HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 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, 2026 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 October, 2026. Salaries: $8,364.00 Fringes: $983.61 Insurance: $1,158.14.

2. Accept check # 8266 in the amount of $285.00 from the Hamilton County Health Department for reimbursement of Kunce Managed Services through the end of November 2026.

3. Accept check #48909 in the amount of $5,208.33 from the City of McLeansboro per the Central Dispatching agreement for the month of November 2026.

4. Accept check # 6014112 from Hamilton County Coal, LLC in the amount of $21,477.70 for the product of leases dated 11/01/2007 and 11/01/2008.

5. Review the 1% school facilities tax schedule in the amount of $62,722.92.

6. Review the Hamilton County Public Safety Tax Payment received in the amount of $63,117.95 This is liability MO- Aug 2026, Collected MO- Sept 2026 Vouchered MO- Nov 2026.

7. Accept check # 2296 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, 2027.

8. Accept check # 1378 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, 2027.

9. Accept check # 6102 in the amount of $291.67 and issue Class C Liquor License to Alfred Rubenacker, D/B/A Rube's Liquor Locker, Inc for a (1) month period to expire on December 31, 2026.

10. Approve Resolution # 2026-11-01 pertaining to the surrender of tax sale certificate #2864 for permanent parcel # 12-011 to Frank Sr Grant & Claribel V Grant in the amount of $1,674.06. (Certificate sold at the February 2019 tax sale to the Hamilton County Trustee Program)

11. Approve Resolution # 2026-11-02 pertaining to the surrender of tax sale certificate #3758 for permanent parcel # 15-08-155-001 to Frank Sr Grant & Claribel V Grant in the amount of $813.21. (Certificate sold at the December 2023 tax sale to the Hamilton County Trustee Program)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible approval: Seedbox Solar Application

2. Discussion and possible approval: The FY25 Audit Report presented by Dale Holtman with Scheffel Boyle.

3. Discussion and possible approval: The FY25 Circuit Clerk Audit Report as prepared by Scheffel Boyle.

4. Discussion and possible approval: Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Hamilton, the Sheriff of Hamilton County, and the City of McLeansboro for Central Dispatching Services.

5. Discussion and possible approval: Renewal of the Ambulance Services Agreement with Hamilton County Ambulance Service. Current agreement to expire November 30, 2026.

6. Discussion and possible approval: Grant authorization to the Hamilton County Sheriff to open sealed bids from the County Surplus Sale and to award to the highest bidder. Bids to be opened on Friday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m. as advertised.

7. Discussion and possible approval: LOA and Agreement required to transition to NUSO e-fax services. Option to add Health Department fax.

8. Discussion and possible approval: The FY27 Budget Ordinance #2026-11-01.

9. Discussion and possible approval: The FY27 Appropriation Ordinance #2026-11-02.

10. Discussion and possible approval: The FY27 Levy Ordinance #2026-11-03.

11. Discussion and possible approval: The FY27 Letter of Agreement with Bellwether LLC.

12. Discussion and possible approval: Additional decorative concrete around the courthouse.

13. Discussion and possible approval: Possible sidewalk replacement on the west side of the courthouse.

14. Discussion and possible approval: the Claims List, Late Claims and Highway Claims with signatures of approval.

HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATION

15. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2026-11-03 Agreement for the County Engineer's Salary.

16. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2026-11-04 Appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary.

17. Discussion and possible approval: Resolution #2026-11-05 pertaining to the acceptance of ET Simond's bid for resurfacing the East Pio Road.

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, 2027.

19. Approve the re-appointment of Dylan Bowling to the Discover Downstate Tourism Board for a (2) year term to expire December 30, 2028.

20. Approve the appointment of _____ to the Discover Downstate Tourism Board for a (2) year term to expire December 30, 2028.

ADJOURN