

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, December 3, 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 Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Shirley, LeRoy Vrbsy, Ethan Hewett, Katelyn Murtfeld, Andrew Wake and Megan Smith were present at this meeting.

At 9:02 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye; Shearer, aye. At 9:03 a.m., the board went into closed session. Roll call: Chairman Clint Blackburn, Vice-Chairman Dustin Sheldon and Member Jeff Shearer, Jack Reed HR by telephone, and Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert. At 9:23 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of closed session. Vote: Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye.; Sheldon, aye.

Motion by Shearer to approve the following Resolution No. 2025-41 for the secondary roads transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of December 2025, that the following transfer of funds be approved and made: \$72,893.00 property tax relief of local option taxes, from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Secondary Road Fund.

Motion to approve transfer made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Fremont County Auditor	/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman /s/ Dustin Sheldon /s/Jeff Shearer	aye aye aye
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Motion was made by Sheldon to approve the following Resolution 2025-42 for the secondary roads transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of December 2024, that the following transfer of funds be approved and made: \$779,236.00 from the Rural Services Basic Fund, share of Rural Services taxes, to the Secondary Road Fund and \$72,893.00 property tax relief of local option taxes, from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Secondary Road Fund.

Motion to approve transfer made by Sheldon.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert, Fremont County Assistant Auditor	/s/ Clint Blackburn /s/ Dustin Sheldon /s/Jeff Shearer	aye aye aye
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Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Shirley met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign an IDOT payment voucher for engineering services for FM-CO-36(83) - 55-36, on L-31, Waubonsie Creek Bridge per agreement through 11/15/25. In the amount of \$12,411.23. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign an IDOT Payment Voucher for engineering services for BROS-CO36(95) - 8J-36, on 270<sup>th</sup> Street, Mill Creek Bridge per agreement through 11/15/25. In the amount of \$1941.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Katelyn Murtfeld with Mills County Public Health and member of the opioid committee and Sergeant Andrew Wake, also on the opioid committee, met with the board regarding the use of opioid funds for the sheriff's office to purchase a narcotic/crisis K9 vehicle kennel and equipment. The amount is \$8,823.00. Sergeant Wake says they are in the process of replacing the K9 unit so these funds would help this. The K9 unit is being built at the new dealership in Shenandoah. The new equipment is called a hot and pop. Katelyn mentioned there is \$92,000 in the fund and the County budget \$32,000 to be spent. Shearer asked where the opioid money came from. Katelyn told him that it is a settlement from the state. Shearer asked about previous dogs in the past.

Motion by Shearer to use the opioid funds to purchase a narcotic/crisis K9 vehicle kennel and equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

LeRoy Vrbsky met with the board to discuss dust control on roads. The dust control spray costs about \$700.00 dollars when it is done. Vrbsky is upset that it gets graded right after dust control spray gets put on. Vrbsky wants the Road department not to grade the road on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He would like the Road department to go back to only grading the road when needed. The road that needs not to be graded on is 400<sup>th</sup> Ave over by old Highway 2. Shirley mentioned we must grade the roads by October 1<sup>st</sup> due to the winter coming so the roads aren't slick, so people have traction with the gravel. Shirley understands about the dust control, but the road department has to think about the winter coming and the county cannot have bald roads they have to grade the roads to get them ready for winter. Shearer wants to ask about if a landowner clears a county road and then someone has an accident on that county road, they are liable for that person's accident. Shirley said yes if that person proved that the landowner ruined that county road, the landowner is liable for the accident. Vrbsky asked who made the October 1<sup>st</sup> rule. Shirley said the county made that rule. The grading of a road is up to the grader operator and if something is wrong with the road then it needs graded. Shirley stated the grader operator is new and he still has a lot to learn. Vrbsky states he needs to stop leaving groves in the hill. Blackburn stated on October 1<sup>st</sup> if the road doesn't need graded, don't grade the road. All parties agreed to the October 1<sup>st</sup>. Vrbsky stated I appreciate you going back and letting the new operate know about the October 1<sup>st</sup> agreement.

Motion by Shearer to sign an application for Payment No. 2 for the Highway 2/129 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

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

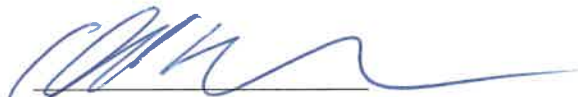
Claims were approved for December 5, 2025.

At 9:56 a.m., with no further business, motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman