FAIRBOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Jim Van Duyn brought us up to date on the Armory Project. Blue Mt. Community College would like to be involved with design, etc., because of their outreach program. BMCC has 350,000 to contribute which would not be enough for the 9,000 Sq. Ft. they would need. Brian Cole has promised to work on grants, etc.

Armory Task Force is recommending that the floored part of the Community Center be retained. This would need to be rebuilt. They also feel that 3 years operating expenses should be raised as part of the package. There are several designs being worked on, in case someone of the involved organizations can't stay with the project and have to drop out they would already have the design done and not have to start over.

It has been proposed that we do an exchange with the Armory. They would lease us the present Armory, and we would lease them a place too put up a new Armory. In order for the exchange to take place, both properties would have to be appraised by separate appraisers. The Military has to hire Architects by September 30, 2000, and break ground by September 30, 2001. They would like to start construction by May or June, 2001. We would have to have the RV'S out of the barns by March 31, 2001.

Nobody really knows how Leo Adler Field came into existence. It is on county property, and the Livestock Pavilion needs part of the field. Howard Britton will look into what kind of agreement may have been reached to establish Leo Adler Field

Jim feels that someone from the Fairboard should be at the next County Commission Meeting on September 20th.

Nellie moved, John seconded, that we pay the bills, and that we accept the minutes of the last meeting as handed out. Passed unanimously.

From the last 4-H meeting: There are a number of people who think the Fair should move to Jubilee weekend. This is not up to the Fairboard. We only supply the facility, we don't set the fair date. Parking and camping would be very congested at that time. Allen Hack said that there are also some people pushing to have all the animals shows in the mornings, with other activities in the afternoons. Allen also feels that moving the show to Jubilee Week-end would also make it hard to get some of the animals to make weight (hogs, possibly lambs). He felt it definitely was not possible this year to move the date up.

Thomas Angus Ranch has offered to supply Beef for next year's Sale Dinner.

Nellie asked for guidance about Horse show expenses for Halfway. We feel that there should be a set amount set aside for the Horse show. Expenses would have to be limited to that. There should be an accounting of where the money goes. This is left up to Nellie's discretion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M. the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2000, at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary Baker County Fairboard

ATTENDANCE: Chuck Buchanan, Nellie Forrester, Curt Jacobs, John Leonard, Jim Van Duyn, Howard Britton, Allen Hack, Bob Borgan, Annette Cockram