

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 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 sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, IT Scott Evans, Maintenance Zach Benedict, Recorder Tarah Berry, EM Clayton Long Atty Peter Johnson, Sheriff Kevin Aistrope and Chief Deputy Tim Bothwell were present at this meeting.

The board discussed the overseeing of the maintenance position. In the past, the IT director was paid \$4000/year to oversee the person in the maintenance position to have the proper checks and balances. Motion by Shearer for Scott Evans to oversee the maintenance person and receive the budgeted amount of \$4000/year. Motion carried unanimously.

Zach Benedict, Maintenance, met with the board requesting approval of the annual Lawn World fertilizer contract renewal for \$1895. Motion by Sheldon to approve the Lawn World contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the compensation board recommendations. The compensation board met on January 8, 2025, and recommended a 10% increase for all elected officials which include the Attorney, Auditor, Board of Supervisors, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer. Sheriff Aistrope stated the compensation board members are people who represent the citizens of the county but that typically the Supervisors cut the recommendation so questioned the point. Blackburn stated that the Compensation Board provides the Supervisors with a much broader perspective on the county with the different members rather than the decision just being up to the three Board of Supervisors. Aistrope said he asked for the compensation board to produce certain items on how they came to the recommended wage increase and he has not received any of this information. Aistrope discussed the "Back the Blue" law and that the 10% recommendation of the Compensation Board would help bridge the gap that the law was put in place to do. Aistrope stated his Sergeants have offered to take a wage freeze this year and to have their wages distributed to the other Deputies. Chief Deputy Bothwell gave some information on calls taken by the department. County Attorney Peter Johnson shared some information on interstate stops he received from the Iowa State Patrol. Shearer asked why we have two Sergeants. Aistrope explained that it was necessary to have one on each twelve-hour shift to handle phone calls. Motion by Sheldon to table the compensation board recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the Fremont County Secondary Roads Union Agreement as presented with a 3.25% and 1-year contract extension for wages only. Roll call vote. Sheldon aye Shearer aye Blackburn aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for February 7, 2025.

In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for January 2025.

At 9:42 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 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 sessions were read and approved.

Let the record show that Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, EMC Clayton Long, Engineer Dan Davis and Sanitarian Caleb Hammons were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign final voucher for emergency repairs on J-64 Project #ER-CO36(82) -- 58-36. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed needing to decide on the compensation board recommendations. Motion by Sheldon to table the compensation board recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the need to fill a position on the SIRHA Board. Twila Larson is the current member and is no longer interested in serving on the board. Motion by Sheldon to post the opening for a member to serve on the SIRHA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 for a new hire for the sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of February 2025, that the following individual shall be approved as a Deputy for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, as requested by Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrophe. The effective date of employment shall be February 12, 2025: Steven Dale Owen Deputy

Motion was made by

Attest:

/s/ Kristi Clark  
Fremont County Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman   aye  
/s/ Dustin Sheldon            aye  
/s/ Jeff Shearer                aye

During Public Comment, Snyder asked how it was going to be determined if the courthouse was closed due to inclement weather. Snyder stated in the past that the Engineer, Board of Supervisors and EM Director would discuss along with the department heads to determine if the courthouse should be closed. Sheldon stated that each elected official can choose to close their office, but it will be up to the discretion of the Engineer, Board Chairperson and the EM Director to close the courthouse while keeping in mind the safety of employees and the public and the ability to do business.

Claims were approved for February 14, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

  
Kristi Clark, Assistant Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman