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Saturday night's outrageous behavior by demonstrators at the Washington County Fairgrounds bordered on potential riot. Saturday night also culminated a week in which the Fair Board worked hard at developing a compromise with the petitioners of the 5,000 Friends of Washington County. That compromise was not accepted.

The Fair Board and the Washington County Sheriffs Reserve averted possible confrontation with the demonstrators by not making arrests, though technically they could have been made. Our direction from County Counsel's office was to make arrest only of a criminal nature.

The position taken by the Washington County Fair Board and the Sheriff's department of Washington County was fair and justifiable. That position was taken to preserve order and peace and to protect the rights of the Fair exhibitors and patrons and to assure that the best attended County Fair in history was not upset in any manner.