

## Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting, April 19, 2022

The Franklin County Agricultural Society Meeting on April 19 was called to order by Gary Fellure who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance: Cassie Fellure, Sharla House, Debbie Johnson, Rachel Bausch, Chris Johnson, Julie Krebs, Kevin Wiley, Paige Wiley, Shirley Russell, Dave Hickman, Chuck Buck, Emily Gabriel, Dave Fleshman, Abby Bates, Gary Fellure and Kathy McNutt. Amy Fleshman, Beth Boomershine, Rachel Stoneburner were also in attendance.

The Secretaries Minutes from March were approved as emailed by Sharla and seconded by Cassie.

Treasurer's report was reviewed as emailed. Report was submitted for audit

Fair Managers report was submitted.

### Committee Reports:

Grounds/Maintenance: Dave Hickman moved to raise outdoor parking \$5 per month to cover WiFi/lights. Dave Fleshman seconded the motion, Motion passed. Fire hydrant in the campgrounds will need fixed in the next few weeks.

Chuck discussed that he and Amy met with Ken Wilson, Chris Long, Brad Foster and Cornell about Grounds Improvements. The following was discussed: \$55,615 Pave Annex by FCEO Bridge Maintenance Department; \$25,000 Maintain Midway Pavement by FCEO Highway Maintenance Department, \$35,000 Message Board along Northwest Pkwy by the Fair Board with funding directly from the Commissioners' General Fund to the Fair Board if such a mechanism exists because the Fair Board can utilize Direct Select up to \$50,000. Another option would be through the Franklin County Engineer's Office, but we can only Direct Select up to \$25,000; therefore, if chosen, we would have to utilize the 3-quote process. \$7,540.00 Install Gates at Racetrack by Paul Peterson Company facilitated by FCEO. Total \$123,155. Also discussed \$450,000 Replace Bathrooms Behind Office with funding potentially from the American Rescue Plan or possibly from the Commissioners' General Fund. The Fair Board will refine the design to include a neutral gender bathroom and a lactation room. Then the Fair Board will submit their request to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration in a letter routed through Administrator Wilson

Advertising and Publicity: Demo Derby is sponsored by Arrow, looking at possible Tractor/Truck Pull Sponsor. Chuck moved to approve the Advertising Budget and hire Simply Put PR. Dave F. seconded the motion, motion carried.

Entertainment: Working on contracts. Want everyone to promote theme days throughout the week during their events. Discussed a Bale Decorating Contest. Emily moved to keep Gate Admission the same for Military/Veterans for 2022. Rachel seconded the motion. Motion passed. For Franklin County Engineer's Day (Monday) Cornell wants to purchase 200 tickets to give out to fairgoers at Gate 3, beginning at 9:00 AM, sponsored by FCE office. Will need a tent near Gate for Snow Plow. FCEO will also sponsor Touch a Truck from Noon-8 on Wednesday and has upped prizes and added classes to the Chili Contest.

Contracts: All contracts are written except one for Entertainment. Bates wants to increase pricing on tickets. Kevin moved to will an addendum to their contract, Dave F. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Parade: Start time of 9:00 AM and parade route has been confirmed.

Social Media: Working to revamp the process with Stephanie and create events.

### Old Business:

-Malware Bytes- to connect to printer, individuals download malware bytes on personal computers or email forms to Teresa to print.

-501 (c)(3) Status: Researching with CPA/Attorney. Must be done in next 24 months

- Destination Hilliard Grant: We struggled with timing so did not apply. Perhaps another time.

-Simply Put PR Contract - Chuck moved to approve the Advertising Budget and hire Simply Put PR. Dave F. seconded the motion, motion carried.

-E-tickets will be delayed until possibly 2023. We will “practice” with specialized events for this year

-District Meeting Update- Dave, Amy and Gary attended. Ohio Horseman Association has grants to update track. Need to apply by 11/30. They can do Live Streaming of Horse events, load chip readers. It is the 120 Birthday of 4-H. Follow guidelines for Swine and Bird Flu.

#### New Business:

-Madison County Youth Building Tour on 5/5

-Replacement Chairs – Chuck moved to purchase 100 chairs at going rate. Dave H. seconded the motion, motion carried.

-Fair App needs renewed. Emily moved to pay \$1900 and move the invoice to Ag Society Credit Card. Seconded by Dave F. Motion passed.

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting and Emily seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting May 17.

Respectively Submitted, Kathy McNutt, Secretary