

December 2, 1971

This special meeting of the Washington County Fair Board was held at Merrill's Cafe on December 2, 1971. Those present were Chairman Lindow, Scott, Adams, McGough, Ball, Jossy and Shearer. Guests Eldon Mills, Dale Tyson, Bill Crandall and Mayor Harold Ruecker.

The guests were members of the City Council and City Park Commission invited to discuss possibilities of the working together to increase recreational facilities on the fairgrounds. Mayor Ruecker stated he felt there would be more willingness from the city than from the county.

Mr. Jossy stated there was a need for drainage and sewer before any great number of plans could be made. In discussing the way to obtain these services, Mayor Ruecker stated some city park property had been declared surplus by the Commission and would be sold which would realize some money not now in the budget. If the City Council would approve, the Commission could spend a portion of this to put sewer service to the grounds on some type of joint use lease. It was also stated the Port is still very much interested in the 12 acres on the north of the fairgrounds and both parties felt these could be exchanged for equal or more acreage on the east side of the grounds. If it was decided this would be best, the Park Commission and the Fair Board would work together to see what could be planned for the grounds. Mayor Ruecker will approach the Council to authorize the Park Commission and staff to set up a study and architectural drawings of what is needed. This does not necessarily mean just ball fields, there are also buildings needed in the recreational area. Mayor Ruecker stressed he would like to get a committee working on this as soon as possible so plans can be arranged and things started within the next year. He also would like the Port to have a representative meet with the Commission and Fair Board.

Mr. Jossy will get a legal opinion from the County Counsel ~~is~~ in regard to a joint--use lease.

After the guests left, Mr. Lindow appointed Joe VanDyke, Ken McGough and Earl Adams to serve on the committee with the Park Commission.

Dr. McGough reported on the meeting with Bob Christensen. Since the Board is considering putting up 1000 more additional seating, if these are filled to capacity both nights, Mr. Christensen would receive a \$200.00 bonus. Mr. Christensen would like to see a queen and court promotion. There is a stunt flyer available for \$500 which would be an added attraction. The cost for the two day rodeo would be \$4600 plus added purse plus bonus. They discussed having three performances and an extra show would be \$1,000. He felt the jumping show was well received. With the added purse of \$3,000, this would be the biggest rodeo in the West for the first part of August and Mr. Christensen felt as this grows, a three night performance will be necessary. Rather than a matinee, Thursday night was considered for the other night in the future, but decided this was for 1973 as the 1972 show should stay the same.

The following bills were presented for payment:

1967 - Merrill's Restaurant - 12.60  
1968 - Petty Cash - 24.57  
1969 - Void  
1970 - Richard-Jossy - 7.50  
1971 - Rex-Bledsoe - 10.67  
1972 - General Telephone -- 56.59  
1973 - Hillsboro Auto Parts - 30.17  
1974 - City of Hillsboro Utilities Comm. - 32.00  
1975 - Hillsboro Office Supply -- 5.49  
1976 - Internal Revenue Service - 30.43  
1977 - Albert E. Krahmer - 603.20  
1978 - Northwest Natural Gas - 17.64  
1979 - Portland General Electric -- 112.84  
1980 - Times--Litho-Print - 62.35

1981 - Earl Adams - 135.00  
1982 - Ken McGough - 150.00  
1983 - Al Lindow -- 157.50  
1984 - Don Scott - 105.00  
1985 - Joe Van Dyke - 127.50  
1986 - Merrill's Restaurant - 28.00  
1987 - Mobil Oil Co. - 13.62  
Payroll - 472.62

Dr. McGough moved the above bills be paid. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Shearer, Sec.