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The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in a special session on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present. Let the record show that Jeff Shearer was not present for this meeting. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was officially called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as posted. Minutes of the previous board session were read and approved.

Motion by Sheldon to go into public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy for the FY25/26 budget at 8:31 a.m. Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye. Let the records show that Clint Blackburn, Dustin Sheldon, Dee Owen, Kim Carter, Conrad Hall, Francine Williams, Gary Bolin, and Susan Bolin were present at this meeting. Chairman Blackburn asked for comments. Francine Williams questioned the rise in taxes in recent years. The board explained that workman's compensation, insurance, and other rising costs affect the budget. They explained the different levies that go into the total levy of the county. Conrad Hall questioned a spending freeze. The board members and auditor also explained the reason for the letter and the current situation of the county with legislation, revaluations, and unfunded mandates. The board pointed out the amount of ground that is owned by DNR & USACE that are tax exempt. At 8:53 a.m., Attorney Peter Johnson joined the meeting. He discussed the struggle with revenues and legislation. Hall asked about revenue that the windmills will generate. The board explained the timeline of the project. Gary Bolin asked about school possibly getting donations. The board advised him to discuss that with the school. Susan Bolin asked about the difference between what the golf course spends and what they bring in. The board answered advised it is an asset to the county and Sheldon gave the numbers of their expenses and revenues. After much discussion, at 9:12 a.m., motion by Sheldon to go out of public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy for the FY25/26. Clark, aye; Blackburn, aye; Sheldon, aye.

At 9:12 a.m., motion by Sheldon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
ATTEST:

Dee Owen, Auditor Chairman	Clint Blackburn, Chairman
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Let the record show that Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, Recorder Tarah Berry, Clerk of Court Kim Carter, and IT Scott Evans were present at this meeting.

Clerk of Court Kim Carter met with the board to discuss a gate in their office. She found a gate on Amazon for approximately \$35. It is expandable & attached to the counter and wall. Motion by Sheldon to approve the purchase of the gate for the Clerk of Court's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign IDOT 2026 Budget and Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to allow Chairman Blackburn to sign final payment voucher for Project #ER-CO36(84) - - 58-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sheldon to set date and time for FY26 Budget Hearing for April 16, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

IT Director Scott Evans met with the board for the renewal of the Microsoft 365 software agreement. Motion by Sheldon to approve the renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were approved for March 28th, 2025.

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

At 9:25 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:
Dee Owen, Auditor
Clint Blackburn, Chairman

March 2025 Claims Payable

Access Technologies, Inc. Acce	Data Processing	594.55
AgriVision Equipment Group LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	534.76
All Copy Products, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	561.11
AT&T	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	93.07
AT&T Mobility	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	2,704.53
Atchison-Holt Elec.Co-Op	Electric Power	160.95
Atlas Building Maintenance Inc	Hardware (non motor vehic	336.98
Auxiant	Medical & Health Charges	12,721.96
Rehnea Bartholomew	Employee Mileage & Subsis	75.80
Bateman Tire and Repair	Custodial	400.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires & Tubes	5,310.00
Benefiel Truck Repair & Towing	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	1,134.00
Tarah Berry	Employee Mileage & Subsis	346.81
Jason Birt	Employee Mileage & Subsis	66.22
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas,LP Gas, Fuel	7,701.40
Black Strap, Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	18,863.01
Lori Burge	Employee Mileage & Subsis	84.45
C. J. Cooper & Associates Inc.	Medical & Health Services	361.15
Card Services	Safety & Protective Suppl	3,370.43
Century Link Business Services	Other	33.95
Charm-Tex	Clothing & Dry Goods	413.00
Cherryroad Media	Board Proceedings	197.23
CINTAS LOC 749	Parts (non motor vehicle)	103.26
City of Farragut	Roads	870.53
City of Randolph	Roads	363.99
City of Riverton	Roads	210.41
City of Sidney	Water & Sewer	636.22
City of Thurman	Roads	524.13
Clear Live powered by pioneer	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.37
Community Connections, Inc.	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	70.00
Continental Research Corp	Hardware (non motor vehic	248.37
Cornhusker International Truck	Minor Mv Parts & Access	75.95
The Crittenton Center	Group Foster Care	1,306.20
Culligan	Buildings	227.10
D&L Pro	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	379.77
Jeffrey C. Dannar dba Dannar A	Lubricants	108.07
Darmolds	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	750.00
James Dimauro	Employee Mileage & Subsis	78.77
Justin Driever	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00
D6 Roadside Assistance	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	639.00
Echo Electric Supply	Buildings	300.00

