

June 13, 2023

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on June 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Gerber; Green; Idle; Mignery; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as read. Mignery moved to accept the financial statements, second by Ross motion carried. Mignery moved to pay all monthly bills, second by Green, motion carried. Mignery has been in contact with Rural King about supplies needed for the fair. Turner presented the board with two quotes for building a water feature and new landscaping. The first bid was from RFS Landscaping in the amount of \$28,189.36. The second quote was for \$31,000.00 from Prather Property Services. After discussion and reviewing both plans Bittner moved to approve the plan from Prather Property Services for \$31,000.00. Green second the motion, all present voted yes. Jason Owens with Homeland Security and Turner have been discussing security at the fair. There needs to be 6 to 8 deputies in the midway during the evening and a deputy at every gate starting at 6:00 pm. There needs to be 16 to 18 deputies total on busy nights with some being plain clothes officers. There is a broken water line at one of the wash pits in the horse area and the hydrants behind the sheep barn and next to the new building are leaking. Simpson will check the lines and hydrants. There are drop offs along parts of the new blacktop throughout the fairgrounds that need to be addressed before fair. Turner has talked to the county engineer's office and the company that laid the blacktop about filling in the berm. Neither one will be able to complete the work before fair. The board discussed options for doing the work themselves and will work on it Tuesday June 20. Gary Clemmons and Jeff Shaw are ready to work together this year and transition Jeff into Gary's roll at the fair. Gary will help Jeff get started and will be available to help or answer any questions. There are people who have had camping spots for years and no longer have children showing and their grand children are now showing. There are 42 people on the waiting list for camping spots and the board may need to look at making a change on how the camping spots are renewed each year. Gerber presented the board with rain insurance options for the grandstand events. The board will keep the same amount of coverage for each night as 2022. Mignery moved to pay \$4914.00 to Agri General Insurance Company, seconded by Wells, motion passed. Green asked about running a camera through sewer pipes in old campground out to Fair Avenue. Carrie Robinson has contacted Neals BBQ and Flubs to provide food for the buyer's appreciation dinner. The cost will be \$20.00 per person for pulled pork and choice of sides. The 2022 antique tractor pull was canceled due to rain. Gayle Lierer asked if the sponsors from last year could be recognized as sponsors this year and not pay again. The board decided they would have to pay again to be considered sponsors for the 2023 fair. There was a late junior fair entry and they wanted to pay one \$75.00 fee for their four entries. Ross moved to allow a one time \$75.00 fee for all the animals to be in junior fair shows and sale. Second by Wells, motion failed 4-5. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Green. The board will meet on July 11, 2023 at 6:30pm at the fairgrounds.