

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday August 24, 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 10, 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 17, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Adam Goertzen County Surveyor discussed with the Commissioners his roll as a JEO employee, larger projects with the County and budget. Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve a \$5,000.00 increase in the Surveyor budget. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

From last week's discussion, Burn Permits in the Aurora Fire District will need to call 402-694-3855 during the hours of 8-10 am Monday-Friday. Pat Shaw Business Administrator will add this information to the County website.

Motion by McDonald Second by Merkel to keep same request from the Interlocal with the City of Aurora EMS at \$250,000.00 and to revisit in May 2027. Roll Call Vote: McDonald-yes, Merkel-yes, SaBell-yes, Salmon-yes & Nelson-no.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to approve the Hamilton County Inventory from all Departments. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by Merkel to approve the Change Order from Kingery for down spouts extensions on the Courthouse project and have Chairman Nelson to sign. Roll Call Vote: Salmon-yes, Merkel-yes, SaBell-yes, McDonald-no & Nelson-yes.

Motion by Merkel Second by SaBell to approve the VSO Office Floor repair with Kingery. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to approve Resolution #1209 Fire Districts & Ag Society Levy as previously read into record by County Clerk Jill M. DeMers August 3 as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Budget presentations were given by The Senior Center and County Budget totals from Pat Shaw Business Administrator.

Motion by SaBell Second by Salmon to approve to set the Hamilton County Budget Hearing for September 14, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Register of Deeds Fee Sheets were signed for April May & June 2026 due to fees paid to the General & ROD Funds.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the Liquor License for Hamilton County Ag Society Motorsports event September 12, 2026. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Merkel Second by Salmon to approve first General Assistance application. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Second General Assistance claim was denied.

Correspondence was received and reviewed from the Department of Transportation Bridge Load Posting Responsibilities and Confirmation Requirements and Notice of Public Hearing for the Hamilton County Joint Planning Commission and Village of Giltner Board of Trustees for a General Redevelopment Plan.

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 rainfall and road conditions.

Payroll and vendors were signed.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday August 31, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

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Attest

Jill M. DeMers
Hamilton County Clerk

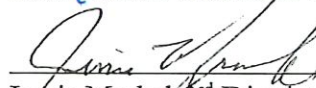




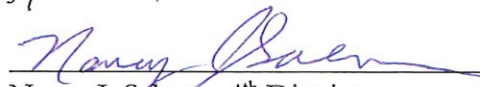
Nicole SaBell-Vice Chairman 1st District



Rich Nelson-Chairman-2nd District



Jessie Merkel-3rd District



Nancy J. Salmon-4th District



Francis McDonald-5th District