

On Monday, July 14, 2021, Scott Lake called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, Mark Wade. Brett Moline was absent.

**Public Comment:**

Freda Dixon submitted a letter to Josey for an update to the board. Attached at the bottom.

Katie moved to Ashlyn Wheat to the beginning of New Business along with Allison Riske Mark moved to accept the agenda. Andrea seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

Katie moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May Meeting. Mark seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Guest, Committee Reports**

The 4-H Council - Mary Louise Wood - They are very busy and things are going very quickly. She mentioned that eventually she would like to discuss the bill for the carnival fundraiser.

Snowy Range FFA Chapter - Katie Ogden - The FFA Parent support group did a fundraiser at Brewfest and raised money there and at the crawfish boil and were very close to their goal.

Rock Creek FFA Chapter - Heather Alexander - Nothing to Report

The Fairgrounds Foundation- Josey Bailey - Josey said they will be able to put the round pen shortly, Cody is working on getting the dimensions for the pen from material we already have. The brand board is in the works. Toyota cares is in the works of voting for the donation. They elected to not do the Ace Round up. Katie reported that the Gem City Jackpot cleared \$5000. Josey explained the Barnd Board.

Sale Committee report - Heather Alexander - Said all was well and we are ready for a great sale. First Interstate Bank has offered to clerk the sale as a donation.

The Shooting Range report was submitted in writing by Roy. Explaining his hours.

Fairgrounds Report - Chris Baty - Barns are getting prepped for fair, getting cleaned up from Jubilee days and fair and prepping for the dressage show. Josey and he are having superintendent meetings. He asked if stock tanks had been supplied and they came and said they needed stock tanks for the rodeo.

Judges Committee Report - Josey - Reported that as far as he knows they are good on judges. Josey reported they would be contacting this week to make sure all are good to go.

Range Arena - Josey Bailey - All pens except one are being used. Chris Baty - Reported that the ground was getting watered every week, twice, to keep the dust down. The maintenance was caught up over there.

Treasurer's Report - Katie moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Mark seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **Office and Staff Reports**

Josey Bailey reported online entry will remain open until the 16th of July. Everything is very busy prepping for the fair. Things are going well.

### **Correspondence - Attached Below**

Julie Johnson Doyle Email

Lexi Gradecki Email - add as an asterisk to fee schedule Livestock events and other events approved by fair management and the Albany County Fair Board  
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### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

**Approval** Ashlyn Wheat presented her stickers to sell for her club during family night, they were 4-H stickers. Katie moved to allow the sale of the stickers and Andrea seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

The board addressed the correspondence from Julie Johnson Doyle. Katie thanked Julie for coming to the meeting and they had received the emails. Katie moved forward with explaining the nature of the emails. Katie introduced Heber, Chris and Josey. Julie explained briefly the nature of the event that took place 2 years ago, and agreed that the behavior was unacceptable. She expressed her concerns with the upkeep of the grounds. Then Andrea asked if there could be clarification provided for each point addressed in the email. The discussion about each line item was had. The discussion ended with the board asking for there to be concerns brought forward but if each of those could be accompanied by a solution that would be very helpful to each of them moving forward.

**Approve** Girl Scout Entry for Junior Indoor Exhibits - Allison Riske - Allison presented to the board for permission to show her robotics project in the junior show at fair. Andrea moved to approve the request. Mark seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

**Approve** Vendor Applications - Andrea moved to approve each vendor within a defined space Mark seconded. Discussion was made to then approve as applications come in provided they comply with the requirements of the application. Motion passes.

**Discussion** on Cintas Vendor - Paper Supplies - Chris - The board instructed Josey and Chris to determine if the expenditure was in the budget and move forward with Cintas if the expenditure fit into the budget.

**Discussion** on Jubilee Days Agreement - The board asked for the staff to set a meeting with Guy with Jubilee day for after the fair stuff is over to go over the new agreement.

**Approve** Backflow Device Repair Expenditure Katie moved to approve the expenditure. Mark seconded the motion. No discussion and motion passes.

