

Minutes taken during the joint meeting of the Washington County Fair Board and Board of County Commissioners held March 1, 1978 in Room 418, Administration Building.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board Chairman Jerry Boyer brought the meeting into session at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Heisler
Ray Miller
Bill Bloom
Miller Duris

MANAGER AND STAFF

Adeline Hesse
Lorrie Maki

FAIR BOARD

Jerry Boyer
Charles Colegrove
Jim Springer
Ralph Holland

GUESTS

Lewis Myatt, F.A.I.R. Committee
Lance Mushaw, OREGON JOURNAL
Ed Warmoth, Public Safety,
Washington County
Dan Potter, County Adm. Officer

FAIRGROUNDS
SITUATION
EVALUATED

Lewis Myatt, Chairman of the F.A.I.R. Committee reflected the feelings of the F.A.I.R. members. They unanimously feel the election date was suitable, the voters were informed, and another election would not be advisable at this time.

Richard Heisler questioned the possibility of holding a May election asking for only monies to repair main exhibit building and drainage. It was felt that this would only be a 'bandaid' solution as the main problems would still exist.

Miller Duris made clarification that Washington County does own the fairgrounds. Also, the Fair Board is responsible for management of the fairgrounds. The County general revenue cannot be appropriated for the fair budget.

Dan Potter commented that, if the fairgrounds property were sold, the monies received would be put into the general fund. He was asked to check the legal ramifications of selling the fairgrounds. It was agreed that property values are high.

Mr. Duris Listed eight available options to the Fair Board:

1. Do nothing
2. Resubmit the issues to the voters
3. Scale down the capital improvement and resubmit
4. Scale down and include only the main exhibit bldg.
5. Sell the property and relocate
6. Sell the property to private business
7. Combine fair with two other county fairs and sell property
8. Scale down present operation and sell balance of property

Ralph Holland pointed out there is a \$15,000 to \$25,000 deficit in the Fair budget presently. An income program is needed.

SONJA SIMPSON
CONT.

Warren Luke stated it would be terribly disappointing if the Fair closed. Probably 50% for ribbons only and 50% for premiums too. Premiums were welcome to help the out-of-pocket expense.

Don Leitchman thought that all the 4-H kids would gladly donate their premium monies just to keep the fair open.

Bob Fussell asked, if the .0000425 mill, levied by County Commissioners without voter approval, monies has been give to the fair.

Fair Board has not received those monies. County has the authority to levy for fair activities, if they want to. The .0000425 mill money must come from dollars County receives and must be within the 6% limitation.

Fair Manager and Joe Evers stated that the Fair Board has been trying to receive those monies for 21 years.

Joe Copening said the County is collecting within the 6% limitation.

Don Copening asks 'Why don't we get it?'

Fair Board agrees those dollars would balance the budget.

Marinus Wolf commented that attendance at the Fair Board meetings would be a good time to exchange ideas between county citizens and Board. Chairman stated time of meetings is in public media and visitors have always been welcome.

Mr. Rice asked what are other Counties doing in the way of dollar support for their fairs. Are those Fair Boards receiving money to operate efficiently and build necessary spaces?

Fair Board answer was yea they are.

Last thought from Mrs. Simpson, are the list of 4-H activities submitted to the Board including the Horse Fair part of the County Fair?

Mr. Springer answered that the reason for a separate 4-H Horse Fair is because of limited space and the large size of the Horse Fair requires it be run several days in advance to make room for the remaining Fair activities.

JOHN LEONARD
8:50 p.m.

John Leonard introduced Ron Weise, who in turn requested the Board to consider his leasing the fairgrounds from December 3 to 23, 1978 for \$2,500 rental fee plus utilities. He would put in approximately 100 booths in the main exhibit building to rent to Oregon arts and crafts people to vend their products.

Mr. Evers pointed out the poor heating and the recreational vehicle use of the building during that time of year.

FAIRGROUND
SITUATION
EVALUATED

Bill Bloom feels that Washington County must not be interest in having a fair, because of the resounding failure of the bond and serial levy election. Closure of the fairgrounds is now necessary.

A tri-county fair was discussed. Counties to include Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington with the focal point at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. The proceeds and/or losses could then be divided three ways.

Both Heister and Miller felt the Fair could be scaled down, but not closed at this time.

The Board of County Commissioners feel that if the community is interested in retaining the fairgrounds, a petition of meaningful signatures will have to be presented to them.