Eyecare Associates of SW Iowa	Medical & Health Services	350.00
Farragut Oil Inc	Fuels	1,505.90
First Interstate Bank Masterca	Dues & Memberships	1,359.81
Fremont County Engineer	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	588.29
Fremont Co Sanitary Landfill	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	4,427.92
Galls, LLC.	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	157.49
Gateway Hotel & Conference Ctr	Employee Mileage & Subsis	293.44
General Basic Fund	Buildings - Rental	60.07
Cassandra Gilbert	Medical & Health Services	350.00
Patrick Gilson	Veterans Affairs Commissi	50.00
Troy J. Gorham	Medical & Health Services	64.19
Great Plains Uniforms LLC	Wearing Apparel & Uniform	169.98
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co PC	Acct/Audit & Clerical Ser	6,500.00
Hamburg Elec & Plumbing LLC	Miscellaneous Repair & Ma	161.20
Hawkeye Truck Equipment	Minor Mv Parts & Access	1,082.10
Henneman Lawn Svc/Snow Removal	Buildings	200.00
Kris Henneman	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Janine Herrick	Food & Provisions	62.54
HGM Associates Inc.	Engineering Services	20,245.20
Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport	Employee Mileage & Subsis	3,225.60
Holliman Auto Supply Co, LLC	Electrical Supplies & Par	209.95
Holt Gas Co. Inc.	Fuels	22,487.02
Hotsy Equipment Co	Buildings-Capital Outlay	781.31
IA Dept of Transportation	Engineering Services	50.00
Interstate Power Systems Inc	Minor Mv Parts & Access	7,833.09
Iowa Communications Network Fi	Office & Data Proc Equip	452.00
IA County Attorneys Assoc.	Dues & Memberships	327.00
Dept of Administrative Services	Dues & Memberships	50.00
Iowa DHS Distribution Facility	Food & Provisions	140.64
IEMA c/o Dickinson County EM	Educational & Training Se	155.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy S	Employee Mileage & Subsis	150.00
ISACA c/o ISAC	Dues & Memberships	250.00
ISSDA c/o Jared Schneider, Fin	Employee Mileage & Subsis	250.00
I80 K9 Training Services LLC K	Secret Investigations	5,000.00
Tunnlicliff, Inc. dba JB Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	632.20
Robbie Kromminga	Employee Mileage & Subsis	33.56
Mail Services LLC	Stationery & Forms	481.83
The Malvern Leader/Beacon Ent.	Board Proceedings	709.29
Michelle McIntosh	Employee Mileage & Subsis	87.02
McMullen Ford	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,405.78
Menards - Council Bluffs	Hardware (non motor vehic	450.22
Physicians Clinic Inc Methodis	Medical & Health Services	609.00
MHC Kenworth	Minor Mv Parts & Access	72.20
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Electric Power	1,568.49
Midwest Data Center, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,000.00
Miller Building Supply	Traffic & Street Sign Mat	5.98
Fred Moyer	Veterans Affairs Commissi	36.00

Jaimie Moyer	Community Support	75.99
MPPC LLC	Perm.Landscaping,Capital	400.00
MTE Office Center	Other	1,741.58
Nebraska-Iowa Ind. Fasteners	Minor Mv Parts & Access	569.15
OMG Midwest, Inc. Attn: Accoun	Cover Aggregate & Sand	13,021.09
FMTC-SWT, Inc Omnitel Commun	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	212.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Minor Mv Parts & Access	204.76
Diane Owen	Employee Mileage & Subsis	241.90
Paper Tiger Shredding	Custodial	65.00
Kasie Parr	Employee Mileage & Subsis	64.93
Penn Drug	Medical & Laboratory Supp	101.42
Performance FoodService	Food & Provisions	1,275.91
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc Mi	Minor Mv Parts & Access	968.23
Phillip Peters	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Jesus Portillo	Employee Mileage & Subsis	66.64
Power Plan	Minor Mv Parts & Access	9,695.37
Prairie Telephone Company, Inc	Other	736.00
Professional Office Services	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	2,599.95
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Stationery & Forms	733.69
Jeff Vrba ResCom Services	Extermination Services	263.98
Richardson Sanitation Scott Ri	Sanitation & Disposal Ser	220.00
Ricoh USA, Inc	Custodial Supplies	39.72
Road Builders Mach. & Sup. Co.	Minor Mv Parts & Access	39,137.03
Nate Roberts	Medical & Health Services	55.55
Sapp Brothers Truck Stops Inc	Fuels	5,174.20
Schildberg Constr Co Inc	Cover Aggregate & Sand	5,812.30
SEAT Treasurer	Educational & Training Se	130.00
Jeff Shearer	Employee Mileage & Subsis	634.04
Elizabeth Shirley	Parts (non motor vehicle)	670.00
Sidney Food Ltd.	Food & Provisions	293.66
Alise Snyder	Employee Mileage & Subsis	286.94
So Loess Hills Welcome Center	Contrib to Other Gov & Or	100.06
Southwest Iowa Herald Lee News	Official Publ & Legal Not	42.49
Southwest Iowa Assessors C/O S	Dues & Memberships	400.00
Southwest Iowa Dental Assoc.	Acute & Emergency Treat.	461.12

