

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday March 16, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, County Clerk Jill M. DeMers and 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 March 3, 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. Ryde Transportation Agenda item #2 will be moved to next week. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the agenda with noted change. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular meeting was approved as presented

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Resolution #1207 Ryde Transportation will be rescheduled until next week.

Distress Warrants from Sheriff McCoy were reviewed by the Board and noted that 100% of the 10 distress warrants were satisfied.

Hillary Betka Planning & Zoning discussed with the Board that Merrick County has hired a Board Assistant, Planning & Zoning and HR starting in July 2026. Our Planning & Zoning Interlocal with Merrick County will end at that time.

Jill M. DeMers County Clerk and Election Commissioner updated the Board of the upcoming schedule of the Primary Election May 12, 2026.

Motion by SaBell Second by McDonald to approve the Fee Sheet for the Register of Deeds February 2026 \$28,678.90. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Fee Sheet for the Sheriff February 2026 \$2,051.12. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Board Reports were given and a construction update was given by Pat Shaw Business Administrator and Highway Department update by Highway Superintendent Jeremy Brandt.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday March 23, 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 1st District

Rich Nelson

Rich Nelson-Chairman-2nd District

Jessie Merkel

Jessie Merkel-3rd District

Nancy J. Salton

Nancy J. Salton-4th District

Francis D. McDonald

Francis McDonald-5th District