

## August 8, 2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Tuner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. Mignery moved to accept the minutes from the July 11 and July 25 meetings, second by Simpson, motion carried. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements, second by Green, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Green second the motion, motion carried. John Shoemaker, the adult advisor for the small animal department expressed his concern and displeasure over the livestock sale and the rabbits and chicken not being able to be kept by the buyers. Turner asked John if he would be willing to look at the rules in the fair book on livestock sale and help clarify the rules on keeping animals. Sam Casey also expressed his displeasure over the champion rabbits not being able to be kept by the buyer, Stephen Roller. Mignery knows and has spoken to Mr. Roller and discussed reimbursement of his bid. Mignery moved to refund Mr. Roller his bid on the champion pen of rabbits, second by Vollmer, motion carried. Gerber moved to pay Karen Hiltbrand \$100.00 for taking pictures at the sale of champions, second by Green, motion carried. Wells asked if there were any complaints he needed to address about any vendors. Turner has received emails about a vendor speaking inappropriately to some younger fair goers. Turner apologized and assured them that the board does not condone this behavior. Wells was aware of the incident and will address it. Green suggested having a meeting with all vendors before next year's fair and going over what is acceptable and what is not. Turner said it would not do any good. Bittner has a food truck interested in being in the horse area for next year. Wells would be thrilled to have a vendor in the horse area that would be willing to stay past the first day. Ross asked if there was a benefit to having Homeland Security on the grounds. Turner said the deputies appreciated watching over the fair grounds and there was only one incident this year. Bittner reported having a deputy at every gate worked out well. Turner, there was still a problem with people parking more cars in front of their campers than the two that are allowed. Mignery presented the board with a notice to contractors, for walk through and a date for bids to be submitted that will be posted on the website and Facebook for work to be done to the grandstands. After discussion Gerber moved to accept the notice to contractors, second by Bittner, motion passed. Erin Simpson Sloan reported the 4-H clubs would like to put decorated hay bales throughout the fairgrounds again next year. Turner stated the clubs need to be made responsible for cleaning up and disposing of the hay bales after the fair. They are not allowed to be put in the dumpsters and there were three bales that had to be cleaned up this year. Gerber, the barns need to be closed for the year. Green said if the board will get him a list of hardware needed to secure the barns, he will pick those items up. Simpson oved to pay the derby announcer, Mark Elliott, \$1900.00, second by Mignery, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay Justine Bach \$1200.00 for being the opening act for Crush. Second by Wells, motion carried. Gerber moved to pay \$600.00 for a cell phone buster for the office. Second by Mignery, motion carried. Mignery moved to give Rent Mart a golf cart sponsorship for the 2024 fair for their excellent service and wiliness to help. Second by Green, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay up to \$3000.00 to Nathan Krause for the installation of two Big Ass Fans in the dairy and open class sheep barns and to offer reimbursement anyone who donated the project, second by Bittner, motion passed. There were several complaints about the auctioneers at the livestock sale. There were a couple of bids missed and a couple of the auctioneers were hard to understand. The speakers in barns also need to be addressed, the sound is terrible. Sandy Simpson suggested not having any entertainment on Saturday evening in front of the grandstands. There was not a very big crowd. Wells, the crowd that was there came to see Justine Bach. He suggested bringing in three or four local bands who have a following. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.