

August 11, 2026

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on August 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting. At Roll call the following members were present Turner; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the July 14th and 30th meetings were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Idle, motion carried. Green moved to pay all monthly bills. Including payroll. Second by Idle, motion carried. Wrap up of the 2026 fair, Turner asked if there could be more food options for the 2027 fair. There were complaints that Jolly's left on Friday and Richard's closed early on sale day. Wells stated there were a few open spots that could be filled with new food vendors. Green mentioned issues with help in the infield on Friday night at the derby. Turner stated that if Rutherford's come back in 2027 they will have their own crew to help move cars out of the derby pit. Ross heard complaints about the team derby on Wednesday evening. Turner reported Sherriff Jones has contacted him about the VOA music festival the week after the 2027 fair. Turner talked to the promoter, who used to be with Lori's Roadhouse. Wells has talked to Logan from River's Edge about possibly doing a concert as well. Steve Beiser is scheduled to start taking the old hog and sheep barns down this week. He is donating the labor to demolish the barns. Turner talked to the Department of Commerce for the state of Ohio, and the board does not have to pay prevailing wage since we own the fairgrounds. Vollmer moved to pay the City of Hamilton Police Department \$65.00 per hour. Second by Ross, motion carried. The CD at Somerville National Bank for the sale account is set to expire on August 19th. Simpson moved to renew the CD, second by Mignery, motion carried. Sany Simpson raised the concern over the goat barn bathrooms being ADA compliant. The board needs to address this issue. The event center also needs to be made ADA compliant. Wells moved to spend \$4000.00 to install a touch pad to one of the lobby doors, second by Mignery, motion carried. Turner is getting a quote on seating for the grandstand. He spoke with the company we rent bleachers from about seating in the new hog barn around the show ring. A new set of bleachers costs \$70,000. Wells reported there was a 23 percent increase in beer sales at the entertainment tent with zero issues related to alcohol being reported. The board discussed the possibility of selling beer at the grandstands. Ross, the board needs to look at how we do packer bids. There was a couple species that only had one bid. Billy Koch liked the way the bids used to be auctioned off. If there was a low bid packers may bid their way through it. Stephanie Sphan asked if there was a way to promote businesses and buyers from the sale more effectively. Possibly a fair book ad or on Face Book. Billy and Shauna Kock along with Marie Lyons offered to explore promoting the sale and reaching out to local businesses with FFA chapters to bring in new buyers and possibly working with the county associations as well. Idle reported the county inmates did an excellent job putting up and taking down the horse stalls in the new barn. Idle also brought an issue with horses leaving early that the board needs to address. Idle will contact all the parties involved and have them attend the September 8th meeting. There was a lot of vandalism in the tents at night this year. The board is going to have to start having security on the Friday night before the fair starts and officers patrolling the grounds more at night during the fair. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting on September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.