

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 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. August 19, 2026 Regular Hamilton County Board Meeting
5. Public Comment
 - a. Scott Groux with Zelestra Energy

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: Director Jason Stewart
5. ETSB Report: Dorothy Smith, ETSB Chairman
6. Health Department Report:
7. Animal Control Update:
8. Ambulance Service Update:
 - b. Letter of resignation from Connie VanWinkle
 - c. Ashley Camden
9. Administrative Services Report: Bellwether, LLC

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept checks from the Hamilton County Health Department for the month of August, 2026.
Salaries: \$14,755.70 Fringes: \$1,735.27 Insurance: \$1,158.14
2. Accept check # 8237 in the amount of \$285.00 from the Hamilton County Health Department for the reimbursement of Kunce Managed Services through the end of August 2026.
3. Accept check # 48766 in the amount of \$5,208.33 from the City of McLeansboro per the Central Dispatching agreement for the month of September 2026.
4. Accept check # 6013774 from Hamilton County Coal, LLC in the amount of \$45,873.88 for the product of lease dated 12/01/2007.
5. Accept check #154821 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Peoples National Bank as a donation for the Courthouse Sign Project.
6. Review the 1% school facilities tax schedule in the amount of \$76,824.64.
7. Review the Hamilton County Public Safety Tax Payment received in the amount of \$76,861.59.
This is liability MO- June 2026, Collected MO- July 2026, Vouchered MO- Sept 2026.

8. Approve accelerated payment statement from IMRF in the amount of \$5,454.24.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: Late bid submitted by H.E. Mitchel Construction for the Courthouse Bathroom Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discussion and possible approval: The request from Rick Rubenacker with Rocking For A Cause, Inc. for “Local Authority Approval” of their fundraising event to be held November 13-14, 2026 at Rubenacker Farms Shop.
3. Discussion and possible approval: The 2027 Courthouse Holiday Calendar.
4. Discussion and possible approval: Proposal for fax and elevator phone service.
5. Discussion and possible approval: Ordinance #2026-09-01 Hamilton County Budget Amendment.
6. Discussion and possible approval: Invoice #14079 from Kelly Electric in the amount of \$2,160.00.
7. Discussion and possible approval: Updated Courthouse sign proposals from T Ham Sign.
8. Discussion and possible approval: Agreement with Bellwether, LLC for solar application review.
9. Discussion and possible approval: the Claims List, Late Claims and Highway Claims with signatures of approval.

HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATION

10. Discussion and possible approval: Memorandum of Understanding/Partnership Agreement with the ARIA Project Team.

APPOINTMENTS

11. Approve the appointment of Heather Bowman to the Hamilton County Ambulance Service Board to fill the remaining (3) year term vacated by Connie VanWinkle. Term to expire on November 30, 2026.

ADJOURN