Street) because we now have a supplier in the county. The board expressed concerns about the material he was considering using to apply to the road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to sign with Voya Financial Benefits for deferred compensation plans for county employees. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a water issue at Bluff Road and Green Hollow Road. They discussed that they need to control the current flow across the road. Blackburn stated that the creek flows into a privately owned ditch that is full and water running across county road and is diverted to a different landowner. He said it has been an ongoing problem for several years and they are getting ready to resurface Bluff Road. He pointed out that it will do no good to resurface it with a water issue. Assistant Engineer Kromminga stated they have been coming up with a plan and Engineer Davis has been talking to landowners. They talked about tearing off the bridge deck and cleaning it out. They also discussed check dams with other landowners. Chairman Clark stated that he had previously spoken to Cara Morgan with Golden Hills RCD who thought there might be funds to get a new box with a drop to collect sediment that the county can clean out. Blackburn asked about a questioned the timeline. Sheldon cautioned about diverting water onto another landowner. After much discussion, the engineer and assistant will go take a look at it and come up with a plan of action even if it is temporary until there is a permanent fix.

At 9:22 a.m., motion by Clark to recess until budget 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., motion was made by Sheldon to go into public hearing. A public hearing for adoption of the 2023/2024 Fremont County Budget was held. Present were Supervisors Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, County Attorney Peter Johnson, John Whipple, and Auditor Dee Owen. At 9:32 a.m., hearing no objections or public comment, motion was made by Blackburn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to pass the following resolutions to approve the FY 2023/2024 Fremont County Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28

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 met on January 4, 2023, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$59,741	9%	\$65,118
County Attorney	\$79,846	8%	\$86,234
Recorder	\$59,741	8%	\$64,521
Sheriff	\$80,562	12%	\$90,229
Supervisors	\$32,874	8%	\$35,504
Treasurer	\$59,741	8%	\$64,521

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Motion made by Sheldon.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 26th day of April, 2023.

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Clint Blackburn aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29
ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF TAXES
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County, held during public hearing as required by law, on April 26, 2023, the proposed budget for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 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	3.85000
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	2.20000
RURAL BASIC	3.30000
DEBT SERVICE	0.90781

And approved a 12% increase for the Sheriff, a 9% increase for the Auditor, and an 8% increase for the Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, and Supervisors as follows:

Attorney	\$86,234
Auditor	\$65,118
Recorder	\$64,521
Treasurer	\$64,521
Supervisors	\$35,504
Sheriff	\$90,229

Motion made by Sheldon and approved April 26, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor	/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman	aye
	/s/ Dustin Sheldon	aye
	/s/ Clint Blackburn	aye

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30
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, 2023, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on this 26th day of April, 2023, 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, 2023.

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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 budget year.

6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2024. The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors, meeting in session on this 26th day of April, 2023, do hereby resolve to appropriate the amounts itemized by department for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2024:

Board of Supervisors 212,741	Medical Examiner 35,000
Auditor 335,241	Court Administration 1,000
Treasurer 363,129	District Court 4,900
County Attorney 291,817	County Library 41,058
Sheriff 2,501,633	Communications 630,171
Recorder 269,684	Courthouse 148,012
County Farm 10,000	Data Processing 272,971
General Assistance 21,838	Elections 80,050
Local Option Tax Fund 784,786	Bonds (LEC & ISICS) 594,065
Secondary Road 12,930,000	Juvenile Court Services 77,959
Veterans Affairs 65,914	Home Health 169,254
Conservation Board 331,492	Emergency Management 164,677
Health Board/Sanitation 40,588	Landfill 55,736

Weed Eradication 6,620
Social Services 21,900
GRAND TOTAL: \$22,999,547

Non-Departmental 2,537,311

Motion made by Sheldon.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 26th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Chris Clark, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Clint Blackburn

aye

John Whipple stopped in to visit with the board to let them know the Welcome Center is due to reopen on June 1, 2023.

Claims were approved for April 28, 2023.

At 9:38 a.m., motion to adjourn by Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

April 2023 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	539.05
Erin Achenbach	Employee Mileage & Subsis	111.35
Valeri Albertsen	Custodial Supplies	720.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Photocopy/Fax Supplies	744.40
Allied Oil & Tire Company	Lubricants	923.21
ArcaSearch LLC	Other Services-Misc	18,413.50
Arrowhead Forensics Arrowhead	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	243.22
AT&T Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	1,679.91
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	127.03
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	12,215.59
B&C Towing & Repair, LLC	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	100.00
Bateman Tire and Repair	Tires & Tubes	150.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	4,298.64
Benefiel Truck Repair & Towing	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	2,855.00
Tarah Telschaw Berry	Employee Mileage & Subsis	100.73
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	5,191.38
Black Strap, Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	10,374.95
Brown's Shoe Fit Company	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	123.25
Carissa Buttercase	Employee Mileage & Subsis	244.97
Card Services	Safety & Protective Suppl	6,027.32
Cassie Gilbert	Employee Mileage & Subsis	270.51
CenturyLink	Other	33.95
Chat Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	136.40
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	1,218.70
CINTAS LOC 749	Custodial	156.62
City of Farragut	Roads	1,073.61
City of Randolph	Roads	447.48
City of Riverton	Roads	259.49
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	555.25
City of Thurman	Roads	646.40
Clarinda Regional Health	Medical & Health Services	100.00
Kristina Clark	Employee Mileage & Subsis	73.36
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Continental Research Corp	Hardware (non motor vehic	520.36
Country Tire-Shenandoah	Tires & Tubes	214.00
Culligan	Buildings	126.90
D&L Pro	Postage & Mailing	98.98
Dannar Auto	Lubricants	381.90
Dollar General Charged Sales	Food & Provisions	62.00
Justin Driever	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
Dultmeier Sales	Parts (non motor vehicle)	2,041.56
Electronic Engineering Co	Radio & Related Equip Mai	6,702.60
Eyecare Associates of SW Iowa	Medical & Health Services	310.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Lubricants	2,648.76
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Custodial Supplies	2,612.57
Freightliner Truck Center Co	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,241.11
Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,427.92
Fremont County Vet Clinic	Postage & Mailing	12.00
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	378.00
Gateway Hotel & Conference Ctr	Employee Mileage & Subsis	455.84
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
Patrick Gilson	Veterans Affairs Commissi	50.00
Government Forms and Supplies,	Official Publ & Legal Not	193.54
Grainger	Plumbing Equipment	218.84
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	114.50
Guardian RFID	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	55.00
Hamburg Elec & Plumbing LLC	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	864.38
Hawkeye Truck Equipment	Minor Mv Parts & Access	20.00
Henneman Lawn Svc/Snow Removal	Buildings	180.00
Kris Henneman	Custodial Supplies	76.97
HGM Associates Inc.	Engineering Services	3,026.09

Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport	Employee Mileage & Subsis	856.80
County Employee	Medical & Health Services	225.00
Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Perm.Landscaping,Capital	49,381.85
The Home Depot Pro	Custodial Supplies	605.85
Hotsy Equipment Co	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	1,019.82
Hy-Vee	Employee Mileage & Subsis	2,361.52
IA Communities Assurance Pool	Stationery & Forms	300.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa IDOC	Legal & Court-Related Ser	1,800.00
Jack R. Reed Iowa Negotiation	Labor Relations Services	2,250.00
Institute of IA Cert Assessors	Educational & Training Se	1,275.00
Interstate Battery of Omaha	Minor Mv Parts & Access	373.90
Iowa Co Recorders Association	Educational & Training Se	204.75
IA Dept of Public Safety ATTN:	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,431.00
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	124.05
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy S	Employee Mileage & Subsis	1,500.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Traffic Control Structure	1,439.16
Iowa Secretary of State	Postage & Mailing	23.41
Iowa Workforce Development Att	Unemployment Compensation	894.28
ISAC	Educational & Training Se	520.00
Tunnickliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Custodial Supplies	191.64
Jones Automotive	Radio & Related Equip Mai	1,200.98
Karl Chevrolet	Motor Vehicle	30,157.00
County Employee	Medical & Health Services	49.11
Vicki Kirkpatrick	Fuels	27.82
Robbie Kromminga	Employee Mileage & Subsis	12.51
Larson Motors	Minor Mv Parts & Access	144.45
Law Enforcement Systems	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	78.00
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	406.38
Mainstay Systems	Radio & Related Equip Mai	56,869.13
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Board Proceedings	1,497.91
Menards	Hardware (non motor vehic	428.82
Metal Culverts Inc.	Steel,Iron & Related Meta	36,659.70
MHC Kenworth	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,445.85
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Electric Power	4,447.03
Midwest Data Center, Inc.	Buildings	1,088.66
Midwest Laboratories Inc	Water & Sewer	47.00
Fred Moyer	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
MTE Office Center	Stationery & Forms	126.25
Erman Mullins III	Employee Mileage & Subsis	244.16
County Employee	Medical & Health Services	225.00
Nishnabotany Lodge 153 c/o Wil	Rent Payments	540.00
Office Warehouse Inc.	Data Processing Supplies	81.56
OMG Midwest, Inc. Attn: Accoun	Cover Aggregate & Sand	6,699.71
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Communic	Other	212.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Lubricants	234.88
Otoe County Sheriff's Dept	Legal & Court-Related Ser	6.50
Diane Owen	Employee Mileage & Subsis	131.65
Paper Tiger Shredding	Office Equipment	30.00
Performance FoodService	Food & Provisions	574.17
Phillip Peters	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Pioneer Telephone	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	23.63
Positive Promotions, Inc	Stationery & Forms	101.88
Postmaster	Postage & Mailing	850.00
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	22,259.26
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Other	734.00
Priority Dispatch Acct. Dept.	Office & Data Proc Equip	49.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Postage & Mailing	198.43
Red Oak Welding Supplies, Inc.	Fuels	245.80
Reporting Services, LLC	Legal & Court-Related Ser	303.40
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	428.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	866.00
Ricoh USA, Inc	Office Equipment	37.86
Road Builders Mach. & Sup. Co.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	42,868.16

Ben Roberts	Employee Mileage & Subsis	378.32
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Tires & Tubes	10,482.56
Schildberg Constr Co Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	94,790.44
Shenandoah Medical Center	Acute & Emergency Treat.	1,606.80
Elizabeth Shirley	Parts (non motor vehicle)	690.00
Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	193.37
Alise Snyder	Employee Mileage & Subsis	281.65
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	Data Processing	1,244.16
Mathew Shane Song Dog Towing,	Motor Vehicle Equipment	220.00
Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	Homemaker-Home Health Aid	3,328.84
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	420.00
TK Elevator Corporation	Buildings	385.98
John Travis	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
U.S. Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	1,199.80
UMB Bank, N.A.	General Oblig Bond Redemp	615,501.25
US AutoForce	Tires & Tubes	2,028.00
US Bank	Educational & Training Se	728.32
US Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	64.28
Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	Planning & Management Con	500.00
Verizon	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.01
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Walman Optical Company	Medical & Health Services	566.00
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Postage & Mailing	1,421.39
WEX BANK	Fuels	7,217.44
Wilson Distributor Service	Custodial Supplies	418.98
Windstream Iowa Communication	Other	9,960.19
Ziegler Inc.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	585.61
Grand Total		1,132,358.67