The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday January 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, Salmon, McDonald, SaBell, Merkel, & Business Manager Pat Shaw & County Attorney Doug D. Dexter present. County Clerk Jill M. DeMers was excused. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall in the Board Room first level of the Courthouse with Open Meeting Act brochures available to the public during the meeting. Notice of the meeting was published in the Aurora News Register January 21, 2025. A current agenda is on file and available for inspection in the County Clerk's office. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Minutes of the January 13th meeting were approved as presented.

County Board of Commissioners minutes are recorded.

Kevin Kinney was in attendance and presented information to the Board for Public Participation.

Chairman Nelson read into record the Hamilton County 4-H Proclamation. Gideon & Boaz Oscher were present as 4-H ambassadors along with Extension Staff Emily Soll, Barb Bonifas and Hillary Fuhrman. Motion by SaBell Second by Salmon to approve and Proclaim February 2025 4-H Month and authorize chairman to sign the Proclamation. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Chairman Nelson read into record for National FFA week February 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Proclamation. FFA Members from Giltner, Hampton, High Plains and Aurora were present to represent FFA along with Teachers Kelsey Schulte from Giltner and Loel Miller from Hampton. Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve and Proclaim February 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 National FFA week by the County and authorize chairman to sign the Proclamation. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Deb Sorenson and Iris Bergen presented information to the Board on the CO2 pipeline.

Discussion of approval for ARORN Days for use of the courthouse lawn, power and restrooms from June 26 – 29, 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> weekend of June). ARORN Days representatives Jody Griffith, Dillion Olson and Rich Rhoden presented a check for \$200.00 for power use last year. Motion from SaBell Second by Merkel to Approve. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Hillary Betka presented and discussed an interlocal agreement with Merrick County for Floodplain Administrator. She will research and get back to the Board with amount for interlocal.

Presentation of the Annual Weed Certification and Noxious Weed Control Plan by Jeremy Brandt – Noxious Weed Superintendent. Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to Approve and authorize chairman to sign Certification. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Discussion and Approval of purchase of 2025 R Way Belly Dump Trailer by Jeremy Brandt-Highway Superintendent. Item was tabled. Discussion and Approval of purchase of packers for graders by Jeremy Brandt- Highway Superintendent. Item was tabled.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve Surplus Property Disposal request from Sheriff's office for 2 Hard Drives as waste. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.

Vendor claims from January 20th were signed on the Cover sheet.

Payroll claims were signed on Cover Sheet.

No Correspondences

Board Committee Reports were given.

With No further business, Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the courthouse.

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

Attest\_

Pat Shaw

Hamilton County Business Manager

Nicole SaBell Vice Chairman - 1st District

Rich Nelson Chairman - 2nd District

Jessie Merkel - 3rd District

Nancy J. Salmon - 4th District

Francis McDonald - 5th District