

June 9, 2026

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on June 9, 2026, 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; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read. Idle moved to accept the financial statements, second by Ross, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Turner asked Joe if him and his crew would be interested in putting up the horse stalls in the horse barn. He said they are not. Idle will call Angie McQueen with the mounted patrol to see if we can get inmates from the county to put the stalls up. Johnston Fire service gave Turner a quote for covering the three demolition derbies and the combine derby of \$45.00 per hour per man and a \$50.00 trip charge. They would have three men each night. Gerber moved to accept the proposal, second by Green, motion passed. Turner is going to meet with Fairfield township fire department to discuss having two EMT units on the grounds while grandstand events are going on. Gary Gabbard has been doing repairs on the fairgrounds for damage caused by storms. He gave Turner a quote for awnings over the walk-through door on the art hall and over the entrance to the office. The art hall would cost \$18,000 and the one over the office would be \$30-35,000. After discussion the board decided to table the topic until after the fair. Turner talked to Mike Farmer from the Veterans. He told Turner they are understaffed and underfunded this year to be a day sponsor, but they have WGRR lined up for Wednesday of the fair and would like to set up outside the office. Turner received a call from state representative Thomas Hall. They have approved grants for the Bitler County Agricultural Society for \$250,000.00 for seating in the grandstand and \$300,000.00 towards a new hog building. The Cincinnati Kennel Club has pledged to donate at least \$200,000.00 in stocks to go towards the new hog building as well. Turner has contacted a couple of builders to get quotes. The board will set up a building committee that will include board members as well as non-board members to help plan the new hog building. Jackie and Mark Ponder updated the board on the renovations to the goat barn bathrooms. They are almost done and will be ready for the ceiling to be installed soon. Carrie Robinson showed the board a commercial WDTN has created to advertise the upcoming fair. Wells has had five requests for refunds from early registrations for the demolition derbies totaling \$900.00. After discussion the board decided to refund the entry fees. The dog department asked if they could have more room by the turkey tent for their two days of demonstrations. Turner said the board can't afford to give up high dollar rental space for more room for the dogs. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on July 14, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.