

February 11, 2025

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on February 11, 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 December 10 and January 4 meetings were approved as read. The Junior fair board departments presented their changes for the 2025 fair to the senior fair board. Mignery moved to accept the January and February financial statements. Second by Ross, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Second by Green, motion carried. Mignery moved to accept Joe Krazel's contract to mow the grass at the fairgrounds and snow removal. Green second by Green, motion carried. Doug, Chris and Carrie met with Gene Steiner about running the livestock auction. He will provide 3 auctioneers, 2 people on the block and 2 ring men. They will register buyers on the day of the auction and take payments. He will hire any of the people that have worked in the sale office before. The cost will be \$6375.00. Ross moved to accept the proposal, second by Green, the motion carried. Turner presented the board with a bid from Advanced Audio and Alarm to provide sound for the 2025 fair at a cost of \$15,787.00. After discussion Wells moved to accept the contract, second by Gerber, motion carried. Idle reported he is working with the horse advisors to get \$10,000.00 towards new stalls for the new horse barn. Total costs for the stalls will be \$60,000.00. Ross moved to spend \$50,000.00 on 40 new horse stalls from Lakeland Farm and Ranch. Second by Green, motion carried. Gerber reported the art hall needs new shelving for displays during the fair. Wells moved to pay up to \$2,000.00 for shelves. Second by Mignery, motion carried. United Tool Rental can no longer support the fair as they have done in the past. 6 light towers, 2 skid loaders and the lift will cost \$15,000.00. Simpson will contact Sunbelt and Green will talk to Art's Rental to see if they can provide any of the equipment needed. Mignery moved to pay Liberty Mutual \$698.00 for the board's crime prevention policy. Second by Green, motion carried. Emily and Erin with OSU extension expressed some concerns over a couple of the proposed rule changes. They wanted to see the rule about appropriate shows to stay and did not want to change the awards ceremony before the Grand Showmen of Showmen too much. The board will look at moving awards presentations around and will put in the fair book they advise wearing proper shoes when working with livestock. Chris Turner reported the new computer system will cost \$2.00 per exhibitor. Mignery moved to remove the \$.50 entry fee on all art hall entries and add a \$2.00 processing fee per exhibitor for Junior and Open class entries. There will be a \$.50 per entry charge on all art hall entries over 50 entries. Second by Ross, motion carried. Also, with the new computer system the weights will be able to be entered at weigh ins. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn. Second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting on March 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.