

The regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Directors was held Monday, July 6, 2026, at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Bradford Cosenza at 6:02pm.

Roll Call revealed that Elliott, Gray, Haubeil, Haubeil Jr., Hill, and Guthrie were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cosenza.

Guests – Karen Cydrus, Tim Krafthefer, Kacey Kruger, Tom McWhorter, Ryan Kline.

Karen Cydrus from Home Arts Building said all is looking good, would like for the lights to be checked out in her building.

Kline – Things are going well. The Sheep and Hog dates for sale day are incorrect in the fair book in the species section, they are correct in the livestock sale section. Skill-a-Thon is going on. Six people did not show to have their rabbits weighed. There was a large amount of the chickens that died right after they were picked up, the producer replaced them, but they weight at fair time needs to be adjusted.

7-1-26: Clever moved, Kemper seconded to lower the Jr Fair Chicken weight to 9-16 pounds for the 2026 Fair only. Motion carried.

Boggs arrived at 6:20 pm.

Kruger – The Buyer Packets will be mailed from the printer on July 14th. ShoWorks registration is going well. Sales Committee will need 7 cases of paper.

No Treasurer Report or paying monthly bills due to Treasurer not in attendance.

7-2-26: Bethel moved, Hopkins seconded to approve June 1, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

7-3-26: Bethel moved Clary seconded to approve June 15, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Cosenza appointed Free, Clever as Clerks, and Clifton, Bethel, and Cosenza as Judges for the Directors Election on Thursday of the fair.

Plessinger would like to use our bleachers for his motocross race, this is not in his contract. Also, he would like to have fireworks on Saturday night. He will have to have the permits and approved by Union Township Fire Chief.

7-4-26: Roll moved, Free seconded to charge \$500.00 per set of bleachers to rent to Scott Plessinger, and they will be moved by RCAS. Motion carried.

Wheeler was told to hold off on purchasing water and pop for the fair. He would like to hire one of the helpers, Tim Miller, from the halfway house full time once he is done with his community service. The mulch has been ordered from Detillion's a 4-H club will be spreading the mulch for their community service project.

Nelson – All Campsites have been rented. At packet pickup for the first hour the campers were given pink wristbands because the 2026 wristbands had not been delivered.

Clary – The Rockin-A-Rodeo will be back next year. Site #707 has at least one tree that needs removed, it is damaged.

7-5-26: Clary moved, Roll seconded to purchase saw dust for the Jr Fair Horse Barn for approximately \$2,000.00. This motion is on hold until the July 21st meeting.

The July 20th meeting is being changed to July 21st at 6:00 pm.

7-6-26: Roll moved, Benner seconded to replace the gates in the show arena, 6 – 20' and 2 – 14' gates for approximately \$1,800.00. Motion carried.

Bethel asked if in the vendor camping do rides and games vendors pay for their camping? The contracts will be checked for this answer.

Contracts for EMS will be settled at the July 21st meeting.

Trader Day dates will be changed to May 7-9, 2027.

Nelson asked about moving forward on using ShoWorks though out the fair.

Ludwick has not heard back from CCI on a contract to dump the sewage during the fair. Clever is going to call CCI.

7-7-26: Bethel moved, Free seconded to hire Sheila Devilbliss to work in the office from August 3rd through August 15th at a straight fee of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

7-8-26: Bethel moved, Free seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

BRADFORD COSENZA
RCAS PRESIDENT

MARY LUDWICK
RCAS SECRETARY