

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Minutes of A Special Meeting Held March 24, 1976

ATTENDANCE
AND OPENING

Fair Manager, Dick Jossy, opened the special meeting at 3:23 p.m. at the fair office with the following in attendance:

Fair Board

Joe Evers
Jerry Boyer
Joe VanDyke
Jim Springer, Chairman
Ralph Holland

County Commissioners & Staff

Virginia Dagg, Chairman
Ray Miller
Richard Heisler
J. Allan Paterson
Mike Shepard
Elaine Waisanen, Secretary
Tim Ramis, Assist. County Counsel
Dan Potter, Administrator
Fred Leutwyler, Finance Director

Fair Management

Dick Jossy
Adeline Hesse

Press

Vern Lewis, Hillsboro Argus
Lance Mushaw, Free Lance

MEETING OPENED

Manager, Dick Jossy, commented that the value of the fairgrounds (donated by the Fair Board) is continuing to increase in dollar and environmental value. It should never be a liability to residents in Washington County.

Jossy went on to explain the basic problem the Fair is currently facing is inflation. The Fair cannot continue to service all non-profit groups in the County (4-H, FFA, Granges, Jaycees, Active 20/30 Club, etc.) and keep up with inflation. Another point the Fair Manager mentioned was, in order to maintain the kind of standard that County Commission and Fair Board could be proud of, certain events have been turned away despite the fact that they could generate thousands of dollars.

The fairgrounds is in need of at least one major repair item, namely, the main exhibit building roof. Many, many minor repair supplies are needed as well.

The Board is still pursuing a drainage outlet. The Board has been in touch with City of Hillsboro officials, Port of Portland, and owners of Hawthorne Farms. Greatly adding to the Fair's drainage problem is the road ditch on Cornell Road. Currently, the water from the ditch is running back onto the fairgrounds and into fair buildings.

TOUR OF FAIRGROUNDS

At 4:00 p.m. the Group went on a physical tour of the fairgrounds.

Meeting commenced at 4:20 p.m. Auto racing was mentioned to the Commissioners as a possible source of revenue for the Fair. No adverse comments were made by the Commissioner

FAIR FUNDING

Financial discussion commenced and the majority of the Commissioners said the County does not have funds to support the County fairgrounds. Commissioners recommended the Fair Board pursue a serial levy or tax base. Miller indicated rather than piece meal, the County may be able to help finance promotion of such an effort. Miller also will talk to Port of Portland, Lloyd Anderson about loan of an executive to set up framework for passage of fair funding tax. Price of special ballot were discussed estimated to cost as much as \$50,000. An effort could be made to have promotion material available by County Fair (August 3-7, 1976). Fred Leutwyler indicated that the measure could be placed on the November ballot without any additional cost to the Fair Board.

Previously a fair financial measure was defeated in 1966 by several hundred votes. No funds were available at the time for promotion of the funding.

It is the intention of the Fair Board to work with the Commissioners in pursuit of funding to develop and carry out a 15 year long range plan. The Commissioners felt the long range plan as proposed by Robert E. Meyer is an excellent starting point. The proposed plan as yet has not been accepted in its entirety by the Fair Board.

DINNER HELD AT MARIKA'S

The County Commissioners and Staff were invited to dinner at Marika's for a social gathering. Invitation was accepted and the meeting closed until 7:25 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER FOR
EVENING FAIR BUSINESS

Chairman, Jim Springer, reopened business meeting at 7:25 p.m. at the fair office with the following guests:

Hillsboro Jaycees

Dave Messmer, Happy Days Chairman
Roger Loop
Steve Curl
Larry Semm

POLE BUILDING
REQUIREMENTS

Herschel Plummer, Architect, told Manager, Jossy, that a pole building under 4,000 square feet does not require an engineer's stamp. However, no matter what size pole building if building is occupied by public it must meet additional requirements.

RIGHT TO LIFE DISPLAY

Fair Board viewed and discussed photo of Right To Life booth as displayed at the P.I. After all members gave their view it was decided to allow the booth with several restrictions to be put into the contract by Fair Management.

MOTION. MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND, SECONDED BY JOE EVERS, TO ALLOW RIGHT TO LIFE BOOTH PROVIDING IT HAS NO HUMAN ANATOMICAL SPECIMENS ON OPEN DISPLAY BUT BE ALLOWED IF SCREENED TO THE POINT THAT SOMEONE MANS THE DISPLAY AND SHOWS ANATOMICAL EXHIBITS ON REQUEST ONLY. MOTION CARRIED.

HOG WASH RACKS

Chuck Colegrove's 4-H Group has built two portable hog wash racks and asked for location direction. Location suggestion will be east of the open class dairy-beef barn.

LIVESTOCK SHOWRINGS

Livestock show rings need to be enlarged and moved east to accommodate the large number of animals in some classes and the stock sale lineup display. John Leffel will be consulted for suggestions. Possibly using chips in show rings was suggested.

GRASS SEED DONATION

Ralph Holland will look into the possibility of getting 100 pounds of grass seed donated for Spring lawn planting.

JAYCEES FINAL
NEGOTIATIONS

The Jaycees had several items to discuss with the Board regarding use of the fairgrounds during Happy Days. Dave Messmer asked if the Board would approve digging a pit for water ball contest drainage. It was decided to allow the pit and have Jaycees use the Fair's irrigation to sprinkle the grass. It was suggested to mark exits in parking lot with large white poles. The 5th of July Day parade will be ending at the fairgrounds and the Jaycees asked for use of the north end of the main exhibit building for after the 5th Parade Social. The Manager instructed that all OLCC laws must be met and approved by the Fair Board. No liquor must be sold at such an event.

1976 JAYCEE CONTRACT

MOTION. MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND, SECONDED BY JOE VANDYKE, TO ALLOW HILLSBORO JAYCEES USE OF FAIRGROUNDS FOR ONE YEAR (1976) FOR \$2,750.00 PLUS UTILITIES (POWER AND GARBAGE). MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION. MOVED BY JERRY BOYER, SECONDED BY RALPH HOLLAND, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular Board meeting will be held April 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline Hesse

Adeline Hesse, Office Manager
Washington County Fair

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Agenda For Special Meeting

March 24, 1976
3:00 p.m.

1. Guests:
3:00 p.m. - Washington County Board of Commissioners, Administrator Dan Potter and Finance Director, Fred Leutwyler.

Possible discussion topics: Tour of fairgrounds, Long-Range plan, 1976-77 Budget, and maintenance of facility.

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Marika's
2. 7:30 p.m. Right To Life photo, discussion and policy on commercial booths.
3. Location of hog wash racks.
4. Update on building code for pole buildings.
5. 8:00 p.m. Hillsboro Jacyees - Final financial discussion.
8:30 p.m. Orville Schoen - Rodeo report and update.

If you will be late or unable to attend, please notify the office at 648-1416 or 628-1610.