

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 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 8:08 a.m. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that no one else was present at this meeting.

Motion by Shearer to appoint Sherrie Brink to the Shenandoah Chamber and Industry Association Board as the citizen representative for Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Tyler Woodward with Grape Community Hospital Foundation previously phoned to request that the green fees be waived as in years past for the Grape Community Hospital Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. They didn't send a request in writing as requested. Motion made by Shearer to table waiving the green fees until we get something in writing. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Haege, Home Base Iowa Program Manager, phoned the board to discuss Fremont County becoming a Home Base Iowa Community. He said they have built a website for information to highlight resources available in all counties and want to get Fremont County signed up. It will show the job market and available jobs. He said it used to be financial incentives, but it doesn't have to be. He said they can work with us to create incentives that are meaningful and don't require huge financial backing. He said that it highlights the work we are doing to support veterans in Fremont County and across the state. Chairman Blackburn asked what it would entail. Haege said the website highlights the history of the county, incentives, resources, and the point of contact, that is typically the county veteran's services officer. The board stated that they would talk with our veteran's affairs director about this.


Claims were approved for May 8, 2026.

At 8:31a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

Minutes of the Fremont County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

ISAC 99-COUNTY TOUR – VISIT TO FREMONT COUNTY

ISAC staff visited Fremont County on May 6, 2026, as part of their 99-County Tour. This was an information-sharing event on the duties of ISAC officials, the services and support offered to counties, proposed 2026 legislation, and a related Q&A session.

Board members present: Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, and Jeff Shearer.

County officials present: Attorney Peter Johnson, Auditor Dee Owen, Recorder Tarah Berry, Treasurer Alise Snyder, IT Scott Evans. ISAC staff present: Executive Director Andrea Woodard, Director of Finance and Programs Brad Holtan, ICACMP Program Support Specialist Nick Johnson, Assistant Attorney Lynsey Pierce.

ATTEST:



Dee Owen, Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Vicki Kirkpatrick, Tarah Berry, Scott Evans, Dustin Sheldon, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Dan Davis, Clayton Long and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: safety and policy updating, veterans' affairs on a county level, Iowa Home Base Communities, board of review update, boiler update and annual fire alarm testing scheduled, bridge updated from roads.

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Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Emergency Management Clayton Long, IT Scott Evans, Tori Westhoff and Josh Heard were present at this meeting.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Shearer to sign Resolution No. 2026-18 for salaries beginning July 1, 2026, for supervisory and non-union personnel for the Secondary Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-18

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors that the following salaries be in effect commencing on the 1st day of July 2026, for the supervisory and non-union personnel in the Secondary Road Department.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT: \$31.36 per hour salary

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: \$26.43 per hour salary

ASSISTANT TO ENGINEER: \$38.14 per hour salary

ENGINEER: \$123,336.00 salary

Motion made by Shearer and seconded by Blackburn.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion by Sheldon to sign county line maintenance agreement between Mills County and Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to sign application for Payment No. 9 for Hwy 2/I29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, abstain; Shearer, aye.

Motion by Shearer to approve payment for Olmsted & Perry for Hwy 2/I29 Drainage District. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, abstain; Shearer, aye.

The board received an email request from Grape Community Hospital Foundation to request that the green fees be waived as in years past for the Grape Community Hospital Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Motion made by Sheldon to waive the green fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the contract with Cost Advisory Services for 2026-2028. The consultant will develop annual central services cost allocation plans based on actual costs incurred for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028. The cost remains \$4,450.00 per year. Motion by Shearer to approve the Cost Advisory Services, Inc. contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The board considered a submission for secondary employment for Kasie Parr, who works at the sheriff's office. Motion by Sheldon to sign the secondary employment form. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the following appointments to county boards:

- a.) Board of Adjustment
- b.) Civil Service Commission
- c.) Tourism Board

Shearer asked if people could serve on multiple boards at a time. Also, what all the Civil Service Commission board entails. People have till May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to apply for these positions.

At 9:15 a.m., the board opened sealed bids for the former sheriff's office building located on Ohio and Cass Streets in Sidney, Iowa. Had one sealed bid to open. Sealed bid was from Josh Heard.

