

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday March 2, 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 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 February 17, 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 February 16, 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 Merkel to approve the Liquor license for the Wandering Well March 21, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 1 a.m. at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds Commercial Building for a reception. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Pat Shaw Business Administrator discussed the County Monthly Report in preparation for our budget.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Hamilton County Officials Bonds with NIRMA requirements and then to be submitted with Judge Homolka in County Court. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's assessment for Hamilton County's compliance with the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act during 2025 review and authorize Chairman Nelson to sign. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The Request for Wage Increase for Highway employee finishing probationary period was signed.

Correspondence was received and reviewed from Central Platte NRD minutes.

Board Reports were given and a construction update was given by Pat Shaw Business Administrator and tax sale update by Jody Griffith Treasurer.

With no further business, Motion by SaBell Second by McDonald to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday March 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 LaBell
Nicole LaBell-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