

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 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. November 20, 2025 Truth in Taxation Hearing
 - b. November 20, 2025 Regular Hamilton County Board Meeting
 - c. December 9, 2025 Special Hamilton County Board Meeting
5. Public Comment

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: \$7,768.00 Fringes: \$927.96 Unemployment: \$129.09 Insurance: \$2,821.23.
2. Accept check #47947 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the City of McLeansboro per the Central Dispatching agreement for the month of December 2025.
3. Accept check #40457 in the amount of \$1,000.00 from UCCI for October and November meeting attendance reimbursement.
4. Accept check # 6012483 from Hamilton County Coal, LLC in the amount of \$249,506.99 for the product of leases dated 11/01/2008 and 12/01/2007.
5. Review the 1% school facilities tax schedule in the amount of \$59,466.40.
6. Review the Hamilton County Public Safety Tax Payment received in the amount of \$59,192.33. This is liability MO- Sept 2025, Collected MO- Oct 2025 Vouchered MO- Dec 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: The 2025 Hamilton County Board Meeting schedule.
2. Discussion and possible approval: the County Clerk Semi-Annual (June 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025) report and Annual (December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025) report with signatures of approval.
3. Discussion and possible approval: A letter granting approval for the Barker Historical Cemetery, an established 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to make improvements to the Barker Cemetery as requested by Mrs. Ellen Rubenacker.
4. Discussion and possible approval: The list of recommended changes and renewals for the 2026 employee health insurance program submitted by the Insurance Committee from their December 10, 2025 meeting.
5. Discussion and possible approval: Ordinance #2025-12-01
6. Discussion and possible approval: the Claims List, Late Claims and Highway Claims with signatures of approval.

CLOSED SESSION:

(5 ILCS 120/2) (from Ch. 102, par. 42) Sec. 2. Open meetings. (c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (11) Litigation

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