Discuss/Action Award of Bid for Lots 3 & 4 of Block N, Sidney, IA. Blackburn stated Heard wrote a very good proposal for the property. The lone sealed bid was for \$7509 cashier's check, no appraisal is needed, sold as is without obligation for repairs or modifications or clean up. Sheldon would accept the bid but would give the proposal over to the Attorney for inspection. Sheldon made a motion to approve the \$7509 sealed bid contingent on the County Attorneys approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign the ICAP Insurance Renewal Paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Clayton Long asked about the new Drainage District what happens in a flood situation is there pumps that the county needs to use in a high-water event. Or do we use sandbags. Long also asked about O&M for levy and the pumps. Blackburn stated that might be a Jim Olmsted question. Sheldon stated when the next time the drainage ditch is on the agenda he will have Long in here with the questions.

Shearer wants to change the windmill set back ordinance on non-participating landowners only. Shearer wanted to know if he had the two board members' support on this. Blackburn states the only thing is that if we change any type of ordinance regarding the wind mills since we are in litigation we could deal with legal ramifications from the company. Blackburn needs to speak with the County Attorney on how to proceed with changing the ordinance. Sheldon agrees with Blackburn, it is hard to do anything when we are in litigation. Sheldon stated that the County Attorney has more important things going on right now than changing an ordinance that won't be affecting anyone in the near future. So, waiting to see if we can change it right now should be fine for everyone. Shearer asked about the districts for the supervisors and asked if they could be on the ballot next election. Blackburn stated he didn't know the laws on that and he would need to reach out to someone to get the information.

The sheriff's monthly report for April was approved.

Claims were approved for May 15, 2026.

At 9:47 a.m., with no further business, Shearer motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Cassie Gilbert, Assistant Auditor



Clint Blackburn, Chairman

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 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. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show that Engineer Dan Davis, Purchasing Agent Drew Bartholomew, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Attorney Peter Johnson, Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert, Jan Norris, and Josh Heard were present at this meeting.

At 9:00 a.m., the Page County Board of Supervisors phoned the boardroom to discuss maintenance of the Johnson Run Drainage Ditch. Present in the boardroom were Chairman Blackburn, Vice Chairman Sheldon, Supervisor Shearer, Auditor Owen, Cassie Gilbert, Attorney Johnson, Recorder Berry, Engineer Davis, Purchasing Agent Bartholomew, Treasurer Snyder, Josh Heard, & Jan Norris. Present by telephone were Page County Auditor Kristin Wagoner, Supervisor Judy Clark, Supervisor Todd Maher, and Supervisor Brian Rogers with the Page County Board of Supervisors. Page County Board said they were approached by the City of Shenandoah regarding ditch maintenance that is needed for Johnson Run. The city looked at it and said some trees need to be removed and the ditch cleaned out. The city got a bid from SWIA Parking Lot Maintenance for \$36,595.00 to do the work. Supervisor Clark would like someone from both boards to go look at the work that needs to be done. Chairman Blackburn said that it needs to be looked at to get a scope of work, and then it needs to be put out for bids. Both boards said they understood that the policy is that if it is in city limits, Shenandoah would pay for the work and be reimbursed by Johnson Run Drainage District. Currently, Johnson Run has \$68,286.78 in the account. Supervisor Maher said he would meet either Blackburn or Sheldon, as well as City Administrator AJ Lyman, in Shenandoah on Friday after lunch to view the ditch. Shearer was not available on that date. Blackburn said he would get a hold of Maher to set a time when he knew what would work for him or Sheldon.

At 9:15 a.m., Sheldon moved to go into a public hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously. Present at this hearing were Auditor Owen, Sheldon, Supervisors Blackburn, Sheldon, and Shearer. Also present were Engineer Davis, Purchasing Agent Bartholomew, Treasurer Snyder, Recorder Berry, Attorney Johnson, Assistant Auditor Gilbert, Jan Norris, and Josh Heard. At 9:17 a.m., hearing no comments and with no objections, motion was made by Sheldon to go out of public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Shearer to approve the budget amendment and Resolution 2026-18. Sheldon, aye. Blackburn, aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19**

**RECORD OF HEARING AND DETERMINATION ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**And CHANGE OF APPROPRIATIONS**

On this 20th day of May 2026, the Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in session for the purpose of amending the current operating budget adopted April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The notice, time, and place of hearing were published on April 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The amendment was taken up and considered, and taxpayers heard for or against the amendment as follows, and the amendment passed:

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Public Safety & Legal Services	4,133,020	4,195,644	62,624
Roads & Transportation	5,801,000	6,505,184	704,184
Physical Health & Social Services	456,162	458,662	2,500
Administration	2,368,957	2,380,957	12,000
Capital Projects	2,565,000	6,580,000	4,015,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,324,139</b>	<b>20,120,447</b>	<b>4,796,308</b>

**Revenues**

Intergovernmental	7,541,448	10,869,372	3,327,924
Miscellaneous	110,133	367,467	257,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,651,581</b>	<b>11,236,839</b>	<b>3,585,258</b>

**Appropriations**

Sheriff	2,882,648	2,945,272	62,624
Secondary Roads	8,366,000	13,085,184	4,719,184
Social Services	22,200	24,700	2,500
Non-Departmental	2,775,272	2,787,272	12,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,046,120</b>	<b>18,842,428</b>	<b>4,796,308</b>

Amendment for the road department, grants, capital projects, public safety costs, shelter care, and legal expenses.

