

FAIRBOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as handed out.

Paul York told us that the Board of Commissioners decided not to put a bond issue on the November Ballot; May is a possibility.

Fred mentioned that we've spent a lot of money on studying how the fairgrounds and armory should work together. Now a "certain advisory board member" has started a committee to work on moving the fairgrounds out of town. Our money is earmarked for our building. He feels that the county court should get the city to close East Street, and help us get our building set up so that it's expandable if necessary. The other thing is getting the old armory under county control. The services go only as far as the armory, so there would be no water, sewer, etc. interruptions.

The National Guard has asked Annette to start taking care of the weeds around the armory. They would also like somebody to take care of building rental. This is something we will look closely at.

We asked Paul York to look into the conditions required for moving the bus barn.

What it boils down to is that we started this project to benefit the kids, and now it's starting to look like it's being taken out of our hands. To many people are trying to make this to big a project. We had planned to start construction this fall, but may be on hold.

Paul York is to go back to the Board of Commissioners and relay our concerns about getting our pavillion started, and about possibly trading the old armory for space in the fairgrounds area to put up a new armory. Getting East Street closed would be a high priority as far as getting the Pavillion sited is concerned.

Chuck moved, John seconded, that we pay the bills. Passed unanimously.

Fred thinks we need to budget money for some more lights to go on the ends of the grandstand beams fo light the center of the arena. Kim Jacobs has asked that the Fairboard donate the arena for use in holding a fund raiser for the FFA. They would help pay for the lights if it runs until after dark. They would be responsible for their own porta potties and the removal of all garbage. Nellie moved, Fred seconded, that we do this as long as they pick up trash. Passed with Curt abstaining.

The Elks paid their bill. We made \$2704 altogether from the Miner's Jubilee. This includes Extension and Community Center Rent also. The Elks deducted \$280 for the paint that they bought last year-it's less hassle to just let it slide rather than arguing about it. At this point we are estimating \$25/hour for the Arena lights; When we get a bill, we can figure out what the actual costs are.

Annette wondered about raffling a wagon next year instead of giving it away.

The bleacher rent is going up to \$55 for the small ones, and \$75 for the larger ones. We will be informing the people who normally rent them that this is going to happen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fairboard

ATTENDANCE

Chuck Buchanan, Curtis Jacobs, John Leonard Fred Cockram, Nellie Forrester, Paul York, Allen Hack, Robin Hack, Robert Borgen, Paul Grove, Annette Cockram