Southwest Iowa Home Health Svs	Aid	15.34
State Hygienic Laboratory	Engineering Services	157.00
Mark Stockstell	Employee Mileage & Subsis	58.80
SWI Juv. Emergency Svcs	Legal & Court-Related Ser	18,477.70
Syn-Tech Systems, Inc.	Office & Data Proc Equip	1,175.00
Thomson Reuters - West Payment	Other	370.80
Tradesmen Automotive LLC	Minor Mv Parts & Access	951.99
Transunion Risk & Alternative	Minor Equip & Hand Tools	254.60
John Travis	Veterans Affairs Commissi	44.00
Truck Center Companies	Minor Mv Parts & Access	2,553.10
U.S. Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	4,466.00
US AutoForce	Postage & Mailing	17.23
US Bank	Stationery & Forms	124.34
US Cellular	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	58.61
Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	Planning & Management Con	6,045.00
Verizon	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	78.82
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	Radio & Related Equip Mai	174.50
Brand Warner	Employee Mileage & Subsis	77.28
Doug Weber	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	40.00
Wells Fargo Bank Elite Card Pa	Educational & Training Se	2,158.87
WEX BANK	Fuels	5,597.62
Whip It Up Printing	Office Equipment & Furnit	90.00
Windstream Iowa Communication	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	4,847.42
Wiretap Telecom	Telephone & Telegraph Ser	257.74
Grand Total		284,786.23

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At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, a Department Head meeting was held in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom. Present were Alise Snyder, Scott Evans, Tarah Berry, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Clayton Long, Peter Johnson, Clint Blackburn, Jeff Shearer, Dee Owen, and Zach Benedict. Topics discussed: assessment notices and information, tax statement pie charts, and software support.

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Clint Blackburn and Dustin Sheldon present in the boardroom and Jeff Shearer present by telephone. 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 Engineer Dan Davis, Attorney Peter Johnson, EMC Clayton Long, Treasurer Alise Snyder, Recorder Tarah Berry, Sherry Gilbert, John Long, Ruth Paper, Luke Laumann, Ryan Langfelt, Tucker Kirkpatrick, Caleb Owens, Garrett Graham, Michael MacDonald, Tyler Inman, William West, and Drew Bartholomew, 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 an application for approval of underground construction in county ROW with Olsson on behalf of MidAmerican Energy for conduit, placement of handholes, and installation of fiber optic cable connecting substation facilities. Blackburn emphasized that it should be deep enough. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Shearer asked Engineer Davis if M18 was going to be resurfaced any time soon. Davis stated that it is not in his 5-year plan. Davis said he had a call on it from that area and let the person that he spoke to know that it was in the plan.

Purchasing Agent Tomie Thompson met with the board regarding a quote for a new tandem axle dump truck to replace A-25. He has bids on three makes/models and the cost to up-fit the truck with necessary equipment. Those are as follows: Freightliner 114SD \$130,703; Kenworth PX9 370HP \$194,013 and Kenworth PX9 380HP \$208,341; Mack 64FR \$154,686. Thompson gave the supervisors the different specifications of each truck. Supervisor Shearer asked what the drivers prefer. They agreed they did not like Freightliners. Shearer asked if they were all automatic. Thompson stated that they were. Vice Chairman Sheldon said it seems like the Mack is the best option. Macdonald said the Mack also had the best warranty. After much discussion, motion by Sheldon to accept the bid for the Mack and for Hawkeye to up-fit the truck for \$105,755. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Mendoza met with the board to discuss building a crossing over a drainage ditch at 1227 Western Avenue in Thurman. He stated that recently they purchased this property. He is requesting the ability to make a crossing over the ditch in his yard. Engineer Davis said they could get the correct size of the tube for him but he would be responsible for paying for it and making arrangements. This was approved in a Scott Drainage District meeting on 3/19/25. The board will hold a Scott Drainage District meeting next week to act on the other properties in that area that will be facing the same issue.

