

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Jeff Shearer present. Let the record show Dustin Sheldon, called in for this meeting. 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 Sherrie Brink, Nic Shearer, Ida VanScyoc, Tandon VanScyoc, Melody VanScyoc, Joan Kirk, Kathy Beam, Matt Shearer, Kathy Boesem, Alise Snyder, County Treasurer, Peter Johnson, County Attorney, and Shelly Jennings were present at this meeting.

Sherrie Brink met with the board to discuss a 2nd stage moratorium for the Shenandoah Wind Project. Brink would like the board to re-evaluate how things have been going. Brink believes that the board does not have any control over the county, she feels like the Invenergy has control of the County right now. Brink feels like we are just putting money into Invenergy pockets with this windmill project. Blackburn advised Brink since we are in litigation with different parties for the Wind Turbines on a different aspect all questions need to go through their outside counsel, Livingston. Brink stated she does not want anything to go any further with a new project. She is here to speak for the residents of Fremont County. Brink also asked if the County is in litigation how can Invenergy be building the windmills as we speak? Peter Johnson, County Attorney, stated that nothing under the court order in place prevents the company from building the turbines. Brink was concerned about there not being any lights on top of the turbines that are already up. Shearer stated we want to put this moratorium in place for the 2nd phase of planning. Shearer stated he wants this in place so for future projects we can slow down the process. Shearer wants to put a hold on this 2nd phase of the project so he can prove they lied in the beginning. Invenergy isn't keeping the dust down; the construction companies aren't abiding by their own construction signs. Shearer would like to see the 2nd phase moratorium in place so the county can see what tax money the turbines bring in. Shearer stated back during covid they didn't have the option to come into the meetings for the windmills. Sheldon corrected Shearer about the meetings, stating the meetings were always open to the public during COVID. Shearer quoted the ISAC manual about protecting the county and the residents. Shearer stated this is why we need to have a 2nd phase moratorium in place. Shearer asked County Attorney Johnson about putting a moratorium in place for phase 2. Johnson stated he did not know anything about a phase 2 project. Johnson asked if the phase 2 project had anything to do with the 33 permits already in place. Shearer stated with the map that he saw Phase 2 project is farther past the original project. Johnson advised that if phase 2 was already in the original plans, then Mid-American/Invenergy would have vested rights into the phase 2 project land. Johnson stated that he would look into what was in the original plan workup for the project. Kathy Beam stated isn't it your job to look into things like this. Johnson mentioned his office has been consistently working on this since the beginning on top of his other caseloads. Brink mentioned again if they can put this in motion. Blackburn stated he won't decide anything until he speaks with the County's outside council, Livingston. Shearer mentioned again that he would like to see this moratorium put in place on phase 2 until any new ordinance can be put in place. And the reason Shearer is pushing for this is to protect the citizens of Fremont County. Johnson stated he will look into seeing if it is an option, considering he didn't know about the Phase 2 project. And he will look into if Mid-American had it mentioned in the original paperwork. Johnson stated if it was in the original project plan the county could be liable for any financial loss to Mid-American due to the stopping of phase 2 and redoing the ordinances if we put it in place today. Tandon VanScyoc mentioned that Fremont County is not doing a good job of posting the closing of roads due to construction traffic. He has looked at the websites, but it hasn't been posted when the roads were closed. Shearer stated the construction companies have 24 hours to post the closing and sometimes the closing gets delayed due to weather or reasons out of their control. Blackburn mentioned that he will reach out to Dan Davis, County Engineer and see if something can be done about posting the closing of the roads better. Brink asked if any of the Supervisors or County Attorney have been out to the windmill sites to see what the construction companies have done to the roads. Shearer would like to make a motion for the 2nd phase moratorium. Blackburn overturned the motion due to it not being on the agenda correctly. Nic Shearer asked if the County's outside council, Livingston could attend one of these meetings to give some information to the residents of Fremont County. Johnson mentioned that due to litigation on a different case involving the windmills it would have to be a closed session. Blackburn and Johnson are both going to have a meeting with Livingston and voice the residents' concerns about the phase 2 moratorium.

Alise Snyder met with the board and told them that tax statements and drainage statements will be going out August 1st.

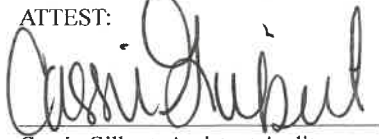
Shearer met with the Tourism board last week and they are concerned about the Welcome Center getting 25% of the tax money. Shearer was wondering what the Welcome Center spent their 25% of the Hotel Motel on. Sheldon said most of their funds go to operations and utilities for the Welcome Center.

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

Claims were approved for August 1, 2025.

At 9:44 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Blackburn", written over a horizontal line.

Clint Blackburn, Chairman