

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday January 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, County Clerk Jill M. DeMers, Business Administrator Pat Shaw present & 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 January 13, 2026. 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. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular meeting was approved as presented

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Motion by SaBell Second by Salmon to approve the Easter Egg Hunt April 11, 2026 1-3 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. DeMers will have Paul Johnson Executive Director of the Hamilton County Youth Center come and sign the Hold Harmless Agreement.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to approve the Annual Hamilton County Jail Report as presented by Jeromy McCoy Hamilton County Sheriff. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent discussed with the Board of regulating the use of Engine Brakes within the County limits. Brandt will now move forward with a Resolution, signs & regulations with Law Enforcement.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the 2025 Hamilton County Noxious Weed Control Plan and end of year reports with addition of Title and Brandt years of service added to report. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Central Nebraska Youth Services Diversion Truancy Services for Merrick, Nance and Hamilton Counties Jordanne McNeff and Stacy Harlow discussed with the Board the yearly statistics for Hamilton County and Interlocal that will be revised in a few months after grant money is distributed. McNeff will then reach out to the Board with a revised budget asking Interlocal amount.

Commissioner SaBell was excused.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to go into Executive Session about real estate at 9:24 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion by McDonald Second by Merkel to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. No action taken.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to approve Surplus from the Assessor three computers as waste. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Commissioner SaBell returned to the meeting.

Motion by Merkel Second by McDonald to approve the Old Highway Office as waste. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Wage Increase for Assessor Office and Highway Department were signed.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to observe Presidents Day Holiday February 16, 2026 and not meet as a Board that week for a meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Board Reports were given and a Construction update was given by Pat Shaw Business Administrator.

Correspondence was received and reviewed from Art Dose & Son Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations NPDES General Permit for CAFOs Confining Cattle SE ¼ and E ½ SW ¼ 14-12-5 Hamilton County, Central Platte NRD minutes and Aurora Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet January 29, 2026

Payroll and vendors were signed.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday February 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

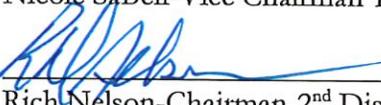
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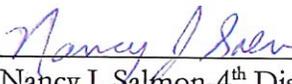
  
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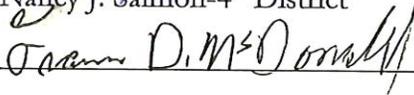


  
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