

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 Aistrope 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:



Dec 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