

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon 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 Attorney Peter Johnson and IT Scott Evans were present at this meeting.

Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert met with the board for the approval of the 2024 Homestead and Military Applications and Disallowances from the Fremont County Assessor. Motion by Sheldon to approve the 2024 Homestead and Military Applications. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:10 a.m., Sarah Dickmeyer with Schneider Geospatial met with the board via Teams regarding a feature for a property tax distribution chart that can be displayed on the Beacon Website. She stated there are 24 Iowa counties displaying this on their websites. She gave a brief demonstration of how it looks in different areas on the Beacon site. Dickmeyer emailed an agreement to the board for consideration. The amount per year is \$1,116.00 for this feature. She said they will prorate it for this year and then next July the full amount. Supervisor Clark suggested it be paid out of county bettement. Motion by Sheldon to add the property tax distribution pie chart on the parcel report page of the Fremont County Beacon Website. Motion carried unanimously.

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


Claims were approved for September 6, 2024.

At 9:26 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Chris Clark, Chairman

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Alise Snyder, Scott Evans, Tarah Berry, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Clayton Long, Clint Blackburn, Dee Owen, Chris Clark, Dustin Sheldon, and Troy Housh. Topics discussed: safety incidents & policies, NeoGov issues, and software support.

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Let the record show that Attorney Peter Johnson and Maintenance Troy Housh were present at this meeting.

Motion was made by Sheldon to approve the TIF reporting requirement to Department of Management. Motion carried unanimously.

Troy Housh, Maintenance, met with the board requesting approval of the annual Lawn World irrigation winterization contract renewal for \$300.00. Motion by Blackburn to approve the Lawn World contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed allowing the use of the courthouse for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion was made by Sheldon to approve use of courthouse in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Clothesline Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Claims were approved for September 13, 2024.

At 9:07 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Clint Blackburn, and Dustin Sheldon 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 Engineer Dan Davis, Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, IT Scott Evans, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Michael Clark, Brett Smith, John Gregory, Caleb Morse, Shane Smith, and Liz Skillern with Southwest Iowa Herald were present at this meeting.

Scott Evans, IT met with the board for the renewal of the Document Locator Program. He explained that the program allows offices to look up all scanned documents at any time. Motion by Blackburn to approve the renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the abrupt resignation of the maintenance man. Motion by Blackburn to advertise for the maintenance/custodial position for the courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

The Fremont County Board of Health recommended hiring Caleb Hammons for the sanitarian position due to the retirement of the current sanitarian. Blackburn stated that he and the board of health discussed starting him at \$18.00 and bumping him up after he completes training. Motion by Sheldon to appoint Caleb Hammons as Sanitarian for Fremont County. Blackburn, aye. Sheldon, aye. Clark, abstain.

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 the preliminary design of J-64 east of US 275 per agreement through August 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:10 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Kameron Boyer, Cristy Hand, Michael Morgan, and Rhonda Boyer joined the meeting. Engineer Davis stated that they previously held a hearing regarding this matter and it ended up being tabled. Davis said they wanted to get it back on the agenda. He stated that 130th Street was designated as Level B around 1985. He thinks there will be more roads to be vacated coming up because of the cuts in them. They would prefer to give them to the adjacent landowners. Caleb Morse stated he was concerned because there is a spillway and he would be landlocked if they worked on that. Brett Smith asked if the spillways on Plum Creek had a route around when they worked on those. Morse questioned in the future whether neighbors would allow easements to let him out. Supervisor Blackburn spoke on behalf of Susan Shepherd and she understands the issue but it's her opinion to leave it open. At 9:17 a.m., motion by Sheldon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

After more discussion regarding making it a Level C Road and providing access to landowners if spillway work occurs. Morse reiterated he would like to leave it a one-lane road. Blackburn said they could close it down or compromise and make it a Level C. Blackburn said he understands both sides. Davis said they would need tie-back terraces. Brett Smith asked if only landowners have access then what is the point? Engineer Davis said at Level C it is an as-needed basis for maintenance of the road. Sheldon questioned liability issues if someone had an accident if it was a Level C. Clark questioned making easements for the landowners. Davis said he would need to take a look at that. No motion was made on this issue.

