

February 14,2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on February 14,2023 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements, second by Gerber motion passed. Green moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Ross second the motion all present voted yes. Turner presented the board with a contract from Pro Equipment to provide golf carts for the fair. There is a three percent discount if a three-year contract is signed and a five percent discount if a five-year contract is approved. After discussion Ross moved to sign a five-year contract with Pro Equipment for \$8800.00 per year with a five percent discount for golf carts. Mignery second the motion all present voted yes. Mignery moved to allow the State and local health departments to use the fairgrounds in the event of an emergency. Green second the motion all present voted yes. Wells and Ross presented ideas for entertainment on Saturday night in front of the grandstands. Wells has a Bon Jovi tribute band and Ross has a professional wrestling promotion. After discussion Wells moved to hire the band Crush for \$4000.00. The board provides five hotel rooms or five hundred dollars, the sound and a stage. The motion was second by Gerber, motion passed with Mignery as the only no vote. Wells moved to use Hometown ticketing for online ticket purchases in 2023, and to purchase up to 10 Bluetooth scanners for the iPad in the ticket booths. Second by Mignery, motion passed. Turner and Gerber went to a session in Columbus about the shooting at the Canfield fair. There are towers with security cameras to monitor the fair grounds. Turner has talked to Homeland security and sheriff Jones about having these at the 2023 fair. The board also needs to increase lighting in the parking lot. Turner will talk to United about renting 12 light towers. Ross asked about having a sale committee. The board wants to put together a committee to help promote the sales better and help with setup. Vollmer will contact the people that have been helping with the livestock sale and set up a meeting so they can discuss creating a committee. Mignery presented the board with a sample of a request for a bid to put in the newspaper and on the website for the grandstand project. Mignery will make a few changes to the proposal and send it out to the board and attorney Steve Tooman to review. Erin Simpson-Sloan reported there were 112 exhibitors at the quality assurance on February 13. There is a second quality assurance on February 15 at 6:30 at the fairgrounds. The 4-H committee would also like to pay to print and sell copies of the fair book with a May 5 goal to have them ready. Chris Turner reported the insurance agent called and said the board has \$250,000.00 worth of insurance for computer hacking, but for an additional \$1900.00 the coverage will increase to \$1,000,000.00. The board did not feel it was necessary to spend the extra money. Chris passed out a copy of the societies by laws for the board to review and discuss at the March meeting. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting March 14 at 6:00 pm at the extension office.