

The Special Meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call revealed that Barry Haubeil Jr., and John Wetzel were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Bob Nelson, Tom McWhorter, Kacey Kruger, and Ruth Beery.

Bob Nelson, Game Warden, explained about their donation program. It is different from the hunter donating to feed the needy. Hunters will drop off their wild game to the game wardens and the meat will be processed and distributed to food banks in the area.

S7-1-26: Kemper moved, Roll seconded to permit Game Wardens to use the fairgrounds for a drop off for hunters to bring their wild game for donations to local food banks. Motion carried.

S7-2-26: Kemper moved, Bethel seconded to permit Ross County Litter Control & Recycling to hold a Litter Challenge for the public during the fair with prizes for full buckets of litter turned in. Motion carried.

Kruger – There are 2607 entries on ShoWork with 972 exhibitors. There are three County Born Bred and Raised shows during the fair, the exhibitor needs to register separately for these shows. Three exhibitors missed the deadline for registering, they are requesting to be added. The deadline stands. The Buyer packets have been sent out; people are already trying to sign up for add-ons. Next Tuesday the Sales Committee will have a work night preparing for the fair. The Buyers appreciation dinner has been slowly growing smaller each year. Instead of a dinner the sales committee would like to purchase nice bags they will hand out to the buyers when they register.

Boggs arrived at 6:21 pm.

S7-3-26: Hill moved, Free seconded to purchase buyer bags to hand out at the fair instead of a meal after the fair. Motion carried.

McWhorter – All scales have been certified except the goat scales, and they need to be repaired. They will be repaired and certified the same day. The scales are

moved each year for tag-ins, this is where they are being damaged. McWhorter suggests that they not be moved anymore once repaired.

Kline – Sally Bluck job has been posted, she is wanting to retire. The job is posted for approximately \$20.00 per hour. They decided to permit the goats that are competing at State Fair have 90 minutes from time stamp of release to have their goats weighed in at the Ross County Fair. There were nine exhibitors that did not complete Skill-a-thon. The DNUF form has to be completed before entering the fairgrounds, the Vets will be inspecting the livestock as they arrive at the gates. The 4-H mixer dinner will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

Ruth Beery – She is a superintendent at the Poultry Barn. She has been looking for a grant from Poultry Super Mission Fund to use to finish out the Jr Fair Pavilion so it can be used as a poultry barn. The non-market chickens have increased by 20 in one year. She asked the board for approval to proceed with this grant. There is no matching of funds with this grant. Beery was told that if she needs help with the estimate of materials or writing the grant contact the Board.

S7-4-26: Hill moved, Bethel seconded to give permission to Ruth Beery to submit the grant for the Poultry Building. Motion carried.

S7-5-26: Kemper moved, Clever seconded to approve the June Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

S7-6-26: Corcoran moved, Kemper seconded to pay June 1-30, 2026 monthly bills totaling \$64,236.02. Motion carried.

Ludwick – Membership ticket sales deadline is August 3, 2026. Comp tickets for the Directors were handed out. The office will be open August 3-5, 2026 11am-7pm, August 6-15, 2026 9am-7pm.

CCI asked if they could still have the same privileges as before even though they cannot receive the sewage from the fair, their booth in the Multipurpose Building during the fair, the training in January 2027, and the Christmas Party for underprivileged children. There was a discussion on this with no decision made.

The gentleman that wanted to rent a booth for the sole purpose of having their petition signed, the State of Ohio does not have a law against that, but the RCAS does have a rule that is printed in the fair book each year for at least ten years forbidding petitions being signed on the fairgrounds. They can rent the booth, hand out flyers, talk to the public, but they cannot have their petition signed.

Haubeil Jr. – Don't sign the contract with Smash-It concerning the School Bus Derby, they will not be handling the event, remove the \$4,000.00 charge, and they are only buying nine buses not ten, change price to \$26,100.00.

Roll asked if anyone would volunteer to work the gate on Friday or Saturday when the campers come in for the Summer Camp Out. They will need start up money and two checks cut for security, Kevin McPherson and Keith Knox for \$450.00 each. The ATM machines need to be filled.

Nelson – Lady asked if the bathrooms and showers would be cleaner this year.

Clifton asked for a refund for Dan Cryder's booth, he is not running for office now. He also asked who owns the old Horizon Building, would like to buy it back if they don't use it.

Bodary has the contract from Kissel, it needs looked over.

Free would like to take the 2nd place certificate won at the OFMA Convention to the radio station that made the ad.

Bethel – Golf carts have been ordered. Vendors can move their trailers in as early as August 3rd, if they plug into electric, they will be charged \$35.00 extra.

Over 740 golf cart permits have been sold so far.

All contracts and booth rentals need to be more uniform. After the fair this needs to be done.

S7-7-26: Bethel moved, Kemper seconded to approve approximately \$2,000.00 for a dry well. Motion carried.

S7-8-26: Haubeil moved, Chain seconded to repair lights that are out in the Home Arts Building. Motion carried.

The 250 Anniversary sign will be hung at the Sale Arena.

S7-9-25: Haubeil moved, Bethel seconded to approve renting two sets of bleachers for the Grandstand infield for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Cosenza asked the Board to think whether we will attend the OFMA Convention.

S7-10-26: Kemper moved, Gray seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.
Motion carried.

WITNESS BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY