

**Stark County Agricultural Society
Senior Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

President: Jill Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

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

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Durkin, Dan Farnham, Bryan Griffin, Kevin King, Bill Locker, Daniel McCracken,
Jill McNeil, Julie Nicholas, Earl Rohn, Ashley Royer, Amber Shoemaker, Jill Sterling,
David Stock, Dave Swartz, Russ Thorn, Cindi Vickers, Sarah Yungen

Secretary: Crystal Bean

Junior Fair Coordinator: Julie Pinter

Absent: Mikayla Durkin, Drew Kissel, Danny Schmucker, Travis Secrest

Guest: Mark Zimmerman, Jr fair Horse committee, brought concerns regarding the horse barn and how it was left after tag-in from Steers in December. They understand the beef committee must use the horse building because of winter storage, but the building should not be left in a worse condition than found. A suggestion the Horse Committee has is to leave an aisleway open in the beef barn during winter storage. They would like the Sr Fairboard Directors to find a solution that would make everyone happy.

Secretaries Report:

Motion 26-107: Dan M motioned to approve the minutes from Wednesday, May 13, 2026.
Julie N seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion 26-108: Bill L motioned to approve the May Treasurer's report as presented. Russ T seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-109: Kevin K motioned to approve the check payments for the month of May. Dan M seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-110: Cynthia Vickers motioned to transfer \$150,000 from KeyBank to Citizens MM account for a better interest rate. Bill Locker seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-111: Jill M motioned to make William Locker, Russ Thorn, Bryan Griffin, David Swartz, and Cynthia Vickers signatories on the new Citizens Bank MM account ending in xx9157. Sarah Y seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Office Report:

- The board was updated about upcoming events.

- The office needs any requests for grandstand comp tickets by August 17. Requests made during the week of fair may not be able to be filled.

- Please let the office know if any hotel rooms are needed for your department. (Example: Harness Racing photographer, Truck & Tractor Pulls announcer).
- Informed the board about upcoming surgery and availability in the office until July 20. Dee Downerd will be in the office.

Jr Fair Coordinator Report:

- Tag In numbers from Saturday: Rabbits 12-17 / Dairy 99 / Market Lamb 136 / Hogs 251 / Goats 177
- Skillathon will be July 25.
- Auction Committee is having their "Meat & Greet" on Thursday June 11.

New Business:

Motion 26-112: Cindi V motioned to utilize the services of Party Savy for 3 consecutive years, 2026-2028, for rental items needed for the Art Hall, Exhibition Hall & Grandstand during the Stark County Fair. Party Savy will agree to honor and maintain 2026 pricing rates throughout this agreement. Russ T seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Auditing:

- Tickets were audited so that the office could sell tickets.

Building & Grounds:

Motion 26-113: Russ T motioned to approve the following projects that are approved to be paid by the commissioners: K&W Exteriors (Grandstand Roof Repair) \$25,036.00 / Lazarus On The Rise (3 - Sr Fair Office Doors) \$22,750.00 / K&W Exteriors (Pavilion Roof Replacement) \$15,500.00 / Yoder Quality Construction (Horse Barn Repair) \$37,767.00 / United Fencing (Fencing at Grandstand Seating Area) \$10,980.00 / Whisler Plumbing & Heating (Grandstand Restroom Repair) \$5,864.61 / Blaze Sherlock (Small Animal Arena Painting) \$4,500.00. Bill L seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-114: Russ T motioned to change a request funded through Commissioners budget at the Small Animals Arena & 4H Hog Barn from constructing a gable roof at the west end of the hog barn over the bleacher area, (due to building code restrictions). New projects are replacing guard rail panels on the east wall with aluminum gates, building wash rack pens and adding sound system speakers, in the amount of \$14,000.00. These projects are \$7,000.00 less than the approved gable roof project. This request is pending commissioner approval. Bill L seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-115: Bryan G motioned to contract with OD Miller to handle electric needs during fair week including a day or two before and after fair week Sept 1st -7th at an hourly rate of \$65.00, with a 10% markup on materials used. Cindi V seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-116: Bryan G motioned to extend restroom cleaning for special events and fair week with Spotless Cleaning (Sarah Hill) for 3 additional years, with an increase in deep cleaning price (annual job) from \$200 to \$400. Dan M seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-117: Bill L motioned to approve the Building & Ground minutes from June 3, 2026 meeting. Justin D seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Junior Fair:

Motion 26-118: Jill L motioned to add insurance coverage for Mutton Busting at the price of \$300. Cindi V seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

- Inclusivity helpers are needed for youth wanting to show their 4H livestock project.

Entertainment:

- Gave a verbal report on Grandstand ticket sales
- Marlinton Historical Society has a semi-trailer with historical items that can be showcased during fair.
- Currently have 3 high school bands that want to march through grounds while playing.
- Thursday & Friday during fair would could be hosting Football Hall of Famers.
- The Pavilion is full except for Monday, Labor Day. Looking into options for it.

Human Resources:

- A letter was read from Danny S, who could not attend the meeting. The committee did not meet in May but it did discuss concerns via email. Office help and grounds help were discussed. The letter also stated his concerns he has regarding communication or lack thereof within the committee. The committee discussed bring Chris M. back with a starting date of June 29. Later discussions were had that Chris should start earlier than June 29. Time was given for the Building & Grounds Committee and the HR Committee to respond. When Chris was contacted by Danny, he had already started working at the fair. Someone on the board contacted Chris to inform him he could start work June 8 without approval from the HR Committee. This is not how a committee should operate, those on a committee need to respond to texts or emails and we need to act like a team.

Motion 26-119: Cindi V motioned to hire Chris Milosevich as grounds crew help with a starting date of June 8, 2026 until no later than the first week of October 2026. Dan F seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Superintendent Reports

Art Hall:

- Looking at doing an art day in July.

Grange:

Motion 26-120: Russ T motioned to hire 10 judges in an amount to exceed \$750 for judging flowers, canning, vegetables, wines, baked goods, eggs and honey. Earl R seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Gates:

- Pomona grange is doing the gates this year.

Parking

- Hall of fame football parking will be \$12,000. All the board needs to do is pass out flyers and give directions.

- The window hangers for the new parking area was discussed. They are easily reproduceable.

Motion 26-121: Dan F motioned to make new windows hangers for the Special Fair Participant parking section, not to exceed \$1,200. Bryan G seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Landscape Enhancement:

Motion 26-122: Russ T motioned to purchase bark mulch, not to exceed \$350. Bryan G seconded with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Motion 26-123: Russ T motioned to purchase playground wood chips for the BellStores Arena (90 yards), not to exceed \$1,600. Kevin K seconded the motion with all directors in attendance voting yes. Motion Passed.

Technology:

Motion 26-124: Amber S motioned to authorize LightSpeed Technologies to install new wifi at the Sales Barn and additional hardware needed at the Grandstand for beer sales, not to exceed \$8,000. Cindi V seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes. Motion Passed.

Sponsorship & Fundraising:

- Sponsors for 4H building and one possible sponsor for the swine barn.

Health & Safety (EMS):

- Canton City was sent hours needed for fair fire & ambulance services.

BlueRibbon:

- Online entries are set to be live this month.

Fair Book:

- Has been submitted to the print shop.

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

- Looking at doing a Christmas show. We would want a Santa, ice carvers, and vendors. Need to start thinking of a budget.

Motion 26-125: Dan F motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin K seconded the motion with all directors present voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Jill E Sterling *Board President*

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.

