

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday August 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, County Clerk Jill M. DeMers & Business Administrator Pat Shaw. County Attorney Doug D Dexter 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 this meeting was published in the Aurora News Register the week of August 12, 2025. A current agenda is on file and available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk, posted outside the County Clerk's office and posted on the County website. Nelson would like to move Agenda item #7 2025 Valuations to the beginning of the meeting due to an upcoming Assessor Workshop today. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Vicki Wylie County Assessor and Andrea VanDeWalle Deputy presented the 2025 Hamilton County Valuations to the Hamilton County Commissioners.

County Commissioners, County Clerk DeMers and Business Administrator Shaw conducted the quarterly Jail Inspection given by County Sheriff McCoy.

The County Board of Commissioners have recommended our County Surveyor Adam Goertzen to survey the land at the Fairgrounds for the new Extension building.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to approve color palette for the Extension Office Building of Ultra Bright Red UB, Patrician Bronze ZK for the trim, bottom portion to be stone and roof Galvalume GL as recommended by the Committee. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Merkel Second by McDonald to approve the City of Aurora Interlocal as presented by Pat Shaw Business Administrator, Adam Darbro City of Aurora Administrator and reviewed by County Attorney Doug Dexter & City Attorney Ross Luzum. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Pat Shaw presented the County Budget, some items discussed were cuts to the entity requests, Highway Department, hours at the Courthouse, Deputy Emergency Management & insurance. Budget Hearing is set for September 15, 2025. County will not be required to participate in a Joint Budget Public Hearing (pink postcard)

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell approve Resolution #1197 from the Ag Society and Fire Districts of levy allocations as read into record by County Clerk DeMers August 11, 2025 with an adjustment of today's date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes Extra report was added from Pat Shaw's Budget with the Levy Limit Form after Assessors filed valuations.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve Liquor License for The Loading Chute September 6, 2025 5:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a Wedding Reception at the Fairgrounds. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve Surplus Property Disposal Request from Sheriff Intoximeter as waste, Building & Grounds buffer machine as waste, Clerk of the District

Court three monitors for internal transfer and County Judge two desk unit and steel case counter as part donated to County Attorney and other as waste. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Board Committee Reports were given.

Jerad Reimers from Adrian Smiths office presented an update on behalf of Nebraska in the U.S. House.

Vendors & Payroll were signed.

The Commissioners will observe the Labor Day Holiday and not meet the week of September 1, 2025

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday September 8, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

Attest

Jill M. DeMers

Hamilton County Clerk



Nicole SaBell

Nicole SaBell-Vice Chairman 1st District

Rich Nelson

Rich Nelson-Chairman-2nd District

Jessie Merkel

Jessie Merkel-3rd District

Nancy J. Salmon

Nancy J. Salmon-4th District

Francis McDonald

Francis McDonald-5th District