

# Greene County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

## Monday: February 26, 2024

**Attendance:** Carol Adamson, Tammy Brookover, Jared Edgreen, Courtney Hursey, Betsy McClure, Bret Moore, Blair Zimmerman and Pam Marissa.

There was a large community presence of roughly 17 - 20 individuals.

President Carol Adamson called meeting to order promptly at 6:30 pm.

- Explained that the Commissioners would be attending the meeting by phone, they had a meeting in Pittsburg and were traveling back.

President Carol Adamson started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Carol Adamson thanked everyone for coming.

Tammy Brookover read the minutes from the meeting on January 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

- An Addendum was made to the minutes to include George Scull's input from January's meeting about increasing monies for getting judges for the fair.

Courtney Hursey made a motion to accept the minutes and Pam Marisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

Courtney Hursey went through the Treasurer's report and payment of bills.

- Larry Yost asked while at the time the board was dissolved, who paid the bills.
- Courtney informed Mr. Yost that the bills were unpaid, except for the ones that were on automation withdrawal.
- Courtney also stated that the controller's office was unable to pay any bills.

Courtney Hursey went over the Disbursement Request for payment for Fair Convention Expenses.

Tammy Brookover made a motion to pay the requests, Bret Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

Courtney Hursey received the itemized bill from Patton Electric and after review the Fair is responsible for \$6633.38 and the county will pay the remained.

Commissioner Betsy McClure reached out to the vendor Anthony Santillo, who is responsible for the damage. He informed Commissioner Betsy McClure that he will pay the bill.

A discuss was conducted and a decision was made for the Fair Board to pay Patton Electric and Santillo will pay back the Fair Board.

Bret Moore made the motion to pay Patton Electric and 2<sup>nd</sup> by both Commissioner Zimmerman and Commissioner McClure, all approved, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Grandstand LED Grant** – No updates

- Courtney Hursey stated that she made contact at the Fair Convention and explained that they are a little behind. But they will reach out to the Fair Board with the decision.

**Harness Racing** – After a detail discussion the decision was made to discontinue the harness racing at the fair.

Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion to discontinue the harness racing, Pam Marisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Discussion and Adoption of the Fair Schedule** – the fair schedule and activity of each night was introduced by Bret Moore, after a very lengthy discussion between board members for the activity and possible other ideas of activities. Upon pending review of vendors.

Commissioner Betsy McClure made a motion to accept the fair schedule, Commissioner Jared Edgreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**New 4H Horse Club** – Dulcie Christman discussed the program and what was needed to have a qualifying program.

- 5 kids in the club (2 families)
- Western (adult/youth)
- County Round Up – to advance to state competition
- Same day (trailer in/trailer out)
- 82 Classes
- Ribbons/Information added to Fair Book
- Round Up on Sunday start of Fair
- Participation in Fair Opening Ceremonies

Commissioner Jared Edgreen made a motion to have the Horse & Pony Round Up, Courtney Hursey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**June Truck Pulls** – Tabled

- Local Fire Departments – waiting to get conformation
- Giving monies to the Fire Departments for their assistance

**Ticket Sales** – Pam Marisa lead the discussion

- Company software would take .65 cents per ticket and that can be put onto the consumer
- Credit Card possessing fee
- Buy tickets by the day or week
- Add purchases – examples – t-shirt & ride tickets
- Amusement company gets 36% of the ride tickets sold

Commissioner Betsy McClure made motion to processed forward with online ticket sales, Pam Marisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**Advertising Budget** – Pam Marisa introduced the budget (\$23,931.44) to the board. Reaching out to a bigger area and using multiple advertising.

- Radio, WANB & WVAQ
- Multiple county billboards
- Multiple Magazine
- Websites & Social Media

Discuss was conducted.

- Larry Yost did ask Pam Marisa if her personal company was in charge of advertising and Pam responded no.

Commissioner Betsy McClure made a motion to increase the budget for advertising to \$28,000.00, Courtney Hursey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**Infield Display and Vendors** – Vendors where reach out too, most are returning to the fair and participating in loaning a tractor for the pulls.

