

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2026 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 (amended)
 - b. December 16, 2025 Regular Hamilton County Board Meeting
 - c. December 19, 2025 Special Hamilton County Board Meeting
5. Public Comment
 - a. John Williams – Colonial Life Insurance
 - b. Paula Hatfield – 4H/University of IL Extension update

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report: written monthly report submitted by Sarah Kelly
2. Sheriff's Department Report: Tracy Lakin
3. County Clerk & Recorder's Update: Heather Bowman
4. EMA Report: Jason Stewart
5. ETSB Board Report: Dorothy Smith
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 December, 2025. Salaries: \$8,830.00 Fringes: \$941.28 Unemployment: \$155.52 Insurance: \$1,885.52.
2. Accept check #48064 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the City of McLeansboro per the Central Dispatching agreement for the month of January 2026.
3. Accept check #40388 in the amount of \$150.00 from UCCI for a 2025 Dues Refund.
4. Accept check # 6012645 from Hamilton County Coal, LLC in the amount of \$299,442.82 for the product of lease dated 11/01/2008.
5. Review the 1% school facilities tax schedule in the amount of \$62,047.77.
6. Review the Q2 report submitted by Dr. Beth Rister, ROE District #20 Superintendent.

7. Review the Hamilton County Public Safety Tax Payment received in the amount of \$62,680.91. This is liability MO- Oct 2025, Collected MO- Nov 2025 Vouchered MO- Jan 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: The request for “Local Authority Approval” from the Hamilton County Chamber for their 8th Annual HamCo Food & Brew Fest event planned for February 21, 2026 at the Big Red Barn.
2. Discussion and possible approval: The request from Jessica Barbre, Administrative Assistant of the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, to sign their Chief Elected Official and Grant Recipient /Fiscal Agent Agreement.
3. Discussion and possible approval: Payoff estimate from Teffertiller Motors, Inc. for the EMA’s 2024 Chevrolet Silverado.
4. Discussion and possible approval: Invoice #33620 from Novacom Communications for the final balance on the Motorola Repeater Link System, portables, and mobiles.
5. Discussion and possible approval: the Claims List, Late Claims and Highway Claims with signatures of approval.

HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATION

6. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2026-01-01 pertaining to a payment of \$10,000 to each township.
7. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2026-01-02 Appropriating funds from the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for the maintenance of county highways for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

APPOINTMENTS

8. Approve the appointment of _____ to the Hamilton County Emergency Telephone System Board for a (3) year term to expire January 30, 2029.
9. Approve the re-appointment of Dorothy Smith to the Hamilton County Emergency Telephone System Board for a (3) year term to expire January 30, 2029.
10. Approve the re-appointment of Jason Stewart to the Hamilton County Emergency Telephone System Board for a (3) year term to expire January 30, 2029.
11. Approve the re-appointment of Landon Vaughan the Hamilton County Emergency Telephone System Board for a (1) year term to expire January 30, 2027.

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