MEETING
SCHEDULED

The next joint meeting was set for April 5th, 7:00 p.m. in Room 418 of the Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lorrie Maki, Secretary

Minutes of a special meeting held March 1 at the fair office immediately following a Board of County Commissioners meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Boyer.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Jerry Boyer
Charles Colegrove
Jim Springer
Ralph Holland
Joe Evers

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Adeline Hesse
Lorrie Maki

GUEST

Lewis Myatt, Chairman
F.A.I.R. Committee

DESTRUCTION DERBY

The Manager submitted a contract for the Destruction Derby to be held August 2 on the fairgrounds. Mr. Amick met with Mrs. Hesse and terms were discussed. After contract review the Fair Board passed the following motion.

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR A DESTRUCTION DERBY TO BE HELD AUGUST 2. MOTION CARRIED.

PEPSI MEETING

Maury Wagner, new Pepsi representative met with the Fair Manager February 24. Mr. Wagner was most helpful and agreed to \$250.00 for advertising, 200,000 coupons among several other things. He also hoped to arrange for a Trailblazer player (one) appearance during the Fair.

4-H MEETING

Mrs. Hesse attended the 4-H Executive Council February 27th meeting and explained the planned usage of admission bracelets, and relocation of the 4-H non-livestock exhibitors. Concern was expressed that the space allotted would be inadequate. It was explained that Fair participants will have to work together to make Fair 53 a success. The 4-H Liason Committee hopes to attend the next Fair Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bartle Wells Associates sent information on the now successful bond election held in Lane County. They included the material used for voter information during the campaign.

MINUTES APPROVED

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 22, 1978 MINUTES AS PRINTED AND MAILED. MOTION CARRIED.

TIMBER FAIR

The dates for the International Timber Fair are tentatively set for October 20, 21, 22, 1978. Those in charge had requested information for using Washington County Fairgrounds for the event. Chairman Boyer suggested this discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

MEETING SET

The next Fair Board meeting will be held March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the fair office located on the fairgrounds.

COMMUNITY GARDENS The City of Hillsboro has inquired about the Community Gardens location.

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO TABLE THE COMMUNITY GARDENS QUESTION UNTIL THE MARCH 15th MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4-H LEADERS ADMISSION SET The 4-H Leaders have asked the Manager for the cost of Fair Admission to them.

MOTION: MOVED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE AND SECONDED BY RALPH HOLLAND THAT THE 4-H LEADERS BE CHARGED \$2.50 FOR A 1978 SEASON PASS. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET DISCUSSION Budget discussion will resume at the March 15th meeting.

FAIRGROUNDS EVALUATION All Fair Board members concurred after the meeting with the Board of County Commissioners some decisions had to be made.

All members felt that another election would not be advantageous and would only solve a few immediate problems. Alternatives suggested by Miller Duris were discussed. The fairgrounds direction was assessed.

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER AND SECONDED BY JOE EVERS THAT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BE CLOSED TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC USE EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED CONTRACTS AS MARCH 1, 1978. AND THE COUNTY FAIR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board directed the manager for those, currently negotiating for use of the fairgrounds, to be notified by letter March 2, 1978 of the Board policy.

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY JIM SPRINGER TO INFORM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY LETTER THAT THE FAIR BOARD HAS MADE A DECISION. MOTION CARRIED.

The Fair Board directed the manager to prepare a press release for March 2.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Maki, Secretary.

Fair 53

1978 FAIR AUGUST 1-5

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Washington County Fair
Proposed Fair Board Agenda

March 1, 1978

Meeting will commence at fairgrounds after the 7:00 p.m. meeting with the Board of County Commissioners.

1. Destruction Derby contract is prepared for review and Board action.
2. Manager's report on Pepsi meeting.
3. Manager's report on 4-H Executive Council meeting 2/27/78.
4. Correspondence - Bartle Wells Associates - Municipal Financing Consultants.
5. Approval of February 22, 1978 Board minutes.
6. International Timber Fair - tentatively October 20, 21, 22, 1978.
7. Final budget study and approval.
8. Set next meeting date.
9. Community Gardens new location still okay.
10. What is the pleasure of the Fair Board regarding 4-H Leaders gate admission? Possibilities include:
 - A. Bracelet for \$1.00
 - B. $\frac{1}{2}$ 4-H - FFA parent pass \$2.50
 - C. Free admission