

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