

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Minutes of a Special Meeting Held December 18, 1973

CALL TO ORDER
AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adams at 12:35 p.m. in the Washington County Administrative Conference Room at the Courthouse. Those Board members present included:

FAIR BOARD

Joe Evers
Dick Jossy
Joe VanDyke
Dr. Ken McGough
Earl Adams
Jim Springer
Adeline Hesse

RODEO BUDGET
1974 PRESENTED

Dr. McGough presented a purposed 1974 Rodeo Budget for Board review and study. Dr. McGough specifically asked for approval to send up to six rodeo committee members to the 1974 RCA convention in Denver, Colo. to be held in January.

MOTION. MOVED BY DR. MCGOUGH, SECONDED BY JOE EVERS THAT A MAXIMUM OF SIX RODEO COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE GIVEN A MAXIMUM \$175.00 EACH FOR TRAVEL TO THE RCA RODEO CONVENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

The Fair Board commended the Rodeo Committee for the fine job they have done putting on the Rodeo.

COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS JOIN
FAIR BOARD

The following joined the Fair Board after a recess for lunch:

GUESTS

Eldon Hout, Chairman - Board of Commissioners
Virginia Dagg, Board of Commissioners
Burton Wilson, Board of Commissioners
Rod Roth, Board of Commissioners
William Masters, Board of Commissioners
Dan Potter, County Administrator
Cindy Burns, Asst. County Administrator
Fred Leutwyler, Dept. of Finance
Lance Mushaw, Journal (Press)
Miles Green, Oregonian (Press)

The meeting resumed at 1:10 p.m. with the County Commissioners and Fair Board discussing the Port of Portland's long range proposal to realign Cornell Road. It was brought out that it was one of four possible ways the Port could expand their base operation at the Hillsboro-Portland Airport. If realignment of Cornell would be approved by the County Planning Department the Board of Commissioners all favored the Fair Board doing the actual negotiation with the Port. William Masters said if Port Officials and Fair Board could negotiate to an advantage for both, particularly for the Fair and

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COMMISSIONERS AND
FAIR BOARD (CONT.)

County, approval would come from the County Commissioners.

PORT OF PORTLAND
MASTER PLAN

In the event a sale of fairground property would be made the funds would legally go into the County General Fund and then be reappropriated to the Fair Board. Several Commissioners voiced feelings that doing otherwise would be very unwise politically.

FAIRGROUNDS NEED FOR
LONG-RANGE PLAN

The Fair Board mentioned some problems being encountered in developing the fairgrounds to its best potential for the County on a year around basis. After discussion the County Commissioners and Fair Board agreed the number one priority for the fairgrounds is a long range plan for utilization of the land with consideration of the economic, social, and environmental effect on the County. County Commission Chairman Hout offered the services of the Washington County Planning department to develop an outline for a long range plan. The Commissioners and Mr. Potter indicated the County Planners were involved in several major projects and could not afford the time to do a study for the fairgrounds. Mr. Springer said he felt we needed someone who has had previous planning experience in Fair and Fair related facilities. Mr. Jossy related that money received from the 1973 revenue sharing fund has not been spent on drainage because of planning difficulties. The County Commissioners agreed that priorities change and the money could be used in another direction if so needed.

CITY OF HILLSBORO

The County Commissioners indicated that the Fair Board is in the best position to negotiate with the City of Hillsboro for 14plus acres. The City is completing plans for developing drainage and parking area.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Jossy informed Commissioners on plans of doing some legislative reform concerning the number of dollars Washington County receives for premium distribution. Washington County growth rate was relatively small and slow in 1958 when the premium fund was frozen for all counties in the State. Pari-mutual racing was also discussed and Mr. Jossy informed the group that each County legally has 10 racing days. Racing days are however limited to 150 days a year by the State Racing Commission at this time.

MOVING OF THE
FAIRGROUNDS

Mrs. Dagg asked the Fair Board if there was anymore thought devoted to moving the present site. Response was unanimous that the present location served well as a buffer zone for the Portland-Hillsboro Airport and also seemed compatible with

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MOVING OF THE
FAIRGROUNDS (CONT.)

the City of Hillsboro long range projections. Fair Board said that it would not outgrow its present site for many years.

THANK YOU TO THE
COMMISSIONERS

Jossy thanked the County Commissioners for the appropriated funds in 1973 which allowed for sewers to be installed. He also said the Fair Board would return in March at budget time to talk about finances.

At 1:37 p.m. the Commissioners returned to a hearing in their chambers and the Fair Board continued their meeting.

RODEO BUDGET AND
RELATED DISCUSSION

Dr. McGough said a new item has been added to the proposed 1974 rodeo budget. (Special Events that would be strictly rodeo entertainment.) Various items were discussed and proposed budget will be reviewed at a later meeting.

RODEO NAME CHANGE

Dr. McGough said the Rodeo Committee recommends that the rodeo name be changed from Washington County Fair & Rodeo to the Hillsboro Diamond Rodeo. Mr. Springer voiced strong objection saying that it was not a Hillsboro event but a County event and should be billed accordingly. The Fair Board will review the recommendation at a future meeting.

RODEO AND FAIR BOARD
MEETING

The Rodeo Committee would like a special meeting with the Fair Board after the RCA Rodeo Convention.

EXPO FUNDS FROM THE
CASCADE ARABIAN CLUB

Chairman Adams asked if the Expo Committee had turned in the proceeds for the 1973 Expo Horse Show. Jossy has talked to Herman Woll, Show Chairman several times and has been told Mr. Woll will be turning in the funds. Mr. Jossy will follow-up.

HORSE SHOW FOR EXPO
BENEFIT

Dennis Anderson has offered to put on a four day horse show on the fairgrounds. The Show would be O.H.A and O.P.H.A. approved and the profit would be donated to the Expo Fund.

PUBLIC HEARING ON
PORT OF PORTLAND
MASTER DEVELOPMENT
PLAN

On Thursday, December 27, an open public hearing will be convened by the Port of Portland on the proposed master development plan for the Portland-Hillsboro Airport. Bob Finley called Mr. Jossy and asked that the Fair Board appear and make a public statement that extending the runway would be beneficial to the fairgrounds. The Fair Board stated it wished to remain neutral.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held
January 9, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. at the fair office.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline Hesse

Adeline C. Hesse, Sec. - Office Manager
Washington County Fair Board