

HEATHER BOWMAN
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

APPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON:
DECEMBER 19, 2025**

The Hamilton County Board convened at the Hamilton County Courthouse in the City of McLeansboro, State of Illinois, on Friday the 19th day of December, at 5:30 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Kelly Woodrow.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following board members responded as being present, which represented a quorum: Kelly Woodrow, John Mead, John Carrell, and Landon Vaughan. Adam Little was absent.

Judge Barry Vaughan and Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Mead were also in attendance.

Chairman Woodrow asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion was opened regarding the 2026 Hamilton County Board Meeting schedule.

Chairman Woodrow said he had talked with Dustin Harmon after his meeting in White County on Wednesday evening. Dustin said their board would be happy to switch meeting dates; giving us Wednesday and then Tuesday. Clerk Bowman verified that the meeting would be at the same time on a different day. The board confirmed.

MOTION was made by Landon Vaughan, seconded by John Carrell, to approve the 2026 Hamilton County Board Meeting schedule, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, as discussed. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion was opened regarding the possible appointment of Sarah Mead as Hamilton County State's Attorney, effective January 1, 2026, to fill the vacant seat of Justin Hood.

Chairman Woodrow noted that they received a recommendation to appoint Sarah from the Republican Party Chairman, John Chapman.

MOTION was made by Landon Vaughan, seconded by John Carrell, to appoint Sarah Mead as Hamilton County State's Attorney, to replace Justin Hood, effective January 1, 2026. The Chairman asked for a roll call vote. On roll call the vote was as follows: Yes- Landon Vaughan, John Carrell, and Kelly Woodrow. John Mead chose to abstain. 3 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

MOTION was made by John Carrell, seconded by Landon Vaughan, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

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COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN