

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, , County Clerk Jill M. DeMers & Business Administrator Pat Shaw were present. Deputy County Attorney interim Ross Luzum 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 August 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. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the agenda. Vote: All Ayes.

Minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

Robert Wert was in attendance for Public Participation to discuss burn permits within the Aurora Fire District.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to appoint Nathan Heins as our new County Attorney with a September 14, 2026 start date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton & Merrick Counties regarding Zoning and Floodplain Administration Hillary Betka with 5% increase for services effective today August 17, 2026. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve the Region 3 Budget Allocation for 2027. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the Liquor License for Scotty's LLC for October 10, 2026 at the Commercial Building Hamilton County Fairgrounds and authorize Chairman Nelson to sign. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

A request was made by Higby-McQuiston Mortuary for an increase of cremation costs, after discussion this request has been tabled.

A General Assistance claim was discussed, more information will be gathered and this application has been tabled.

Motion by SaBell Second by Salmon to approve the Fee Sheet for the Sheriff Department for July 2026 \$1,839.91. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Board Committee Reports were given.

Pat Shaw Business Administrator presented an update & progress report on the Courthouse and new Extension building. Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent discussed Road 6 & Surveyor responsibilities.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday August 24, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

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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. Salmon

Nancy J. Salmon-4th District

Francis McDonald

Francis McDonald-5th District