Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met for their Meeting on Monday October 26, 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 was excused. 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 13, 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 19, 2026 meeting were approved as presented

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For Public Participation Joe Gustafson was in attendance to discuss road conditions.

Todd Danhauer was in attendance to discuss his Conservation Easement. Motion by Merkel Second by McDonald to approve the Conservation Easement as presented by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. Department of Agriculture for Todd Danhauer. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Some items reviewed were water rights and ownership.

Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent brought in 2026 Gravel Rock Budget figures and what has been used so far and what is projected to be needed until the end of the fiscal year. Motion by McDonald Second by Merkel to approve to authorize Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent to use as needed $100,00.00 at a time out of the Inheritance Fund. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Motion by SaBell Second by Merkel to approve prior Highway Fund claim of $275,000.00 to transfer to the Road Bond Fund. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Correspondence was received and reviewed from Central Platte NRD.

Vendors were signed.

Committee Reports were given. NIRMA dividend check was given to Commissioner Nelson Hamilton County at last week's meeting.

Jill M. DeMers County Clerk gave an election update of 430 early voters as of this morning. Pat Shaw Business Administrator presented an update & progress report on the Courthouse, Extension Office and Planning & Zoning Office. Jeremy Brandt Highway Superintendent discussed emergency bridge on L Road and Road 6. Sheriff Jeromy McCoy discussed Grant money given for the padded drunk tank. Many thoughts and prayers were given to Commissioner Jessie Merkel as his Dad had passed away last week.

With no further business, Motion by Salmon Second by SaBell to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting will be held on Monday November 2, 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

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Rich Nelson-Chairman-2nd District

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Nancy J. Salmon-4th District

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Francis McDonald-5th District