

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 6:00 PM

HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members
4. Approval of Prior Board Minutes
 - a. October 21, 2025 Regular Hamilton County Board Meeting
5. Public Comment
 - a. Mary Anne Hopfinger

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report: written monthly report submitted by Sarah Kelly
2. Sheriff's Department Report: Sheriff Tracy Lakin
3. County Clerk & Recorder's Update: Heather Bowman
4. EMA Report: Jason Stewart, EMA Director
5. ETSB Board Report: Dorothy Smith, ETSB Chairman
6. Health Department Report:
7. Animal Control Update:
8. Ambulance Service Update:
9. Administrative Services Report: Bellwether, LLC

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept checks from the Hamilton County Health Department for the month of November, 2025. Salaries: \$4,959.00 Fringes: \$517.69 Unemployment: \$29.98 Insurance: \$1,885.52.
2. Accept check # 8134 in the amount of \$285.00 from the Hamilton County Health Department for reimbursement of Kunce Managed Services through the end of November 2025.
3. Accept check #47847 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the City of McLeansboro per the Central Dispatching agreement for the month of November 2025.
4. Accept check #40305 in the amount of \$1,000.00 from UCCI for July and September meeting attendance reimbursement.
5. Accept check # 6012360 from Hamilton County Coal, LLC in the amount of \$517,542.97 for the product of leases dated 11/01/2007, 12/01/2007, and 11/01/2008.
6. Review the Hamilton County Unit #10 1% school facilities tax schedule in the amount of \$54,818.66.

7. Review the Hamilton County Public Safety Tax Payment received in the amount of \$55,060.20. This is liability MO- Aug 2025, Collected MO- Sept 2025 Vouchered MO- Nov 2025.
8. Accept check # 1975 in the amount of \$1,750.00 and issue Class C Liquor License to Reegan & Holly Schuster, D/B/A The Liquor Hut, LLC for a (6) month period to expire on May 31, 2026.
9. Accept check # 5865 in the amount of \$1,750.00 and issue Class C Liquor License to Ryan Rubenacker, D/B/A Rube's Liquor Locker, Inc for a (6) month period to expire on May 31, 2026.
10. Accept check # 1141 in the amount of \$1,750.00 and issue Class C Liquor License to Asif Hemdani, D/B/A Hunts Gas N Go LLC for a (6) month period to expire on May 31, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: The 2026 Courthouse Holiday Calendar

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: The FY24 Audit Report presented by Dale Holtman with Scheffel Boyle.
2. Discussion and possible approval: The FY24 Circuit Clerk Audit Report as prepared by Scheffel Boyle.
3. Discussion and possible approval: The agreement between the Hamilton County Board (County Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, and Sheriff) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern Central Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197.
4. Discussion and possible approval: The agreement between the Hamilton County Board (Highway Department), and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern Central Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197.
5. Discussion and possible approval: The agreement between Hamilton County Board/Hamilton County Sheriff (Dispatchers), and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern Central Illinois Laborers' District Council, Laborers' Local #1197.
6. Discussion and possible approval: The agreement between Hamilton County Board/Hamilton County Sheriff (Deputies) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Southern Central Illinois Laborers' District Council, Laborers' Local #1197.
7. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2025-11-01 pertaining to the Hamilton County Courthouse office hours.
8. Discussion and possible approval: The FY26 Budget Ordinance #2025-11-01.
9. Discussion and possible approval: The FY26 Appropriation Ordinance #2025-11-02.
10. Discussion and possible approval: The FY26 Levy Ordinance #2025-11-03.

11. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2025-11-02 Illinois Separation Referendum.
12. Discussion and possible approval: The possible sale or rental of the old Country Mark property at 111 N McClellan St.
13. Discussion and possible approval: The FY26 Letter of Agreement with Bellwether LLC.
14. Announce Hamilton County State's Attorney vacancy effective January 1, 2026. Appointment to be filled at the December meeting.
15. Discussion and possible approval: the Claims List, Late Claims and Highway Claims with signatures of approval.

HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATION

16. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2025-11-03 Agreement for the County Engineer's Salary.
17. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2025-11-04 Appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary.

APPOINTMENTS

18. Approve the re-appointment of P.E. Cross to the Wabash Area Development Board for a (1) year term to expire November 30, 2026.
19. Approve the re-appointment of Donetta Reed to the Rides Mass Transit District Board for a (4) year term to expire November 21, 2029.

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