

**Stark County Agricultural Society**  
**Senior Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

President: Jill Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Everyone stood for the pledge and the prayer led by Jill Sterling.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Durkin, Mikayla Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Drew Kissel, Kevin King,  
Bill Locker, Daniel McCracken, Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Ashley Royer,  
Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling, David Stock,  
Russ Thorn, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Dave Swartz

Guest:

- Mark Zimmerman, President of the Jr Fair Horse Committee, would like approval to spend up to \$3,500 to improve ventilation in the horse barn.

-Julie Brahler brought forth concerns about professional fitters being allowed at the fair. Wanted further clarification about where in the Jr Fair rules does it state that that is allowed. She also had concerns over the fair losing money to concerts. She recommended that we look into having a rodeo or something similar that would not cost as much as a concert but bring in a good crowd. Julie also suggested that we offer the option to prepurchase gate tickets.

- Colleen Essig, Jr Fair Swine Committee, is still having trouble with access to their checking account. She informed the board of what the bank is requiring for their account.

Secretaries Report:

**Motion 26-74:** Travis S motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, March 11, 2026.  
Dan Mc seconded the motion with directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Treasurers report was presented to the board.

**Motion 26-75:** Travis S motioned to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's report as presented.  
Bill L seconded the motion with directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-76:** Danny S motioned to approve the payment of bills for the month of March 2026.  
Dan F seconded the motion with directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-77:** Cindi V motioned to authorize the paying of the closing costs \$1,202.75 associated with the land purchase on March 4, 2026. These were included in the wire transfer made March 16, 2026 from the Consumers Bank Beaver Account ending in 5115 to finalize the closing. Total was \$13,137.15. Calculations are included with these minutes along with the Buyers Settlement Statement. Travis S seconded with all directors present voting yes.  
Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-78:** Cindi V motioned to approve the signatories for the Stark County Agricultural Society Inc Stark County Jr Fair Horse Committee of Mark Zimmerman and Ruth Patterson, while retaining Melanie Fouse and removing Brittany Zimmerman and Tricia Durkin. Jill M seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-79:** Cindi V motioned to allow the Stark County Agricultural Society Inc dba Stark County Jr Fair Swine Committee to use a trade name of Stark County Junior Fair Swine Committee with their checking account ending in 2982 that will be filed with the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed \$39. Dan Mc seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

#### Office Report:

- Informed the board of upcoming events and that office hours are now 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday.
- Reminded the board of the Spring District meeting on April 19 at the Lake County Fair and that we need to bring a door prize.

**Motion 26-80:** Bill L motioned to spend up to \$50 towards a door prize at the Spring District meeting. Cindi V seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

#### Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

#### Old Business:

- We should be receiving an official letter from the County Commissioners informing us of what 2026 improvements they have approved for payment.
- We are still moving forward with the electrical upgrade project.

### Committee Reports

#### Budget:

**Motion 26-81:** Cindi V motioned to change our official name from Ohio County & Independent Fairs Stark County Agricultural Society to Stark County Agricultural Society, Inc using the same EIN 34-0801375. Travis S seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-82:** Bill L motion to approve the April 7, 2026 Budget Committee Minutes. Earl R seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

#### Building & Grounds:

**Motion 26-83:** Russ T motioned to give funds to the 4H Horse Committee, not to exceed \$3,500, for capital improvements in the Horse Barn. Drew K seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-84:** Travis S motioned to approve the Building & Grounds Committee minutes from April 1, 2026. Kevin K seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Junior Fair:

**Motion 26-85:** Travis S. motioned to enter executive session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G), for the purpose of considering the following matters: to consider the dismissal, discipline, demotion or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Reference O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Jill McNeil seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Justin D - YES	Mikayla D - YES	Dan F - YES	Bryan G - YES
Kevin K - YES	Drew K - YES	Bill L - YES	Dan McC. - YES
Jill M. - YES	Julie N - YES	Earl R - YES	Ashley R - YES
Danny S - YES	Travis S - YES	Amber S - YES	Jill S - YES
Dave St. - YES	Russ T - YES	Cindi V - YES	Sarah Y - YES

All 20 Directors present at the meeting voted YES. Motion passed.

