

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday August 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, Deputy County Attorney interim Ross Luzum, County Clerk Jill M. DeMers & Business Administrator Pat Shaw 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 July 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 July 27, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Adam Darbro Aurora City Administrator presented a Request for an Increase in the Annual EMS Subsidy to the City of Aurora, also discussed were 911 calls, expenses, three-year contract, costs, inflation & rural fire districts. This Agenda item will be tabled until next week.

Correspondence was received and reviewed from the Central District Health Department.

Request for Wage Increase for three Jailers completing Jail School were signed.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to Open the Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit application to allow an additional dwelling in a A-1 district located on SW ¼ of Section 15, T10, R8W, Hamilton County Nebraska. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The Notice of the Public Hearing was read into record by County Clerk Jill M. DeMers. Hillary Betka Planning & Zoning Administrator presented the application as Scott & Dara Schuster are planning to build a new dwelling on their quarter section and sell their current dwelling to their son. Scott Schuster was in attendance in favor of the item, no other members of the public spoke for, neutral or against the item. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to Close the Public Hearing at 9:04 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion by McDonald Second by Merkel to approve the Conditional Use Permit. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Budget Presentations were given by Tamar Jimenez for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Pat Shaw Business Managers presented the County Board, County Business Manager, Building & Grounds, Poor Relief, State Institutions, Miscellaneous General and General Transfer Budgets.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve Central Nebraska Youth Services Diversion/Truancy Services for Merrick & Hamilton Counties as presented by Jordanne McNeff Program Director and Authorize the Chairman, County Clerk & Attorney to sign. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Resolution #1209 Fire Districts and Ag Society Levy Authority was read into record by County Clerk Jill M. DeMers. Levies are submitted to the Clerk by August 1, 2026 and presented to the Board. Values will be set by the Assessor August 20, 2026 and this Resolution #1209 will be on the Agenda August 24, 2026 to be approved.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve 26 pay time increments for our vacation & sick to sync with our new Time Trak Go payroll program and also update County

Handbook. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Deputy Dawn Brandt updated the Board on the new system as our first payroll was submitted & processed last week

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 & bridges.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to adjourn at 10:11 a.m.
Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday August 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

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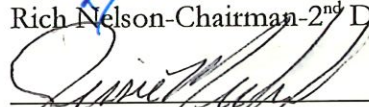
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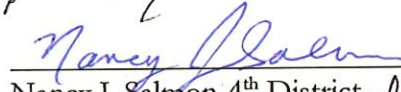

Jill M. DeMers
Hamilton County Clerk




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