

July 14, 2026

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on July 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turne; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Gerber, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including pay roll. Second by Green, motion carried. Turner asked if there were any last-minute needs before the 2026 fair. Wasp spray, zip ties, light bulbs and marking paint were suggested. Inmates from Butler County put up the horse stalls in the new barn and are going to take down the pens in the goat, sheep and swine barns the morning after the fair. Idle moved to purchase five big ceiling fans for the new horse barn for \$1840.00. And to pay Nathan Krause \$2500.00 to install them, for a total of \$4340.00. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Turner reported Fairfield township will have two EMT units on the fairgrounds while grandstand events are going on. The fair vet will be the same as last year, Dr. Sophie. The committee for the new barns met for several hours last month and came up with plans for two builds to replace the swine barn and sheep barn. Turner received bids of \$310,000.00 and \$288,000 for an 80'X150' building. Both contractors said they would be able to build a 60'X130' with the total for both buildings being \$500,000.00. The committee will meet again on July 16th. Simpson moved to present four \$500.00 scholarships this year to Cali Clayton; Emily Steinke; Aimee Mikulich and Grace Harris. Second by Green, motion carried. Gerber moved to pay \$8424.00 for event insurance. Coverage will be \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 for Monday night's tractor pulls and Tuesday nights rodeo. And \$30,000.00 coverage for each night of the demolition derbies. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Wells moved board members and Carrie Robinson get their camping spots free on charge for the 2026 Butler County fair. Second by Bittner, motion passed with Ross voting no. Bittner moved to increase the number of meal tickets each department in the art hall receives from 20 to 40. Second by Gerber, motion carried with Ross voting no. Gerber moved to go into executive session to discuss employees. Second by Idle. Mignery moved to leave executive session, second by Wells. Mignery moved to increase the pay for Angie Weber to \$22.00 per hour Tim Weber; Shelby Weber; Karen Burtis and Jeff Adams to \$20.00 per hour. Anne Ridenour; Cari Gerber; Ami Wells; Kristy Weaver; Rae Elam; Debbie Curry and Lori Ross to \$18.75 per hour. Anne Turner to \$25.00 per hour; all gate workers to \$15.00 per hour and Jeff Shaw to \$21.50 per hour. Second by Idle, motion carried. Chris reported that the Agricultural Society had been scammed out of \$25,000.00 out of the fair account. She has been in contact with First Financial bank and Bittner is following up with company the purchases were made through. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for a call meeting during the 2026 fair.