

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn present in person and Jeff Shearer was present by telephone. Let the record show Dustin Sheldon was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that no members of the public were present at this meeting.

After learning that the Iowa DOT will reimburse these claims, motion by Shearer to approve payments for Atchison-Holt Electric Company for three-phase utility relocations on Hwy 2/I-29 Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve payments for Western Contracting for single-phase relocation on Hwy 2/I-29 Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to sign application for Payment No. #5 for HWY 2/I-29 Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to sign application for Payment No. #6 for HWY 2/I-29 Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Blackburn to approve payment to Olmsted & Perry for HWY2/I29 Drainage District for construction observation services. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:33 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, February 4, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present. Let the record show Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board sessions were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, John Travis, and Arnie Shirley were present for this meeting.

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to approve an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW for Kinetic to place fiber optic cable on Apple Mountain Rd and Skyline Drive 0.34 miles from N Street/275 Intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW for placement of fiber optic cable on Bluff Road/Skyline Drive, 0.25-mile northwest of E Street/Bluff Road intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Arnie Shirley met with the board to discuss a drainage issue affecting his property. He said water is coming down the east side of Bluff Road around 2302 Bluff Road at Hollywood Ranch. He said it was coming out of impounded water from a stock tank on Gene Eaton's property. He said there is a big, natural spring on that property. He is not sure why it changed after all of these years, but it wasn't that way when he bought the property. He also stated he has issues with threatening neighbors and gunfire. Blackburn stated he went to look at it yesterday. He didn't walk in there but checked it out so he would know what was going on. Shirley said that it wasn't initially a problem. Shirley said they were originally able to drive trucks on it with no issues. Sheldon asked for clarification regarding whether it is overflowing off of Eaton's property onto Shirley's and the county ROW. Shirley said it was. Blackburn said that he would go back down to get a better look today. Shirley said there is a 3" flow of water 24/7. He said the water was coming out northwest of the little garage there. Kromminga said he would go back and visit with Engineer Davis and Maintenance Supervisor Shirley. Blackburn asked this to be placed on the agenda again for next week.

John Travis spoke to the board during public comment as he was inadvertently left off the agenda. He is trying to get another name added for coroner information. He said Kelly Woltemath, David Owen, and himself are on the current list. Travis said that he looked up the last two years and there were 30 calls and he handled 27 of 30. He would like to add Sandy McIntyre to the list. She is certified and currently works in Page and Fremont County. The board will discuss and act on this matter at the next meeting.

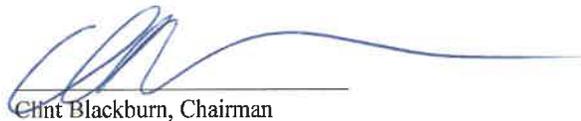
In other business, the Recorder's Monthly Report was approved for January.

Claims were approved for February 6, 2026.

At 9:19 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Dee Owen, Alise Snyder, Mark Stockstell, Scott Evans, Robbie Kromminga, Clayton Long, Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: storm spotter training, election security ttx training, drainage district meeting, ADA compliance for websites, governor's state of the state on veterans affairs, legislation on how to allocate grant for VA necessary assistance to vets and claims, and the fact that Fremont County's support to veterans ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the state, revisiting software issues, update on bridges, and detrimental; legislative proposals.

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Let the records show that Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Justin Shirley, Clayton Long, Zach Benedict, and Troy Gorham were present at this meeting.

Assistant Engineer Robbie Kromminga met with the board for the signing of the following:

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign title sheet for Project No. LFM-CO36(FEMA L-31) - - 7X-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign Title Sheet for Project No. LFM-CO36(FEMA L-40) - - 7X-36. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the weed commissioner position. Supervisor Sheldon would like to see someone at the road department take over the weed commissioner's duties. Engineer Davis had no problem with this. Troy Gorham, sign technician, is interested in the position. Gorham asked about pay and chemical use and costs. Motion by Shearer to table until next week to iron out the details before approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for BRS-CO36(92) - - 60-36 per agreement through 01/31/26 for \$1,650.12. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for preliminary design of 310th Street/J-64 per agreement through 01/31/26 for \$22,635. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed water drainage issues in 2200-2300 block of Bluff Road. Supervisors Blackburn and Sheldon both drove through the area at separate times since the last meeting to view the area. They both saw that the entrance was too high, causing it to pool. They agree that the entrance needs to be taken out and lowered. This entrance was made by the landowner. They also agreed that if the county digs out the ditch, the landowner will have to fix both entrances. There was no action taken on this item.

