

January 6,2024

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for a call meeting on January 6,2024 at the OFMA convention in Columbus, Ohio. 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. Mignery moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and the financial statements. Second by green, motion carried. Simpson moved to pay all convention expenses for the OFMA convention, second by Mignery, motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills. Idle second the motion, motion carried. Vollmer moved to pay Crown Charter for the bus the junior fair board. Second by Simpson, motion passed. Idle moved to pay South Plains Rodeo Company \$20,000.00 to put on a rodeo at the 2024 Butler County Fair. Second by Green, motion carried. Turner reported there will be a meeting on Tuesday January 23 at Garfield Middle School to discuss the possible road going through the fairgrounds. Simpson moved to pay Bleachers on Demand \$6800.00 for 4 sets of bleachers and Bleachers on the Go \$3400.00 for 2 sets of bleachers for the 2024 fair. Second by Gerber, motion carried. Turner attended a session at the convention about grants from the State of Ohio. Turner asked the board to have projects in mind for the February meeting. Wells moved to have demolition derbies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the 2024 fair and to increase the purse money for all three nights to \$50,000.00. Second by Vollmer, motion carried. Simpson moved to have a combine derby on Saturday evening of the 2024 fair. It would be a free event with prize money paid out of sponsorships and entry fees. Second by green, motion carried Ross moved the board tears down Charlie's shelter to make room for an entertainment tent, second by Wells motion carried. Mignery moved to pay up to \$10,000.00 for the week for musical entertainment, second by Green, motion carried. Mignery moved each director and spouse \$64.00 per day per diem. Second by Wells, motion carried. Turner met with Carrie Robinson after the December meeting. They talked about her employment at the fair. Turner recommended to the board to allow Carrie to work from home during the off season. She will be responsible for meeting with anyone interested in renting the fairgrounds. Her commission rate will be increased from 5% to 10% and she will be at the fairgrounds 5 days a week from May through August. Simpson moved to accept Turners recommendation, second by Idle motion carried. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet for their regular monthly meeting February 13 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.