July 12, 2022

The Butler County Agricultural Society met for their regular meeting on July 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds. President Turner called the meeting to order. At rollcall the following members were present Turner; Bittner; Green; Mignery; Robinson; Ross; Simpson; Vollmer and Wells. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read. Vollmer moved to accept the financial statements, second by Mignery, motion passed. Wells moved to pay all monthly bills including payroll. Mignery second the motion, all present voted yes. Wells asked when the golf carts will be delivered. Turner said they will be delivered on Wednesday July 20. Simpson reported there are some tree limbs in the corner of the derby pit that he will get taken care of before fair starts. Turner presented radios for the board to consider purchasing. After discussion Mignery moved to purchase 10 radios at a cost of $33.00 per radio. Ross second the motion, all present voted yes. The Hamilton City Police Department and the Butler County Sheriff department are both raising their hourly fee to $50.00 per hour. Vollmer moved to pay all law enforcement $50.00 per hour. Second by Simpson, motion passed. The Fairfield Township Fire department is increasing the hourly rate to $30.00 an hour for EMT and medics. The board discussed renting portable fencing for the infield. After discussion Simpson moved to rent 600 feet of privacy fence for $5216.00. Second by Mignery, motion passed. The horse department reported there is a horse barn in the county with confirmed cases of strangles. The board is waiting to hear from Ohio State veterinary for official quarantine. There will be no ice chests placed around the fairgrounds for vendors to get ice out of. There will be 6 ice chests by the fair office. Turner will talk to Home City Ice about keeping better track of ice deliveries this year. Greg Humble has inquired about renting one of the boxes in the front of the grandstand for $250.00. The board discussed and will consider it for next year with the price needing to be negotiated. The cleaning crew has asked for a raise. They have not received a raise since being hired in 2015. After discussion Simpson moved to give a 25% pay raise to all employees including seasonal help and office staff. The office staff will have an annual review in October, beginning in 2023. Director Pilanda, of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, will be at the fairgrounds on Monday July 25 from 1:30 to 3:00. Vollmer reported box lunches, pork chops, auctioneers, podium help, photographer and people to help register buyers are ready for the livestock auction. In 2021 there were eight exhibitors that signed up late. In 2022 there have been 15. There is confusion with the April sign update for 4-H entries. People think they have signed up and miss the sign up at the fairgrounds. Emily has asked about having one date. Carrie Robinson asked why the dog department and horseless horse projects send their paperwork to the fair office. It should be going to the OSU Extension office. Justin Beckner is not going to be able to do the live feeds for the livestock shows this year, and Farm Bureau does not have anyone else. So, there will not be any live feeds this year. Mignery has been in contact with Rural King, and they are donating over $2000.00 worth of supplies to the fair along with $5000.00 in gift cards to junior fair participants. With no further business to discuss Mignery moved to adjourn, second by Robinson. The board will meet for a call meeting during the 2022 Butler County Fair.