



Pickaway County Agricultural Society

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

- I. Call to order – at 7pm by President Von Cremeans
- II. Pledge of Allegiance by Sean Mayhugh.
- III. Roll Call – Directors not present: Jim Arledge, Ben Brisker, Nicole Mitchell, Bennett Musselman, Matt Patterson, Jim Pollock, and Jennifer Pontious.
- IV. Guests-
 - None
- V. Secretary Report –
 - Laci Thompson moves to approve the Secretary report. Tracey Rittinger seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer Report-
 - PCAS Monthly
 - Checking/Kingston National Bank \$93,618.58
 - Money Market \$83,263.19
 - Payroll/ Kingston National Bank \$10,141.87
 - Petty Cash \$100
 - Total funds/Kingston National Bank \$187,123.64
 - Income \$441,821.76
 - Rentals \$15,110.00
 - Sponsorships \$17,800.00
 - Expenses \$447,452.15
 - Salary Wages/ Benefits \$14,591.11
 - Utilities \$25,292.43
 - Loss \$(5,630.39)

Laci Thompson moved to approve PCAS Treasurer's Report. Jody Kidd seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

GAP Monthly

- CD/Vinton County Bank \$55,667.85
- GAP Checking/The Savings Bank \$51,669.34
- GAP Checking/ Vinton County Bank \$14,380.33
- GAP Saving/ Vinton County Bank \$40,553.54
- Total Funds in Bank \$162,271.06
- Income \$11,870.95
- Expenses \$19,642.11
- Loss \$(7,771.16)

Jody Kidd moved to approve GAP Treasurer's Report. Darin Myers seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports-

- Junior Fair Board
 - Joy Sharp reported positive efforts by Junior Fairboard; and thanked them for their dedication.
 - They added a stock the trailer committee this year which stretched them thin and without having a direct senior fair board contact they felt that stock the trailer wasn't managed as well as it could have been.
 - "Stock the Trailer" project faced difficulties managing logistics, but still secured \$875 in donations (including Aldi's donation and pantry contributions).
 - Numbers: About 100 pounds less collected than previous year with \$1,000 less in program funding.
- Livestock Sale Committee
 - Heather Burke reported on behalf of the Sale Committee
 - Livestock sale length continues to be a key concern for buyers.
 - Some buyers left due to sale length.
 - Buyers strongly opposed a 2-day sale; prefer solutions that maintain traditional format but address time.
 - Bart and Von are working on solutions; proposal to run two rings simultaneously, facing opposite directions to avoid sound interference.
 - Will require additional equipment and potential auctioneer hire.
 - Proposal: Grand Champion sale in one ring at 9:00 AM, then both rings run concurrently.
 - Suggestions to attract buyers earlier (e.g., pancake breakfast) as part of the buyer invitation strategy.
 - Total preliminary auction up over \$76,000 from last year.
 - Ring sales: nearly \$400,000; add-ons: \$195,816.32 (with an additional \$10,000 pending).
 - Total sale over \$600,000.
 - Category highlights:
 - Dairy beef feeders: \$22,100
 - Market beef: \$67,850
 - Goats: \$37,250 (slight decline but fewer head)
 - Chickens: \$12,675
 - Ducks/geese: \$10,125
 - Turkeys: \$9,600 (down due to 7 fewer head; per-head price up)
 - Rabbits: \$125,600 (up \$20,000)
 - Market hogs: \$73,900 (crosses); \$13,550 (pures)
 - Sheep: slight decrease, but increased per-head
- General Livestock
 - Heather Burke reported on behalf of the Livestock Sale Committee
 - a. Animal Move-in & Health/Safety
 - Cattle barn may require additional paperwork checks for breeding classes.
 - Goats: Removal of birth date field to align with other species.
 - Sheep/Goats: Establish set class for county bred, born, and raised.
 - Rabbits: Want to return to previous classification structure; some limits discussed for number of entries per exhibitor. Need to clarify in next year's rules.

- Noted need for better pin cleanliness post-fair. Exploring community service involvement from 4H clubs and FFA (potentially to sanitize trays/pens in advance).
- Discussion regarding process for cleaning pans/trays pre-fair.
- Suggestion to assign 4H clubs and FFA specific tasks.
- Timeline: Community service asks should be communicated in October/November so clubs can plan for next year.
- Logistics: Place all cages on pallets for easier mass cleaning and handling.
- Poultry barn: Will revert to exhibitors providing their own shavings (due to overuse and logistical challenges providing it).
- Discussion to standardize poultry leg bands to numbered, non-colored bands for better identification.
- Tattooing rabbits and assigning IDs before fair to streamline check-in.
- DUNF form process had issues; attributed to last-minute procedural communication.
- Proposal to weigh hogs off the trailer (Friday or Saturday night move-in) to alleviate barn congestion and ensure vet presence at point of arrival. Vet Dr. Davis confirmed this is workable.
- Staggered move-in times suggested to address bottlenecks with paperwork and safety vet checks.
- Gate Committee
 - Andrea Hoover reported the gate committee recommendations for next year.
 - Memberships: Increase from \$35 to \$45
 - Weekly Passes: Pre-sale increases from \$30 to \$40, with post-fair price at \$45.
 - Kids' Free Admission: Lower free age from 10 and under to 5 and under. Clover Buds to continue receiving free passes.
 - Only one Kids Day (Thursday), down from two; prefer Thursday due to more relevant events (e.g., Pickaway Perfect People).
 - Thursday–Saturday: Flat \$15 admission all day (instead of switch at 4:00 PM).
 - Separate veterans and senior day.
 - Contract BJs gate solution to run pit passes also.

VIII. Old Business-

- None

IX. New Business

- None

X. Correspondence

- Thank you from Edy Solet (Ohio Fairs Queen)
- Thank you from Hoyt Dillon

XI. Adjournment - Jody Kidd motions to adjourn. Darin Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.