

May 1, 2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on May 1, 2023, 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; Ross; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. Green moved to accept the financial statements, second by Wells motion carried. Wells, moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Gerber second the motion, motion carried. Turner presented the board with two bids to pave the A parking lot. The first was \$42,000.00. Included in the bid was one layer of 2.5 inches of surface. The second bid was for \$59,250.00 and included a 1.5-inch surface layer on top of a 2-inch layer of base. After discussion Wells moved to pay \$59,250.00 to pave the A lot and \$16,120.00 to pave the connector road from the parking lot in front of the building to the main parking lot. Green second the motion, all present voted yes. Ross moved to give Turner the authority to spend up to \$6,000.00 to have lines painted on the new blacktop for parking places. Second by Green, motion carried. Wells moved to raise the cost of preferred parking from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for the 2023 fir. Green second the motion, motion carried. The board discussed adding more preferred parking at the end on the dairy barn and not having stockman's gate passes. After discussion Wells moved to have no more stockman's passes, and the area at the end of the dairy barn will be preferred parking. Bittner second the motion, all present voted yes. Turner reported to the board there will be a tower with security cameras to monitor the midway, provided by the state of Ohio. Ross reported the junior fair board approved to have a semi-trailer at the fair to take food donations to compete with other junior fair boards. Ross would like to see a budget committee created consisting of the treasurer, one livestock department head and a member involved with the grandstand events, this committee would be appointed by the president at the January meeting and report to the board at the March meeting. Bittner said the first thing they would need is a cash flow projection from previous years. Turner was concerned if there was a budget that the board had to follow projects such as paving the A lot would not be able to happen. After discussion Turner appointed Turner appointed Bittner, Mignery and Ross to the budget committee to put together a financial forecast. Gerber presented the board with a new Art Hall sponsorship form. The only changes were the gold and silver levels will receive 4 passes and the bronze level will receive 2 passes. Bob and Janet Niederman donated \$15,000.00 to the board years ago for a fountain and landscaping in memory of their son Bobby. The board has not been able to get a fountain, but this needs to be accomplished. The board will get quotes and report back at the June meeting. The board will have a buyers appreciation dinner for the livestock sale buyers on July 14 at the fairgrounds. A postcard will be sent out to all buyers with an invitation and registration information. The board will ask 4-H clubs to put together baskets to be auctioned and raffled off to help cover the cost of the dinner. Gerber moved to spend up to \$5000.00 on food and drinks, second by Wells motion carried. The board discussed presenting scholarships to graduate students. After discussion Vollmer moved to present four \$500.00 scholarships. Any junior fair participant that is a 2023 graduate is eligible. Second by Green, motion carried. With no further business to discuss Gerber moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting June 13 at 7:00 PM.