

## June 10, 2025

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on June 10, 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 May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements, second by Green motion carried. Wells moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Turner presented the board with two bids to install garage door openers on two doors in the art hall. After discussion Vollmer moved to pay S & S Construction \$2400.00 to install two garage door openers. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Turner has received a quote for a lean to on the side of the small animal barn. A 20'X120'X8' lean to with 8'X10' sliding doors at each end would cost \$47,500.00. Turner also received a quote for a new swine barn. An 80'X200'X16' with 2' overhang and 28 10X8' garage doors and 4 16'X14' garage doors with openers would cost \$319,000.00 including concrete. Turner will get a quote from Dingedine to take down and remove the swine showing and junior fair sheep barns and to build a pad for the new swine barn. Fairfield township will raise the hourly rate for the EMS to \$50.00/hour. They will have personnel on the fairgrounds from 9:00 am through 11:00 pm. Sheriff deputies will cost \$75.00/hour and Hamilton City Police officers will cost the board \$60.00/hour. Wells moved to pay \$20,000.00 for parking and \$20,000.00 to work the gates. Second by Simpson, motion carried. Simpson will fix the water leak in the main pit outside the office. Nathan could not find the sewer line inside the fairgrounds. To hook the infield camp grounds and the goat barn restrooms in he would have to go all the way to the end of the Dairy barn. The board needs to look at putting holding tanks at each end of the campers for the 2026 fair. The board will have a golf cart that will run between the horse area along the back stretch up to the livestock barns. JT will OSU Extension will have exotic animals at the fairgrounds on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Wells moved to purchase 100 hats to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Butler County Fair for \$25.00 each. Second by Bittner, motion carried. Mignery moved to keep the same event insurance as last year. Monday will have \$20,000.00 worth of coverage. Tuesday will be \$30,000.00 and Wednesday; Thursday and Friday will have \$40,000.00 each night for \$8424.00. Second by Idle, motion carried. Erin and Emily reported the Animal and Me program will be in the dairy show ring at 2:00pm on Friday, Farmer town USA will be on Thursday in the swine showing. The Barn yard rodeo will be on the track in front of the grandstands. The Skill-a-thon awards will be in the dairy barn on Friday before the Animal and Me program. The Special Interest barn is getting very crowded. They suggested possibly putting the FFA chapters in a tent right outside of the barn. There will be handicap preferred parking from Niederman's to the cable. There will be new preferred parking spots along the fence right across from the A-lot parking as well. Mignery reported the menu for the buyer's dinner will be Pulled pork/Hot dogs; Coleslaw; Scalloped potatoes; Baked beans and Flub's Ice cream. Mignery moved to pay Izaak Walton Chapters of Hamilton and Seven Mile \$250.00 each for the 2024 Butler Count Fair, and \$500.00 each for the 2025 Butler County Fair. Second by Green, motion carried. Carrie Robinson reported there is a new week sponsor. Modern Psychiatry and Wellness LLC paid \$6000.00 for the weeklong sponsorship. Fairs.com suggested we do a mass email to the people who have purchased tickets in the past. Chris was going to see what the cost would be. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00pm at the fairgrounds.