

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday February 2, 2026 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 present. 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 20, 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 McDonald to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the January 26, 2026 Regular meeting was approved as presented

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the Liquor License for the Hamilton County Agricultural Society at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds for the VFW Fundraiser Event February 21, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the 2026 Master Service Agreement and Work Order from Speece Lewis, a Bowman Company regarding the 2026 County Services in Hamilton County as presented by Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by McDonald to table the Amended Interlocal Agreement for participation in the South Central Economic Development District SCEDD. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Commissioner SaBell will abstain from voting on this agenda item due to her employment with Hamilton Telecommunications. The Board reviewed proposals from Hamilton Telecommunication, Computer Concepts and Mid Air IT. Motion by Merkel Second by Salmon to accept all-inclusive proposal from Mid Air IT for one year. Roll Call Vote: Merkel-yes, Salmon-yes, SaBell-abstain, McDonald-yes & Nelson-yes.

Board Reports were given and a Construction update was given by Pat Shaw Business Administrator. Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Revenue Committee of Senators in opposition to LB 1244 referring to the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday February 9, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

Attest Jill M DeMers  
Jill M. DeMers  
Hamilton County Clerk



Nicole SaBell  
Nicole SaBell-Vice Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> District

Rich Nelson  
Rich Nelson-Chairman-2<sup>nd</sup> District

Jessie Merkel  
Jessie Merkel-3<sup>rd</sup> District

Nancy J. Salmon  
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Francis McDonald  
Francis McDonald-5<sup>th</sup> District