At 9:42 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go into public hearing regarding the vacation of alleys in Block 2, Hutchison Addition in Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. Kameron Boyer expressed concern for a shed that was in one alley. No one knows who owns it. The board said it was a private matter and the landowners should get together and decide what to do with it. At 9:46 a.m., motion by Blackburn to go out of the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon to sign Resolution No. 2024-55. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING

Fremont County Resolution No.2024-55

WHEREAS, This being the date and time set for the hearing on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of alley in the unincorporated town of Anderson, Fremont County, described as follows:

All of the remaining alleys in Block 2 Hutchinson Addition, bounded on the North by Indiana St and on the South by Ohio St. in the unincorporated Town of Anderson, Iowa.

Whereas, the abutting property owners of Donna Boyer who previously received a portion of the North-South portion of the above referenced alley, Dustin L & Toni N Moreland, and Isaac & Ronda Simmerman. All were served with notice of this hearing by certified mail and Dustin & Toni Moreland urging vacation of the above-described segment of alley and without filing any claim for damages.

Whereas, Donna Boyer will receive half of the remaining North-South alley abutting their property. Dustin L & Toni N Moreland will receive half of the East-West Portion abutting their property and the remaining North-South portion abutting their

property of the above referenced alley, Isaac & Ronda Simmerman will receive half of the East-West portion and the remaining North-South portion abutting their property of the above referenced alley; and
Whereas, public notice of this hearing was also published in two publications of the Fremont-Mills Beacon Enterprise and the Hamburg Reporter and no one appeared at this hearing to object to the proposed vacation; and
Whereas, there are no state owned lands which would be affected by the proposed vacation and there are no utility companies with facilities adjoining or located upon the above described segment of alley proposed to be vacated; and
Whereas, the above described portion of alley has not been used by the public for many years and in fact the alley is obstructed in whole or part by two sheds owned by adjacent land owners listed above; and
Whereas, it is the finding of the Board of Supervisors of Fremont County that vacation of that portion of the above -- portion of alley in Block 2 in the unincorporated town of Anderson, Iowa will not prejudice or adversely affect the public, will not adversely impact on the usage, maintenance, and operation of any utility facility and will not deny access or cause damage to the abutting property owners, and that the above -- described segment of alley should be vacated.

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 sections of alleys in the unincorporated town of Anderson, Iowa be ordered vacated and closed.

Motion made by Sheldon.

Approved this 18th day of September, 2024

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen
County Auditor

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

Sean Key from ReNewGov joined the meeting by phone at 9:47 a.m. to discuss software support options. The current software company has changed hands and is not responding timely and sometimes not at all to support requests. This support would be in addition to the contract we have now. The available option right now is for \$14,900 per year. They will not bill by the hour. He said they have talked about billing per month. Treasurer Snyder questioned if they could access our screens. He said they have an attorney looking into the legalities of it. He said the end goal is to be a provider. Attorney Johnson said he would contact other county attorneys to see what action they are taking with the lack of support.

County Attorney Peter Johnson met with the board to discuss surplus property owned by the county. These are properties that are unused that the county took possession of years ago. He provided them with steps required to sell the property. He stated that their fiduciary responsibility is to get as much as they can for the county. Public auction and live auction are options. He said sealed bids are an option, but not required. He confirmed with other counties the process to sell. He said he can handle the closing. The board will consider this at their next meeting.

Claims were approved for September 20, 2024.

At 10:21 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Dee Owen, Auditor


Chris Clark, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Chris Clark, Clint Blackburn, and Dustin Sheldon 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 IT Arnold Emberton and Interim IT Scott Evans with Southwest Iowa Herald were present at this meeting.

County Attorney Peter Johnson met with the board to discuss surplus property owned by the county. These are properties that are unused that the county took possession of years ago. Attorney Johnson said he would like to hire a 3rd party firm to review the closings. The board said he could create an RFP for this. He confirmed with other counties the process to sell that they discussed last week. Motion by to allow Attorney Johnson to create an RFP and move forward with the public auction process. Motion carried unanimously.

Fremont County Landfill requested the board to consider the financial assurance for closure/post closure costs letter. This is a yearly letter that the board signs for the landfill. Motion was made by Blackburn to allow Chairman Clark to sign the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:33 a.m., Mike Crecelius joined the meeting.

