

September 8,2026

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson and Wells. Vollmer arrived late. Gerber moved to accept the financial statements, second by Green, motion carried. Ross moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Green, motion carried. Simpson moved to go into executive session to discuss employees. Second by Green, motion passed. Mignery moved to leave executive session, second by Gerber, motion carried. Jackie Ponder asked the board what the Butler County Meat Goat Association could do for 2027. The idea of contributing to new restrooms in the sale office over the next couple of years. Turner presented the board with a proposal for a bench outside the art hall as a memorial to Carol Schaeffer Cain from Darre Hoelle and Carla Hale. Simpson moved to accept the proposal, second by Gerber, motion carried. There was an incident at the Canfield Fair where a gun was pulled. Turner has talked to the Sherrif's department about security for next years VOA music festival. The Sherrif has a life safety plan. The VOA music festival will pay \$75,000.00 to rent the fairgrounds. Half will be due 30 days after the contract is signed, the other half is due 60 days before the event. The promoter will pay the utilities for the week of the festival. The fairgrounds will receive 60% of the camping revenue as well as 40% of the parking and \$3.00 per ticket sold. The Cincinnati Reds Historical Society wants to partner with the fairgrounds by removing the old seating from the grandstands. They will keep some of the seats and help the board sell the remaining seats. Turner received estimates to replace the seats in the grandstands with aluminum bleacher type seats with backs. Simpson moved to give Turner the authority to order seating for the grandstands, handrails for the isles and an ADA approved ramp. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Dingledine plans to grade the pads for the new swine barns in the next couple of weeks. The drainage around the new barns will be addressed by installing 6-foot-deep dry wells and having the concrete drain to the wells. The board

needs to discuss roughing in plumbing for wash pits and restrooms. Simpson reported that the engineer's office is rerouting the drainage by the horse barns and going to clear the ditch all the way to the retention pond. The combine derby was great in 2025, but the weather was awful in 2026. With the VOA music festival starting the Thursday after the fair in 2027 all those combines would need to be removed on Saturday night. Turner will talk Tony Sterwerf about getting them moved out. The fair dates for 2027 will be July 25th through July 31st. Shauna and Billy Koch; Spahn's and Casey's offered to help with promoting the livestock sale. Creating a flyer, having exhibitors present to chambers of commerce promoting the sale were among ideas that were discussed. Also need to recognize packers from previous year and have a thank you dinner soon after the fair to thank buyers They also offered to help make fair book changes to help get the book out earlier. If an exhibitor must have their project by April 1st the book should be available by March 1st. The board will talk to extension about having the junior fair board make their changes earlier. Ross moved to have a committee chaired by Vollmer and Wells to help promote the sale. Second by Mignery, motion carried. With no further business to discuss, Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular monthly meeting October 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.