

April 14, 2026

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting were approved as read. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements, second by Idle, motion carried. Gerber moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Simpson, motion carried. Amy Robertson and Joe Peree from WDTN channel 2 from Dayton presented the board with a proposal to advertise on digital streaming television with a focus on Butler and surrounding counties. They also proposed advertising on streaming radio. There would be a potential of 67,000 impressions on the television and 52,000 impressions on radio. After discussion Simpson moved to advertise with WDTN on both television and radio. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Mark and Jackie Ponder, from the Meat Goat Association, presented the board with plans for renovations for the goat barn bathrooms. They will paint the walls and build dressing areas in front of the showers. Turner presented the board with a proposal from Trenton Heating and Air to replace one of the heating and Air conditioning units for the event center of \$43,718.00. Simpson moved to accept the proposal, second by Gerber, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay Advanced Audio and Alarm a total of \$14,497.00 for providing sound for the 2026 fair. \$3624.25 is due now. \$3624.25 is due in June and \$7248.50 is due at the end of the fair, second by Mignery, motion carried. Jorda Rutherford has asked for an increase in his fee for running the demolition derbies from \$8500.00 to 10,000.00. Simpson moved to accept the pay increase, second by Gerber, motion carried with Mignery voting no. The livestock sale buyer's dinner will be on July 18. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Wells will line up music for the evening. The Butler County Veterans informed Carrie that they can no longer afford to be a day sponsor. The board agreed to allow them to keep their tent space free of charge for 2026. The Small Animal department had in their rule changes that they would remove an exhibitor from the sale and ban them for a year if they did not think the exhibitor was taking care of their animals. Simpson advised not to put that rule in the fair book. Simpson reported on the district meeting. Ownership and leasing of fairgrounds were discussed and how some fairs could be vulnerable to land grabs. They are planning on having a session in Columbus in January. Wade Flory is giving up his position with the Ohio Fair Managers as district chairman. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds for their regular monthly meeting