

FAIRBOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. the minutes of the last meeting were approved as handed out.

Recent developments regarding the Armory Siting and Fairgrounds committees were discussed. Curt talked about the "Dream" buildings as proposed by the ropers, etc. on his committee. It would appear that nobody can agree on what size, layout or anything else they want the building to be.

Somehow people have gotten the idea that use of the Armory will be free. It will not be free as security has to be there.

The "Dream" is to have several extra buildings to go with the Pavilion, rather than trying to work with one building.

Michelle Kaseberg reported that getting events into a building would cost 25% for promotion and maintenance – 10% of building cost for maintenance, 15% of cost for promotion. It has been suggested that "outsiders" pay extra, "locals" pay basically nothing. This would not be cost-efficient. Fees have to be set up to cover expenses.

Curtis has heard that if Baker County Fair gets the 7.5 Million. Halfway will expect to get part of the money. However, the Pine Valley Fair Association owns the land rather than the county, so Tax Levy Money can't go over there.

During the public meeting today, it was brought up that all of the entities which are interested in moving into a center building here are non-profit, and therefore have no money. Essentially, nothing has been decided; It doesn't sound like anything will be decided any time soon. There is a meeting November 16 which the Fair Board has been asked to attend.

Fred read a letter from Brian Cole stating that the county general fund will be transferring \$21,000 to the Fair Board Budget. This would pay the Extension Rent and the Health Department Rent for the rest of the

fiscal year even though the Health department has moved. Fred is also going to push for any Lottery Dollars to go to our Building Fund.

It has been suggested that we build what we can afford right now, then add onto it as we need to and can afford it.

The County's bill paying system has been redone so that our bills are paid on time.

As soon as the Seniors leave, Annette has paint ready to paint the Dining Room. The Health Department area still has not been cleaned up.

The floor of the big freezer out back is rotted out, and the freezer started to break apart when it was picked up. It is still sitting out back on blocks.

Our Janitor Service is not satisfactory. His contract expired September 30. His contract says we have to give 30 days notice of termination if we want to end service.

Nellie moved, Fred seconded, that we pay the bills. Passed unanimously.

We have a letter from OFA asking for contributions to the Oregon Fairs Foundation. They are asking for \$5,000 contributions from private individuals as well as Fairs.

It was brought up that we may need to make a formal request for vacating East Street in order to be able to build out that direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 7:00P.M.

Submitted by:

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fairboard

ATTENDANCE: Chuck Buchanan, Curt Jacobs, John Leonard, Fred
Cockram, Nellie Forrester.
Robert Borgen, Jerry Herbes, Michelle Kaseberg, Annette Cockram.