

August 12, 2025

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on August 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the July 8th and July 25th meetings were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements. Second by Ross, motion carried. Ross moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Idle, motion carried. Scott Arnold asked if there was a way to include breeding projects in Bonus Bucks. There would have to be a lot number added for each exhibitor, or possibly adding a link on the website. Rafeal Salem reported on the sales of the Pour Trailer under the entertainment tent. Total sales were \$12,682.56, with total profits of \$8627.17 to be divided. He suggested keeping the area where alcohol is permitted confined but increase the size of the area and extending the hours to noon through 9:00 pm. Wells reported it was very organized and well run. Suggestions for next year included corn hole, ax throwing and horseshoes as other forms of entertainment. Tim Scott addressed the board about the banners from the Butler County Cattlemen's not being displayed all week. Vollmer told him the banners were not displayed all week because there was no communication beforehand and the Cattlemen's Association still owed premium money and rent of the event center from 2024. One of the goats that was sent home with Andy Korb got sick and had to be treated and is quarantined for three weeks. In the future those animals should be pulled from the livestock sale and put on the packer truck or sent home with the family. Green suggested guidelines be written to help with these situations. Wells moved to pay \$2500.00 to the Butler County Mounted Patrol. Second by Bittner, motion carried. Turner reported that Bobcat wants to donate equipment again for the 2026 Butler County Fair. Mignery will conduct AED training for the board. Chris Turner, the CD from the Sale account at Somerville National Bank expires August 19. Wells moved to renew the CD with Somerville National Bank for six months at 4.25%. Second by Idle, motion carried. Ross thanked the office staff for their work with the new computer system. Idle is planning on taking down the stalls in the new horse barn over the weekend. The board discussed demolition of the sheep and swine barns and building a new swine barn. The estimated cost of the building is \$319,000.00 before a sale office, wash racks, electric and removing the old barns. Green would like drawings to present to potential donors. Turner will contact the builder about getting updated plans. Vollmer moved to pay Karen Bokenstedt \$100.00 for taking the pictures for the Sale of Champions. Second by Green, motion carried. Green moved to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee. Second by Mignery. Roll call vote Turner-Y; Bittner-Y; Gerber-Y; Green-Y; Idle-Y; Mignery -Y; Ross-Y; Simpson-Y; Vollmer-Y and Wells-Y. Simpson moved to leave executive session. Second by Mignery, motion carried. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet on September 9 for their regular meeting at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.