



## **FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **October 24, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on October 24, 2019, and came to order at 6:00 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager) Jimilea Grose (Fair Secretary), Chad Armstrong (Board Chairman), Bill Holden (Vice-Chairman) Jake Barnosky (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Maintenance), Ron Nye (Madison County Commissioner), Bill Gillespie, Tom and Janna Norby (Fox Alarm and Technology, Inc.), and Lindsay Seidensticker (Star Busters 4-H Club). Jimilea took minutes.

Fair Board Interviews:  
6:05 pm to 6:45 pm

### **DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS**

7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

**6. Security Cameras:** Tom Norby explained the difference between the security camera systems. The best areas to start with cameras would be possibly the outside of the office and to the buildings or playground and arena area with the network which would be approximately \$6,000 which does not include cameras or anything extra. When streaming cameras back, it's a lot of bandwidth which is how much data can be pushed per second back to recorder. Normal internet speeds at a personal residence are approximately 5 megabits per second which is how fast you can download something or push things to the internet. That wouldn't even handle a one megapixel camera. For the fairgrounds you would have to boost up that connection to one gigabit connection which is 1000 megabits per second which may handle up to 10-15 cameras outside of the office streaming back. We are putting together a couple of camera packages. One would be a network streaming back to a recorder at the office which would be on all the time and would record movement. Those types of cameras use video analytics which means when nothing is going on it would not record. Those cameras would have the ability to see the difference between cars, people, and animals. This is an expensive system but would allow you to do other things in the future if you choose. This would be 3-4 cameras at each location with this system would probably run approximately \$20,000 or more. The other solution would be having individual recording set up at certain places which is not such a high definition. It would be not as high definition as the first system but could put maybe three cameras at the office which show the entrance, down through buildings, etc. which would be powered by the office and that system would be approximately \$3,000-4,000. This system would be based here but could remote it from the Sheriff's office. Tom advised that the sheriff would not be constantly watching this system but if there was an issue, they could look at it. If you want cameras at another location, then you would have to have a network system there or 3 Rivers would have to give internet access there to remotely access it. The second system would have a hard drive and would be recording all the time. It's not as smart as video analytics but basically if it sees a vehicle, it sees motion and starts to record. You will get some recording if the wind is blowing hard or stormy but the price difference allows you to go with a larger hard drive and more video recording and with 3-4 cameras could possibly go a month or so with continuous video recording, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You could put another one of these systems in the buildings, all you would need to have is power. If you want the sheriff's office to look at it, you would need to have internet access. If you had an incident where something happened, you could physically go to that unit and look at it and download it. This is the least expensive system but would be less expensive system but yet a good start. If you have this system, you need to go by and look at it because of all the moving parts, cooling fans, etc. to make sure the system is functioning smoothly and working properly. The fairgrounds is a very dusty

environment and it would need to be blown out to keep dust out at least once a month. Setting up network is a must to use first system. Tom said to keep in mind that camera equipment's life span with a DVR is approximately five years. Most warranties are only about one to two years. Some systems they have that were the \$20,000 or more were obsolete in five years as well. The fair board discussed that the second system may be a start for the cameras. Chad asked Commissioner Nye who is paying for this system. The discussion was that there hadn't been any decision by the commissioners yet and this was a discussion topic. Former IT Chris Hunt discussed having a t1 line and Tom mentioned that he advised against that system because if there was trouble with that line it would take us out of the whole recording and that is why the smaller recording systems work even if something goes wrong, as long as there is power, they still record. Commissioner Nye would like to make the decision jointly with the fair board in a meeting.

Commissioner Ron Nye and Tom and Janna Norby left at 7:15

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction:** None.
2. **Communications:** Thank you cards were read.
3. **Fair Board Member Recommendation:** Tom joined the meeting via telephone during this portion of the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm. Jake moved to appoint L.J. Pancost to fill the Twin Bridges position on the Fair Board and to send a recommendation to the Madison County Commissioners. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send a recommendation to the Madison County Commissioners. Tom left the meeting at 7:36 pm.
4. **Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2019:** Bill moved to approve the September 24, 2019 minutes without any corrections. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
5. **Budget/Bills:** Cash-\$54,764.21. The cash amount from October, 2018 was \$39,982.00. A list of current October bills were presented.
6. **Security Cameras:** See above.
7. **Fairgrounds Improvement Projects:**
  - **Measurements of Sale Building and Hog Barn/Sheep Breeding Barn:** The Fairgrounds Improvement Project map was presented with the measurements. Further discussion was to provide the map to the 4H Council and attend the council meeting to discuss the project with the 4H/FFA for further input.
8. **Bylaws:** No action taken.
9. **Reports:**
  - **4H:** Bill Gillespie discussed the 4H wall which was designed and built by the BY'S 4H Club. Further discussion was the families who have names on the barns had been contacted and once the families get their information back to the Fair Board, the engraving will take place.
  - **FFA:** None
  - **Livestock Committee:** We received a check from the Livestock Sales Committee for \$7,650.00
  - **Board:** None
  - **Fair Manager:** Bonnie Hegdal has agreed to be the 2020 Parade Marshal. Bill has the team reserved for Bonnie. Dana spoke about Cirque Adventure Circus Act. They were unable to

attend the 2019 Fair due to an accident. Dana proposed having Cirque Adventure perform at the 2020 fair in lieu of requesting a refund from them. She will type up a contract for the County Attorney to review before sending it to them. We are in need of a load of gravel for some projects around the fairgrounds. Dana will talk to Commissioner Nye. Lindsay left at 8:30 pm.

10. **Waterline:**

- **River Bank:** The permits are done. We are just waiting for the contractor to start working.

11. **Fair:**

- **2020 Vendor Fees/checkout:** New fees for 2020 were presented. An increase of \$10 was proposed for 2020 vendor rates without electricity with a five dollar increase for vendor rates with electricity. The vendors are utilizing the facility an additional two days with the fair animals coming in on Monday. Bill moved to approve the new vendor fees for the 2020. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The change will be in the rules and regulations for vendors. The checkout time will remain at 11:00 am Sunday of the Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next Fair Board will be November 21, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

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Approved: Fair Board Chairperson    Date  
And/or Vice Chairperson