Auditor Dee Owen spoke to the board about purchasing new election tablets for voter check-in. The current laptops her office received were free from a grant from the state. They are dated and she will need to purchase new laptops with Windows 11 or shift to another system. She has a quote from Adkins Elections Services for Tenex Precinct Central Touchpads. Owen is still gathering information and would like the board to table any action until she receives another quote that she is waiting on. Motion by Shearer to table the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

John Long and Sherry Gilbert from the Conservation Board met with the board to discuss a request from employees for golf course membership benefits. Chairman of the Conservation Board John Long stated they have discussed this and giving a discounted membership. The cost of a single membership is \$450. They are proposing a half price membership for \$225. There was much discussion including but not limited to questioning if this was a taxable benefit, having it be a specific dollar amount like the current eyeglasses benefit, certain employees being allowed to golf for free, options for family memberships, what Shenandoah offers their employees, and amending the handbook/union contracts. Long suggested tabling it so they could have another meeting to make a recommendation to the supervisors. Motion by Shearer to table until the conservation board can meet to discuss the issue and come up with a recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed a request from the Fremont County Secondary Road Department Union Representative for the board to reconsider their FY26 wages. They settled at 3.25% prior to any other wage considerations. The board then approved 3.5% for the other employees of the county. Motion by Sheldon to give the road department an extra .25% to make them equal to all other county employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Johnson, County Attorney met with the board for consideration of the following: Johnson stated the county has several surplus county real estate parcels. One of those properties is located at 200 Main Street in Hamburg. The county has owned this for many years and there has been nothing done with it. They have someone with interest in it and another property. Johnson recommends the board auction these to be fair. Sheriff Kevin Aistrophe has volunteered to be the auctioneer. Johnson said the law states there must be one notice seven days in advance but he would like to do two notices. Motion by Sheldon to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19
A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SETTING DISPOSITION BY PUBLIC AUCTION
WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, is a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,
WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, owns certain real property locally known as 200 Main St., Hamburg, IA and legally described as: Northern Half of Lot Four (N½ Lot 4) and all of Lot 5 (Lot 5), in Block Nineteen (19) in Phelps Addition to the City of Hamburg, Fremont County, Iowa, as shown in the attached Plat of Survey.
WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, no longer has a use for the above-described real estate parcel listed above; it should be declared surplus and sold at public auction with all proceeds from the sale deposited in the general fund of Fremont County, Iowa. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described real estate is declared surplus property and shall be disposed of at public auction. Passed and approved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2025.

/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye
The board discussed the same surplus property issue regarding a small triangular parcel property in Block 124 in Hamburg that someone is interested in. Motion by Sheldon to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20
A RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SETTING DISPOSITION BY PUBLIC AUCTION
WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, is a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,
WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, owns certain real property locally known and legally described as: Lots 6 and 7, Block 124, in the City of Hamburg, Fremont County, IA as shown in the attached Plat of Survey. WHEREAS, Fremont County, Iowa, no longer has a use for the above-described real estate parcel listed above; it should be declared surplus and sold at public auction with all proceeds from the sale deposited in the general fund of Fremont County, Iowa. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described real estate is declared surplus property and shall be disposed of at public auction. Passed and approved by the Fremont County Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2025.
ATTEST:
/s/ Dee Owen, Auditor /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman aye
/s/ Dustin Sheldon aye
/s/ Jeff Shearer aye
Attorney Johnson also told the board he would like them to discuss a boardroom document retention policy. He said there a state retention policy that is generally used. Auditor Owen gave him an example of what a prior auditor had approved many years ago. The board will take action on this next week.
Claims were approved for April 11th, 2025.

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

At 9:20 a.m., with no further business, Sheldon motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: /s/ Dee Owen, Auditor /s/ Clint Blackburn, Chairman
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