

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday May 4, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, County Clerk Jill M DeMers, Business Administrator Pat Shaw and County Attorney Doug D Dexter were 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 April 21, 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. Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting were 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 Principal renewal dental, vision, life & disability insurance as presented by Chad Svoboda President of Svoboda Benefit Solutions Inc. to take effect July 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Pat Shaw Business Administrator discussed the end of April Budget Summary Report from all the County Departments.

Jill M. DeMers County Clerk gave a Primary May 12<sup>th</sup> Election update.

Emily Cumming Extension Educator discussed with the Board her budget and items to purchase this year.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 July 10, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 July 17, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 July 24, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 July 31, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 August 7, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by McDonald Second by SaBell to approve the Liquor License for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Band on the Bricks 13<sup>th</sup> Street between M and L Aurora NE 68818 August 14, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the Liquor License for Scotty's LLC at the Commercial Building at the Fairgrounds June 6, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a wedding reception. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by McDonald Second by SaBell to approve the Liquor License for Scotty's LLC at the Commercial Building at the Fairgrounds July 4, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a wedding reception. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by McDonald Second by Salmon to approve the Liquor License for Scotty's LLC at the Farr Building at the Fairgrounds September 19, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 12 p.m. for a wedding reception. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

At 9:00 a.m. Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent opened two bids for the Giltner East Road 6 Overlay Project C-41 (267) Vontz Paving Inc. & Constructors Inc. Contractor will be decided at the next Board meeting May 11, 2026.

Motion by Merkel Second by SaBell to approve and start the CERT Program under Hamilton County Emergency Manager Benjamin S. Crabtree. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve the Fee Sheet for the Register of Deeds March 2026 \$34,807.07 as corrected Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Board Committee Reports were given. Pat Shaw Business Administrator presented an update & progress report on the Courthouse and Extension Building.

Payroll was signed.

With no further business, Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 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  
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Nancy J. Salmon  
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