- Woodcarver – Wednesday – Saturday (bring items from National Show)
- Petting Zoo – fair need to provide tent – last years had a sponsor
- Laser Tag – undecided

**CVI for Livestock Exhibitors** – Barn Superintendent Robin Archer

Discuss the information and recommendation by Robin, CVI is to be required and within 45 days.

Tammy Brookover made the motion to require the CVI within 45 days for all livestock, Commissioner Jared Edgreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Fair Queen:**

The Greene County Fair Queen, Adyson Kern, took the floor. She spoke of a community service project that is expected for her to complete.

- Project is to Supple the 4H Barn with Speakers
- Spaghetti Dinne, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8
- 50/50 Drawing & Chinese Auction (proceeds to go to the Queen Pageant)

Melody Longstreth took the floor – Spoke about the Fair Queen program, donations, fund raisers and scholarship monies.

- Budge for the Fair Board of \$890.00 (3 judges. Queen’s Registan & Room at states)

Melody thanked Commissioner Betsy McClure for that.

2 items that Melody wanted the board to consider:

- 1. Paying Queens milage to and from State Fair Queen Competition

Commissioner Betsy McClure made a motion to reimburse the Fair Queen’s milage to and from the State Fair Competition, Courtney Hursey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

- 2. Giving the Queen at the end of her reign a Cash Reward for services render. She does represent the County at parades, events and anything that is asked.
- \$50.00 to \$1000.00 – other fairs do this

The board made a decision to Table this until next meeting.

#### **Home & Garden** – Courtney Hursey

- Budget \$7700.00 (explained in detail want this covered)
- Discussed entry fees
- Stickers to Ribbons to save monies

Larry Yost asked about last years budget and the possible loss of displays and tables. Courtney explained that her budget is a lot less than last years and there are no missing displays or tables.

Those items are stored on the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion to except the Home & Garden Budget, Pam Marisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

Courtney explained that the live judging of the baked goods is normally on Monday night of the fair. Monday night at the fair is very busy and centered around the kids, she asked if the live judging could be moved to Sunday Evening of the start of the fair.

Pam Marisa made a motion to move the live bake goods judging to be Sunday night of the fair, Commissioner Betsy McClure 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

### **Midway Attraction** – Bret Moore

- Trace Manger for the Pulls
- Cancellation insurance prices, exp: rain outs

### **Musical Acts** – Commissioner Jared Edgreen

- Nothing new at this time

### **Fair Book** – Lew Crouse

- Still working
- All input is welcome
- Discuss being able to do fair entries on line

Cost was discussed (\$2.25 per exhibitor/unlimited entries) question/suggest that the fair pick up that cost.

Queen Application

4H Horse Club

### **Public Comments:**

James Cowell questioned was everyone welcome to put their input into the fair book on the breeds

- Lew Crouse asked for any/all input

Dulcie Christman questioned about 4Hers registration?

- Suggestion was made to do it during a 4H meeting, then done correctly

James Cowell suggested that a consideration be made that no bull over the age of 2 years be permitted to show. Safety issue.

Larry Yost asked if there where some fair board members missing

- President Carol Adamson responded that 2 members were out

Statement made that Rick Patten has resigned as a Fair Board member.

Larry Yost asked about the amount of the Fair Board Budget

- Courtney Hursey, James Cowell and Commissioner Betsy McClure all agreed that the Fair never had a Budget.

Kenny Jones stated that the board needs to get ahold of Tom Patton that he is very upset because he had not been paid yet.

- Courtney Hursey explain that she has been in contact with Tom Patton multiple time and it is under control

Larry Yost questioned why the Greene County Fair page has not been updated

- Commissioner Betsy McClure stated that it will be looked into and taken care of

Contract for Vendors under the stand need to be addressed

Commissioner Betsy McClure made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bret Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved, motion carried.

**Next Meeting: March 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

**Respectively Submitted**

**Tammy Brookover**

**Fair Board Secretary**