The board received a request from Farragut City Attorney to abate taxes on Lots 325 and 326 now owned by the city. The Farragut. Motion by Sheldon to approve the resolution to abate the taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56

RESOLUTION ABATING TAXES ON LAND OWNED BY CITY OF FARRAGUT

WHEREAS, the City of Farragut now owns certain property in Farragut, Fremont County, Iowa, Parcel No. 420420059000000, 420420060000000, and 420420061000000, described as: LT 325 & 326, City of Farragut, Fremont County, Iowa, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, the property is now owned by the City of Farragut and therefore should not be on the tax rolls according to Section 427.1(2), Code of Iowa,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the above-described property shall be listed as exempt on the tax list of the Fremont County Auditor. Further, all current and delinquent real property taxes are abated under Iowa Code Section 445.63.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Auditor and Treasurer shall enter such change orders required to abate these taxes.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

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

The board discussed the request to abate taxes for the City of Shenandoah. These parcels were part of a split. Since the parcels were split there are taxes due by the seller and the buyer's portion of the land. The splits are not complete. The city didn't own these parcels in 2023 which is what the 2024/2025 taxes are for. Motion by Blackburn to table this until they can gather more information on what portion of the taxes the previous owner owes since these properties were split. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Director Arnold Emberton met with the board regarding making the Interim IT the IT Director in October as he is retiring. Motion by Sheldon to change Scott Evans from interim IT to IT Director effective October 1st, 2024 with a salary of \$55,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT INTERIM IT DIRECTOR TO IT DIRECTOR

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of September, 2024, that Scott Evans, Interim IT Director shall be approved as the IT Director for the Fremont County IT Department with a salary of \$55,000.00, as requested by Fremont County IT Director Arnold Emberton. The effective date of transition shall be October 1, 2024.

Motion by Blackburn and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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

The board discussed a credit card for the new sanitarian. The current sanitarian would like him to have one for postage, water tests, training, and motel costs. Blackburn made a motion to approve a credit card with a limit of \$1,000 not to be used for meals and with the requirement that if the limit needs to be raised it will require board approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for September 27, 2024.

At 10:02 a.m., with no further business, Blackburn motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Chris Clark, Chairman

September 2024 Claims Payable

A-1 Locksmith NMMKS Securities	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	751.00
Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	594.55
Accurate Controls, Inc.	Data Processing	1,014.00
AgriVision Equipment Group LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	5,315.01
Connie Aistrope	Food & Provisions	109.19
Warren Kevin Aistrope	Employee Mileage & Subsis	324.22
All Copy Products, Inc.	Photocopying & Duplicatin	1,033.50
AT&T Mobility	Safety & Protective Suppl	3,469.37
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	159.67
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	8,985.83
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	4,647.66
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	449.96
Card Services	Postage & Mailing	5,816.74
CenturyLink	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	33.95
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	109.56
Chat Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	531.15
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	844.39
CINTAS LOC 749	Parts (non motor vehicle)	197.00
City of Farragut	Roads	1,522.54
City of Randolph	Roads	636.61
City of Riverton	Roads	368.00
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	1,043.37
City of Thurman	Roads	916.69
Clear Live powered by pioneer	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	65.53
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Deana D. Crouch Fourth Judicia	Legal & Court-Related Ser	39.00
Culligan	Buildings	210.40
Century Homes Co dbs D & K Pro	Chemicals & Gases-Herbici	1,166.89
D&L Pro	Postage & Mailing	261.28
Jeffrey C. Dannar dba Dannar A	Lubricants	1,182.00
District IV Treasurer's Assoc.	Educational & Training Se	56.00
Dollar General Charged Sales	Food & Provisions	126.90
Echo Electric Supply	Office & Data Proc Equip	700.00
Electronic Contracting Co	Custodial Supplies	129.64
Arnold Emberton	Employee Mileage & Subsis	25.46
Scott Evans	Educational & Training Se	300.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Fuels	2,046.75
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Data Processing	2,521.60
First Wireless, Inc.	Radio & Related Equip Mai	3,905.25
Fremont County Engineer	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	470.97
Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,427.92
Fremont Co. Treasurer	Land Imp/Drainage	241.10
Fremont County Vet Clinic	Machinery & Mech Equipmen	1,309.00
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	103.84
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
George C. Grape Community Hosp	Acute & Emergency Treat.	12,475.22
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	113.98
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co PC	Acct/Audit & Clerical Ser	3,510.51
Sheryl Hanson	Employee Mileage & Subsis	75.47
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	57.00
Janine Herrick	Employee Mileage & Subsis	100.10

Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	120.40
Houser's Air Conditioning & He	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	1,094.00
Hy-Vee Inc Accounts Receivable	Food & Provisions	405.00
IA Dept of Transportation	Roads	47,237.77
ICEA Service Bureau Rohe, Tom	Educational & Training Se	1,125.00
IMWCA	Workmens' Compensation In	15,681.00
Interstate Battery of Omaha	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	17.97
Iowa Communications Network Fi	Office & Data Proc Equip	904.00
IA Dept of Public Safety ATTN:	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,558.50
Iowa Dept. of Revenue Conserva	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	422.80
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	91.95
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy S	Employee Mileage & Subsis	375.00
Iowa Secretary of State	Custodial	880.08
Iowa State Assoc of Assessors	Educational & Training Se	650.00
Tunncliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	1,435.01
JD Lawn Service James Allen Ba	Custodial	1,066.66
Tycos Fire & Security Johnson C	Parts (non motor vehicle)	1,388.77
Kiesler's Police Supply, Inc.	Safety & Protective Suppl	362.06
Robbie Kromminga	Medical & Health Services	27.82
Luke Laumann	Medical & Health Services	215.06
Lawn World LLC	Fixed Plant Equipment	300.00
Lyman-Richey Corporation Accou	Cover Aggregate & Sand	916.91
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	430.92
Mainstay Systems	Radio & Related Equip Mai	6,611.00
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Board Proceedings	706.30
Menards - Council Bluffs	Hardware (non motor vehic	963.79
Metal Culverts Inc.	Steel,Iron & Related Meta	366.00
MHC Kenworth	Minor Mv Parts & Access	52,654.08
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Electric Power	6,963.48
Midwest Data Center, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,000.00
Midwest Laboratories Inc	Water & Sewer	125.00
Midwest Turf & Irrigation	Electrical Supplies & Par	638.55
Miller Building Supply	Hardware (non motor vehic	55.07
MTE Office Center	Stationery & Forms	38.55
Erman Mullins III	Postage & Mailing	70.20
Nebraska-Iowa Ind. Fasteners	Hardware (non motor vehic	614.31
NXT Level Garage	Minor Mv Parts & Access	450.00
Rob Sand, Auditor of State Off	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	625.00
Office Warehouse Inc.	Data Processing Services	351.00
OMG Midwest, Inc. Attn: Accoun	Asphalt & Asphalt Product	5,261.73
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Communic	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	212.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	219.77
Outfitters Plus Outlet Store	Other	440.92
Page County Engineer	Asphalt & Asphalt Product	4,545.63
Paper Tiger Shredding	Stationery & Forms	100.00
The Paper Trail	Stationery & Forms	44.00
Penn Drug	Medical & Laboratory Supp	193.43
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc Mi	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,506.41
Petersen Auto	Lubricants	493.00
Jesus Portillo	Employee Mileage & Subsis	100.21
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	6,643.64
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	736.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Postage & Mailing	93.47

Carol Rands	Employee Mileage & Subsis	121.47
Red Oak Welding Supplies, Inc.	Hardware (non motor vehic	563.30
Reporting Services, LLC	Legal & Court-Related Ser	329.40
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	263.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	220.00
Jerome Richter	Employee Mileage & Subsis	101.57
Ricoh USA, Inc	Stationery & Forms	34.22
Road Builders Mach. & Sup. Co.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,496.97
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Fuels	3,959.17
Schildberg Constr Co Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	82,640.25
Lori Severn	Employee Mileage & Subsis	131.43
Elizabeth Shirley	Parts (non motor vehicle)	670.00
Jeff Shirley	Dues & Memberships	30.59
Shull Hardware	Buildings	83.40
Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	277.56
Solutions, Harris Local Gov	Data Processing Services	296.56
Southwest Iowa Herald Lee News	Official Publ & Legal Not	39.49
Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	Homemaker-Home Health Aid	4,836.23
Star Equipment Ltd	Minor Mv Parts & Access	190.59
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	362.50
State Medical Examiner's Off.	Medical & Health Services	4,671.50
Mark Stockstell	Employee Mileage & Subsis	42.34
Ted's Mower Sales & Svc.	Construction & Maintenanc	897.25
Thomas Reuters - West Payment	Other	360.00
Tradesmen Automotive LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	710.44
Truck Center Companies - CB	Motor Vehicle Equipment	13,736.93
U.S. Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	1,834.82
US Bank	Educational & Training Se	1,546.69
US Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	57.77
Van Wall Equipment	Machinery & Mech Equipmen	139.00
Verizon	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.01
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Mike Wake	Employee Mileage & Subsis	80.65
Walman Optical Company	Medical & Health Services	197.00
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Perm.Landscaping,Capital	1,263.04
WEX BANK	Fuels	6,721.31
Whipp Sales and Service	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,312.69
Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	5,443.34
Wiretap Telecom	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	265.55
Ziegler Inc.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	281.77
Grand Total		381,621.30