Supervisor Sheldon recapped the visit from John Travis last week regarding adding Sandy McIntyre to the list of contacts for medical examiner investigators. Motion by Sheldon to add Sandy McIntyre to the Fremont County Medical Examiner Investigator List. Motion carried unanimously.

Justin Shirley, with Oswald Crow, spoke to the board about the ICAP renewals. He said to be safe to budget for an 8% increase. He doesn't anticipate that much, but better to be safe than sorry. He discussed the rates for the county, optional limit increases, and alternate deductibles. The board briefly discussed health insurance rates.

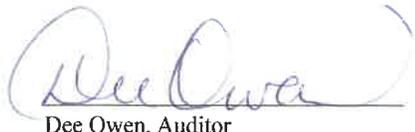
Motion by Blackburn to table the Eagleview Contract for GIS Flight. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Claims were approved for February 13, 2026.

At 9:48 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dee Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "O".

Dee Owen, Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clint Blackburn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "B".

Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Jeff Shearer present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, Sign Engineer Troy Gorham, Assessor Vicki Kirkpatrick, Recorder Tarah Berry, and T.J. Johnson, and Chris Schwartz were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis and Troy Gorham met with the board regarding appointing the weed commissioner from his department. The board said they will keep the current weed commission budget for the purchase of necessary chemicals and training costs. Gorham stated he has looked into the training and if he is appointed, he will take the necessary courses for certification. Davis said they could absorb part of the chemical and certification costs because he will also be spraying for the road department. Motion by Sheldon to appoint Troy Gorham as weed commissioner with a stipend of \$3,500 from the weed commission budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the renewal of the county's health insurance with Assured Partners and possible county employee contributions for single policies. The policy's name changed, but the plan is the same. The board discussed requiring the employees to pay a portion of their single policies. After much discussion, motion by Sheldon to require employees with a single health insurance plan to contribute \$100 per month toward their policies and for the county to pay the cost of two single policies dual-employed families beginning for FY27. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Blackburn to approve renewal plan 1 with Assured Partners for FY27. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor Vicki Kirkpatrick met with the board for the signing of the 3-year contract for imagery services from Eagleview. They fly the county every three years and provide imagery for our Beacon GIS Website. The amount will be \$30,200 per year for three years. Motion by Shearer to sign the 3-year contract with Eagleview. Motion carried unanimously.

The Fremont County Republican Central Committee has asked to use the courthouse for the Fremont County Republican Convention on 3/7/26. They use it every federal/state election cycle with permission. Motion by Sheldon to allow Republicans to use the courthouse for the convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for February 20, 2026.

At 9:43 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon 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, February 25, 2026, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Jeff Shearer present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, Recorder Tarah Berry, and VA Director Mark Stockstell 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 IDOT payment voucher for HGM Associates for engineering services for FM-CO36(83) - - 55-36 per agreement through 02/15/2026 in the amount of \$28,044.78 for bridge on L31. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT payment voucher for HGM Associates for engineering services for BROS-CO36(95) - - 8J-36 per agreement through 02/15/2026 in the amount of \$21,215.33 for 270<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the renewal of the annual Multicounty 28E Agreement for Juvenile Detention Center and Emergency Juvenile Services. Motion by Shearer to allow Sheldon to sign the agreement at the next meeting of the Southwest Iowa Juvenile Emergency Services Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the compensation board recommendations for a 5% raise across the board. The board discussed the attorney general ruling on the Back the Blue Law. They discussed comparables of the sheriff salaries of like-size counties, police chiefs of like-size cities, and command positions of the state patrol and DCI. They discussed the large gap between those numbers and the county's ability to give raises with revenue limitations. The board will have future discussions regarding these recommendations.

Motion by Sheldon to set the Proposed FY 26/27 Property Tax Levy Hearing in a separate meeting for March 25, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment for Olmsted & Perry for construction observation services for the HWY 2/I 29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Shearer, aye; Sheldon, abstain.

Claims were approved for February 27, 2026.

At 10:00 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman