

February 13,2024

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular monthly meeting on February 13,2024 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the December 12 and January 6 meetings were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the January and February financial statements. Second by Wells, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, including payroll. Second by Wells, motion carried. Ross moved to pay \$1000.00 for a builder's risk insurance policy for the work to be completed on the grandstand. Second by Wells, motion carried. Simpson moved to pay up to \$8400.00 for a new floor scrubber for the event center. Second by Vollmer, motion carried. Turner will get a quote from United Heartland Insurance for weather insurance for the 2024 fair events. The CD at Somerville National Bank expires on March 4. Vollmer moved to renew the CD with a 5-month CD, second by Green, motion carried. Mignery moved to have Trisco remove the plywood doors in the bays under the grandstand. Second, by Green, motion passed. Mignery moved to put Angie Webber; Shelby Webber; Jordan Webber and Karen Burtis on the fairground's payroll. Second, by Green, motion passed. Idle moved camping prices for 2024 infield \$300.00, Horse 1 \$250.00, Horse 2 \$300.00 and along the Engineers fence \$225.00. Second by Ross, motion carried. Mignery moved to allow Verizon, a 50'X50' area, to set up a mobile tower to provide free Wi-Fi during the fair. Second by Ross, motion carried. Mignery moved the board to provide food for the livestock buyers dinner. Second by Vollmer, motion carried. Mignery moved to apply for a \$100,000.00 grant from the state to build a new horse barn. Second by Green, motion carried. Wells moved to have half off admission to the fair on Saturday July 27. Admission for adults will be \$5.00 and kids 12 and under are free. Second by Simpson, motion carried. The roof of the foyer is leaking and needs to be replaced. Turner has a quote of \$22,000.00 from Gary Gabbard. Green moved to have the roof replaced after the 2024 fair. Second by Vollmer, motion carried. Mignery moved to increase the price of grandstand and pit passes. The grandstand tickets will cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children for the demolition derbies. The tractor pulls and rodeo tickets will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The pit passes increased to \$30 for the demolition derbies and \$20 for the tractor pulls and rodeo. The week pass to the grandstand will be \$40 for adults and \$15 for children. Second by Wells, motion carried. The website needs to be improved and more user-friendly. Simpson moved to pay Lemon Grenade \$8000.00 to create and build a new website and \$100.00 a month to maintain it. Second by Vollmer, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay \$1632.73 to Carpenter Signs for a new circuit board for the electronic sign. Second by Ross, motion carried. Green moved to rent the fairgrounds to Clayton Gerber for half price for a car show in honor of Trevor Zaenkert. Second by Ross, motion carried. Gary Gabbard has offered to take down Charlie's shelter. Green will contact Jerry Dingeldine about removing the concrete. Wells has a quote for the entertainment tent and a stage of 2074.00. He is working on getting a quote on sound. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular meeting March 12 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.