

# FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD **NOTES**

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2026

**Due to a lack of attendance, the board did not have enough members for a quorum for the September 2026 meeting.**

Fair Board members present: P for Present and A for Absent

|                                          |                           |                         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A</b> President Amanda Ellis          | <b>A</b> Gannon Long      | <b>P</b> Kevin Mahmalji |
| <b>P</b> Vice President Delores Comstock | <b>P</b> John Daniels     | <b>P</b> Linda Valdez   |
| <b>P</b> Secretary Kristina Brubaker     | <b>A</b> Brandon Sherwood | <b>A</b> Chris Wood     |
| <b>A</b> Treasurer Amanda Fouche         | <b>P</b> Tami Ratkovich   | <b>A</b> Angie Zorilla  |
|                                          |                           | <b>A</b> Makenna Long   |

County Commissioners: **A** Dwayne McFall

Extension Office:

**P** Julianne Dinkle      **A** Kassy Tracy      **A** Theresa Clubb      **A** Kelsey Story

FFA: **A** Mia Hampton **A** Cynthia Fall

| Category                                 | Beginning Balance                                         | Deposits    | Expenses    | Available   | Coding            |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| General Fund                             | \$0.00                                                    | \$14,707.49 | \$22,840.59 | -\$8,133.10 | General Fund      |
| Awards                                   | \$0.00                                                    | \$980.00    | \$7,376.10  | -\$6,396.10 | Awards            |
| Sponsorship                              | \$19,173.29                                               | \$21,090.60 | \$0.00      | \$40,263.89 | Sponsors          |
| Rodeo                                    | \$6,417.09                                                | \$28,192.00 | \$33,301.54 | \$1,307.55  | Rodeo             |
| Advertising & Marketing (\$5,000 budget) | \$0.00                                                    | \$0.00      | \$2,481.00  | -\$2,481.00 | Advertising & ... |
| Total                                    | \$25,590.38                                               | \$64,970.09 | \$65,999.23 | \$24,561.24 |                   |
| Rodeo Queen                              | \$1,000.00                                                |             |             |             |                   |
| Pens of Progress                         | \$500.00                                                  |             |             |             |                   |
| County Budget                            | \$20,000                                                  | \$0         | \$20,000.00 | \$0.00      |                   |
| Current available                        |                                                           | \$24,561.24 |             |             |                   |
| Approved/Pending                         | (Prizes, ribbons, remaining judges, office printing cost) | \$16,655.00 |             |             |                   |
| Rodeo Queen/Pens of Progress             |                                                           | \$1,500.00  |             |             |                   |
| Estimated ending Balance                 |                                                           | \$6,406.24  |             |             |                   |

## Meeting Notes:

- Shooting Sports – Linda reported that the new system worked. Shooting sports went well. There was a muzzle loading member who placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in JR at state.
- Julianne – fair went well and smoothly. She feels there needs to be more time for interview judging. Family day was successful. Quilts were well attended.
- Delores – Interviews need to start at 9 AM. 10am makes a short morning and long afternoon. 4-H part went well. Tami agrees.
- Tami – shows went well. Open entries seemed like it was down.
- Quilting – Gina is the s great group of people. Thank you to the royal gorge quilt council for loaning racks 45 quilts
- Food Trucks and Vendors (Tiffany) – Tiffany reported there were 10 food trucks throughout the week. One complaint was the noise of the generators from the food trucks. The last weekend of fair Tiffany personally rented a quiet generator for vendors to reduce noise. Vendors donated money towards it as well and would be willing to You could hear announcements without the large generators.
  - She would like to take it into consideration next year for vendors. Vendors could pay extra for power use. The quote from Canon Rental for full use of the generator. \$1386 Friday rodeo – Monday business day. Includes 2 100 ft cords and 2 splitters (2 vendors did not have the correct adapter).
  - She would also like to address the concern of a parent stating vendors were not happy – Tiffany reported all vendors were satisfied.
- Sale Committee – Gina reported everything went well. There was a different BBQ vendor and feedback seems positive. Set up improvements went well.
  - Sale numbers were down which was expected.
  - Checks are available.
- Angie Jones – Pantry Judge felt there should not be a Juvenile section. If kids wanted to enter the fair they should participate in 4-H.
- Barbara Carochi – Open Pantry and Fair in action. Open entries were down slightly. She also said entries aren't following guidelines.
  - Canning judge has suggestions. She will pass them on the Delores.
  - Pickles and Relishes in Fair book skipped class 21 so it did not match with the judge's sheet.
  - Had an entry they place in Miscellaneous (Extract)
  - Honey – needs to label type (liquid or cream) and WHERE it is from. Harvest time and extraction date should also been listed.
  - Hydrated food – no specifics on labeling.
  - Judge was good at explaining details.
- Fair in action had 8 participants and they weren't very active. Would like a better location closer to the fair action. The classroom is available family day.
- Norma King Fouche – Wine entries were down this year. She would like to reach out on social media offering classes and trying to get more participation. The 4-H building is available to host classes.
- Kevin – Talked to Tami about getting belt buckles for cats. City of Florence may be interested in sponsoring belt buckles.
- Family Day – Change the time – not enough traffic until 2.
- Hanging signs each day with the daily events. Possibly look into the sign board for more attention.
- Kevin suggested leaning on other things that happen before. Incorporating other events like the bucking that happened the week before.

- Offering a pancake breakfast fundraiser and see if American Legion, VFW, etc would be interested.
  - Extend Family day to a 2 day event.
- Asking dance studios to come in and perform to bring in more attendance.
- Cornerstone - Tami reported the Colorado Saddle Makers Association will be doing a fall seminar at the 4-H Building Sept 18-20. Making saddle bags, Christmas stocking, food, tools and supplies for leather crafting.

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Pathfinder CLASSROOM.**