- Executive session entered at 7:45PM.

- Executive session exited at 8:49PM and the regular board meeting resumed.

Entertainment:

- Wednesday concert has been secured.
- Currently working on opening ceremony invitations.
- Pavilion entertainment is almost complete.

Speed Committee:

-Flyers and registration are on the website for the Wiener Dog Races.

Ticket Committee:

- Comparing costs to find the best available prices for ticket printing.

Human Resources:

**Motion 26-86:** Cindi V motioned to approve the HR Committee minutes from April 2, 2026. Julie N seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- New and exciting categories are in store for entries this year.

Grandstand Galleria:

- Need to review the Galleria Sponsor contracts.

Wildlife Building:

- Awaiting contract to be returned.

Outside Food & Games:

- Inquiry about putting a vendor in the old milkshake building

Jr Fair Camping:

- Contracts went out to those who camped last year. They have until April 30 to return the contract and payment to confirm their spot.

Goats:

**Motion 26-87:** Jill M motioned to approve a Pygmy goat judge for the Jr Fair Show, not to exceed \$1,200. Bill L seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Ponies:

- Discussion on judges.

Rabbits:

- Pedigrees for animals need to be IN HAND on day of sale.

Sheep:

**Motion 26-88:** Dave St motion to hire 2 sheep judges, not to exceed \$1,150 . Earl S seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Swine

**Motion 26-89:** Mikayla D motioned to hire a judge for the JR Fair Swine Showmanship, not to exceed \$250. Dan Mc seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Parking

- Livestock parking changes

**Motion 26-90:** Dan F motioned to approve the new livestock, fair participant parking area. This area has private access off of Brandt St, that will be monitored by the Sheriff's Department. There will be availability for up to 300 hundred spots, at \$40 per spot until August 1. After August 1, per space price is raised to \$50. McC seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Jr Fair Horses:

**Motion 26-91:** Mikayla D motioned to hire a judge and show steward for Jr Fair Horse show, not to exceed \$1,075. Earl R seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

**Motion 26-92:** Mikayla D motioned to hire a judge for the Jr Fair Horse Show, not to exceed \$450. Dan Mc seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Background Checks:

- Will be conducting an audit soon.

Landscape Enhancement:

- Need mowers for summer mowing.  
- 7<sup>th</sup> Landscape Enhancement

**Motion 26-93:** Russ T motioned to purchase materials to upgrade 7<sup>th</sup> Street perennial flower bed with Pathway lights \$450, Up-lights \$175, LED Bulbs \$40, Electric wire/PVC pipe \$250, 7 tons #4 river rock \$385, Landscape Fabric \$100, Plants or Flowers \$75, not to exceed \$1,500. Kevin K seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Rides:

- Will be working on mapping the ride area.

Shuttles:

- Working on updating maps and contracts

Technology:

- Remote access has been restored for the cameras.  
- Working on cyber security policy.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- New sponsorship letter and flyers are available.  
- Booth space for sponsors is available in the Grandstand Galleria.

Health & Safety (EMS):

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Fair Book:

- Books are 2/3 finished and should be ready to go to printers by April 30.

**Motion 26-94:** Bill L motioned to order 700 fair books for 2026. Cindi V seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Any Other Business for The Good of The Society or Fair:

**Motion 26-95:** Bill L motioned to allow the Canton Chamber of Commerce to use the Exhibition Hall for float storage during the first week of August. Kevin K seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

-Owner of Boat Storage Tag#23 will be contacted due to minor damage to cover when pulling boat out.

**Motion 26-96:** Danny S motioned to adjourn the meeting. Travis S seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51PM.

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Jill E Sterling *Board President*

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Crystal Bean *Board Secretary*

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

\* The meeting agenda, contracts, meeting reports, and paperwork presented at this board meeting can be found within the 2026 Minutes book located at the fairground's office.