

M I N U T E S

Washington County Fair Board

Minutes of a budget work session of the Washington County Fair Board held Monday, November 22, 1982, at the Fairgrounds Office beginning at 4:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Fair Board

Charles Colegrove  
John Love  
Homer Speer  
Margaret Sprecher, absent  
Mike Swan, absent

Staff

Adeline Hesse  
Valerie Bentley

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN LOVE, SECONDED BY HOMER SPEER TO PURCHASE TURKEYS FOR THE THREE FULL-TIME FAIRGROUNDS EMPLOYEES FOR CHRISTMAS AS A THANK YOU. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET

The \$30,000 from the County general fund contingency (to be paid to the fairgrounds if the hotel/motel tax increase was defeated November 2) will be on the Board of County Commissioners agenda November 29.

The Board reviewed the 1982-83 budget. Hesse and Colegrove have made cuts totaling \$56,000. The heating system will not be installed in the Cloverleaf Community Building because the hotel/motel tax increase didn't pass.

Hesse asked the Board for direction in preparing the 1983-84 budget. Speer felt the Board should maintain it's present employee compensation policy and hold the line on capital improvements. How can the Board heat the building when they said that's what the hotel/motel tax revenue would be used for?

Hesse will check with the Fire Marshall about using Kerosun heaters to heat the Cloverleaf Community Building in order to prevent mildew. Love suggested opening the doors on cold, dry days.

Hesse reviewed the budget line item by line item pointing out the cuts made. Decreased maintenance labor position and will try to do without but working six to seven days a week in the summer is hard for one man. Fairgrounds should purchase weedeater. Reduced Account 121 Professional Services taking out money for the long-range plan.

Russ Dyche has finished 30' of roof line between the Beef/Dairy barn and the FFA livestock barn.

Exhibits & Competition no changes. Account 324 Youth Livestock Auction is in and out. Account 35 Other Entertainment includes Wenatchee Youth Circus.

Board agreed should purchase a gang mower. About \$32,000 is cut from capital/outlay.

1983-84

Hesse will ask the County Personnel Department to review Janet Chandler's February 1982 job descriptions and wage ranges for the three full-time fairgrounds positions.

The Board does not have the revenue to implement a new long range plan and decided not to budget for a new plan. Speer would rather have the fairgrounds shut down than to put on mediocre fairs for three years.

Love suggested dropping the Wenatchee Youth Circus for 1983. Hesse pointed out the grandstand should be used each night of fair. The Board will be looking for possible entertainment at the Oregon Fairs Association convention.

The Board suggested that 4-H/FFA, Open Class expenses; i.e., premiums, ribbons, judges; and Rodeo and Other Entertainment expenses be budgeted at the same amount expended for the 1982 fair.

Should the Fair Board hold three destruction derbies to raise extra revenue? Speer feels two is enough. Love feels if the Board would make \$1,000, it would be worth it. Could burn out volunteers if have three derbies. Speer suggested putting together an operating budget and going to the County for a capital/outlay budget.

OTHER

Hesse will write a news release on the Fair Board vacancies. There will be no regular meeting in December; Board members are attending the Oregon Fairs Association convention December 5, 6, 7.

The fair theme set at a previous Fair Board meeting will conflict with Clackamas County Fair's theme as they will retain their 1982 theme in 1983. By telephone survey of the Board, the 1983 fair theme will be "An Old-Fashioned Country Fair."

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bentley