Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Meeting on Monday October 19, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Nelson, McDonald, Salmon, SaBell, Merkel, County Clerk Jill M. DeMers, Business Administrator Pat Shaw & County Attorney Nathaniel K. Heinz present. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner 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 October 6, 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 October 5, 2026 meeting were approved as presented

County Board of Commissioners meetings are recorded.

No one was in attendance for Public Participation.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve the Artwalk for September 19, 2027. Salmon-yes, SaBell-yes, Merkel-no, McDonald-yes & Nelson-yes. Weather, Courthouse yard, carts & north sidewalk was discussed.

Motion by Merkel Second by SaBell to approve the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 and authorize Chairman Nelson to sign. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Chairman Nelson, Salmon & SaBell will attend the 2026 NACO Conference and were two hour required meeting approved to cast a vote for Hamilton County.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve Option 1 Payroc/iWorQ to process payments for permits as presented by Hillary Betka Planning & Zoning Administrator. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Comprehensive Plan for the Commissioners two hour required meeting was discussed.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to approve Fee Sheet for Clerk of the District Court for September 2026 $1,656.77. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by McDonald to approve Fee Sheet for The Sheriffs Department for September 2026 $1,440.49. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to not meet Monday November 30, 2026 as a Board in recognition of Thanksgiving Holiday. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Salmon Second by McDonald to not meet Monday December 28, 2026 as a Board in recognition of the Christmas Holiday. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by Salmon to Open the Public Hearing at 9:01 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The Notice of Public Hearing was read into record by County Clerk Jill M. DeMers. The Public Hearing is for a 2025 Economic Development community Development Block Grant (CDBG) received funds assisted with an expansion of the Aurora Boardworks Company to fund working capital and/or equipment purchase to expand production capacity at the Aurora Boardworks facilities located at 103 Grant, Aurora, located in Hamilton County, Nebraska as presented by Lori Ferguson Community Consultant for SCEDD South Central Economic Development District, Inc. Jill M. DeMers County Clerk did not receive any written testimonies or

anyone asking for any physical or sensory accommodations. Gary Bales from Boardworks thanked the Board of Commissioners and says Boardworks is continuing to grow. Ferguson thanked Treasurer Griffith, County Clerk DeMers and County Commissioners for all their help with the project. No one was in attendance to speak in favor, against or neutral. Motion by McDonald Second by SaBell to Close the Public Hearing at 9:19 a.m. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion by Merkel Second by SaBell to approve the 2025 Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and to receive the funds assisted with an expansion of the Aurora Boardworks Company. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by Merkel Second by Salmon to approve the Village Road Maintenance Interlocal fees as presented by Jeremy Brant Highway Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Motion by McDonald Second by Merkel to approve the Utility Permit Fees effective immediately as presented by Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Correspondence was received from The Art Walk Thank You.

Committee Reports were given, Jim Clarke had stopped in to complement the Courthouse lawn.

Pat Shaw Business Administrator presented an update & progress report on the Courthouse, Veteran Office floor and Attorney Office. Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent discussed Marquette Road, K & H Road.

Payroll, two vendors & vendors from October 12 holiday were signed.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday October 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room first floor of the Courthouse.

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners

Attest _____
Jill M. DeMers
Hamilton County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK ★ SEAL ★ HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Nicole SaBell-Vice Chairman 1st District

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Rich Nelson-Chairman-2nd District

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Jessie Merkel-3rd District

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Nancy J. Salmon-4th District

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Francis McDonald-5th District