Motion to approve made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Motion made by Sheldon to approve the amended IDOT Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Dan Davis met with the board for the following:

Motion by Shearer to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT Payment Voucher with HGM Associates for engineering services for preliminary design for 310th Steet/J-64 for \$43,972.50 per agreement through April 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Drew Bartholomew, Purchasing Agent for Secondary Roads, met with the board regarding the purchase of a road grader for FY27. He said he received two bids. Those bids were as follows: 1. Ziegler Cat – offered no trade and had to add a high-performance circle for \$499,757.00. Bid 2. Murphy Tractor (John Deere) – offered a \$25000 trade-in for a total bid of \$381,205.00, with the trade-in included, and it comes with the high-performance circle. He also stated they have a service tech for John Deere in Clarinda that responds quickly. Murphy would still do any warranty work. Shearer asked if the money was already budgeted. Davis and Bartholomew confirmed that it is and that this is for FY27. Bartholomew said their department is primarily John Deere at this time. Motion by Shearer to accept the bid from Murphy Tractor. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:25 a.m., Sheldon briefly left the meeting.

At 9:29 a.m., Sheldon returned to the meeting.

Jan Norris met with the board to update them on the carbon pipeline. She told the board that on 5/13/26, Summit filed a notice of intent to withdraw certain segments of the planned pipeline. She said this includes Corning and Shenandoah Green Plains. She said there are 200 miles projected to be removed, but there would be 800 miles remaining, all of it being north of I80. She said it appears there will be no CO2 pipeline, but Summit's press release says they will continue to evaluate future expansion opportunities. She said the press release says the project will travel through Nebraska for Wyoming sequestration, but there is no filing with the IUC saying so. It didn't remove the trunkline crossing the Missouri River into South Dakota. She stated that Summit filed an amendment asking not to be required to declare where the final route will be. They also asked that the permits in the Dakotas no longer be a condition of Iowa construction and that all dockets be consolidated. She discussed signed easements, ordinances that need to be re-evaluated, eminent domain, data centers popping up, and the need to be proactive at the local level. She ended by saying this demonstrates the power of the people standing together.

The board discussed the previous action taken on February 18, 2026, regarding the rates for single and dual-family insurance policies. The union employees have in their agreement that the single policy employees are not required to pay anything for single policies. The auditor stated she doesn't think it is fair for those employees not covered in the union to be required to pay when others are not. Motion by Shearer to rescind the motion from February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, requiring 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 for dual-employed families beginning for FY27. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon that the county will pay for the cost of two single policies for the dual-employed family policies beginning FY27. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the award of the bid for Lots 3 and 4 of Block N in Sidney, IA, also known as the former Fremont County Jail. Attorney Johnson said that the bid met all the requirements and that the board could go ahead with the award. Motion by Shearer to award the bid to Josh Heard for \$7,509.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal of the cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for Pilot Travel Centers, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shearer to approve the change in ownership filed for Pilot Travel Centers, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Auditor Cassie Gilbert presented the board with the levy information on the board-controlled drainage districts. The board reviewed the information. Motion by Sheldon for 0% levy for Kilpatrick Ditch. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Shearer for 0% levy for Prairie Township Relevy. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon 0% levy for Scott Township Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sheldon for 25% levy for Schultz Ditch Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously. The board discussed having Waubonsie Relevy Trustees come in to update them on their upcoming project.

Motion by Shearer to approve Resolution No. 2026-20 for a change in appropriations. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors, this 20th day of May, 2026, that the following change in appropriation be made:

Expenditures:

Change Appropriation:

Nondepartmental	01000 06210 490 99	-\$200.00
Landfill	11000 06020 475 71 13	+\$200.00

Motion to approve made by Shearer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor

/s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman

aye

/s/ Dustin Sheldon

aye

/s/ Jeff Shearer

aye

Claims were approved for May 22, 2026.

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

ATTEST:

  
Dee Owen, Auditor

  
Clint Blackburn, Chairman