**Decision** on August Meeting - Katie moved to have no august meeting, Mark seconded. Motion passes unanimously

**Approve** Judges and Superintendent Expenditures - Mark moved to approve the expenditure. Andrea seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

**Approve** June Expenditures - Katie moved to approve the expenditures, Mark motion. No discussion and motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.



Josey Bailey &lt;manager@albanycountyfair.org&gt;

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**Fwd: Fw: Online Form Submittal: Commissioners**

1 message

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**Katie Ogden** <kogden1214@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 11:48 AM

To: Jimmi Jo Chatfield &lt;manager@albanycountyfair.org&gt;

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From: **Kyle and Julie Doyle** <kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 22, 2021, 12:29 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Online Form Submittal: Commissioners

To: Andrea Senior &lt;andreasenior33@gmail.com&gt;

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I can honestly advise that I received no such letter as you indicate below, regarding my interactions with former Fair Board member Amy Terrell. I do know that my response that day was lacking grace and born of frustration, considering the fact that our family had received the "go ahead" from two Fair Board members and a Sales Committee member to have our son show our daughter's market animals in the sale ring that day because Emma was lying on the couch with a 102-degree fever. After her market swine was sold, we were then approached and told it would not be allowed and the animal would be no-saled unless Emma showed it herself.

Thank you for yours and Katie's e-mails. I do look forward to attending the next Fair Board meeting.

Julie

Julie Johnson-Doyle

307-399-1575

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**From:** Andrea Senior <andreasenior33@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:18 PM**To:** Kyle and Julie Doyle <kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com>**Cc:** [bmoline@wyfb.org](mailto:bmoline@wyfb.org) <bmoline@wyfb.org>; [esllc307@gmail.com](mailto:esllc307@gmail.com) <esllc307@gmail.com>; [kogden1214@gmail.com](mailto:kogden1214@gmail.com) <kogden1214@gmail.com>;

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**Subject:** Re: Fw: Online Form Submittal: Commissioners

Julie- I did reach out to you on the phone, as I assumed you left your number in request of a phone call.

As I stated in that message your email seems to attack me personally, and while I have broad shoulders I certainly don't believe the context of your last email is supportive of the issues you wish to be addressed. You have received prior communication regarding your behavior from the fair board following an incident in which you were out of line with a prior board member, Amy Terrell. That letter outlines the expectations of acceptable behavior, we simply do not wish to engage in anything less with anyone. Please keep those guidelines in mind in future communications, as your actual complaint will get lost in the personal attacks of board members.

As for the misspelling of Kolten's name, his mother, Brenda, gives everyone grief over that a lot. Apparently I am not the only one that does that. I just assume anyone that knew him knew of his dear friendship with my son. Ryder was actually asked by the family to do the dedication of the very tree you are discussing, so yes I assume you knew he was like a son to us. While I can appreciate your frustrations, please do not engage in insulting my grief where Kolten is concerned, that is just petty.

Regards,

Andrea Senior

On Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 11:25 AM Kyle and Julie Doyle <[kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com](mailto:kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com)> wrote:

Dear Andrea,

None of the concerns submitted in my form earlier this morning are so pressing that they cannot wait for a response from the Board as a whole. Because it is well known throughout our 4-H community that you are in the habit of speaking for the Fair Board prior to conversing with your fellow Board members, I wanted to assure you that it is the voice of the Board (and/or the County Commissioners) that I am seeking at this time.

Regarding the Fair Office phone number - as you indicate, 307-742-3224 - I spoke with Josey at the FFA Awards Banquet on May 18th with some questions regarding Fair; at that time we discussed the fact that our family had been trying for days to get through on the office line, which is when Josey advised it had been inoperable. We tried again for an hour this morning and once again received nothing but a busy tone so presumed the line was still "down". I will try it again this afternoon. Thank you.

Lastly, I was unaware of Ryder's friendship with Kolten Moss; truly, I am uncertain why you would think I would know that. That aside, Kolten's first name is spelled with an "E-N"; not a big thing in the grand scheme of things, but certainly important to those who truly held him "dear" and love him still.

Thank you,  
Julie

Julie Johnson-Doyle  
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**From:** Andrea Senior <[andreasenior33@gmail.com](mailto:andreasenior33@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Fw: Online Form Submittal: Commissioners

Good morning- First of all thank you for reaching out with your concerns. We appreciate any input received and will always do our best to address any concerns.

I wanted to reach out immediately in an effort to address your concerns as we don't have a meeting scheduled for a few weeks. Our standard procedure is to review communication like this as correspondence in our regular meetings.

Can you please advise which number isn't working? You referenced a number found online. I was only able to find 307-742-3224, which is operational and answered during business hours. I am not horribly tech savvy, but I will make sure this is addressed immediately.

In reference to your frustrations with 4H Cleanup Day. My family has participated in these events as well in years past. Traditionally, I have not seen any staff of the fairgrounds present to assist. I understood this to be a volunteer type event, in which 4H contributed to general cleanup of the grounds. With no expectation of fair grounds employees being present. This year presented fairly unique circumstances as you well know the carnival is normally scheduled in March. Our staff were only made aware of carnival being scheduled in June the week of the event. It was actually discussed in our June meeting as a scheduled agenda item. Our grounds maintenance person asked this be discussed to prevent any frustration or confusion in the future. We value our relationship with our youth and want to do our best to be prepared for their events, open communication is always helpful to facilitate these events.

As you also know, my son was dear friends with Kolton Moss. We have done a lot of care to the memorial trees as well in an effort to contribute & heal. There seems to be particularly bad soil where these trees were planted, and we constantly battle the weeds. Thank you so very much for your efforts in maintaining these, it means a lot to those of us that loved these dear people. In addition to the bad soil we were notified last year that the electrical line that controls the sprinkler was damaged by the company trenching for internet line placement. Our crew is currently operating the sprinklers manually in an effort to keep things green. The beef ring looks so much better this year, I believe their efforts will be fruitful. Unfortunately, there is not an easy or cheap way to repair the sprinklers. We are doing our best.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention. As I stated earlier we always do our best to address any public input. While I cannot comment specifically on our employees, we have received a quite impressive list of items repaired, as well as an equally disappointing list of items requiring repair. We will continue to do our best to make the grounds presentable for public use.

As a matter of correspondence, I have cc'd Heber Richardson, the commissioner currently assigned to our board on this response.

Kind Regards,

Andrea Senior

On Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 9:35 AM Kyle and Julie Doyle <kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com> wrote:  
I imagine you will each receive a copy of this, but thought I would forward, just in case.

Thank you,  
Julie Johnson-Doyle

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>  
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## Commissioners

Your Email Address	<a href="mailto:kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com">kyleandjuliedoyle@outlook.com</a>
Your Name	Julie Johnson-Doyle
Subject	Albany County Fairgrounds
Message	To the Albany County Commissioners:

I would like to voice concerns regarding the management of the Albany County Fairgrounds in the last year.

In times passed, our Fairgrounds was a welcome gate to travelers and truckers alike who knew they could stop anytime - day or night, seven days a week - and off-load their livestock overnight or get a camping space to pull in and rest. Many individuals who travelled through our town on a regular basis had the necessary phone numbers to contact Fairgrounds staff stored in their cellphones. Now, there is nobody there who

answers those calls, and indeed, the number listed online for the Fair Office hasn't worked in months.

The weeds are taking over out there. The sprinklers don't work. The horse barn sits empty, as do the corrals and arena.

My children participate in Albany County 4-H. The members of the Albany County 4-H Program had a "clean-up" day on June 4th wherein they cleaned the grandstands, in preparation for their yearly 4-H Carnival. Staff of the Albany County Fairgrounds sat on their 4-wheelers and watched this group of 60+ youths do their jobs for them, offering nothing in assistance. The day after Carnival, our individual 4-H Club showed up to pull weeds and haul trash, sweep, fix the storm gutter, etc., around the Albany County Fairgrounds Shooting Range, because apparently that is no longer part of the Fairgrounds staff responsibility, either? The living memorials to Olin Sims and Kolten Moss around the Shooting Range/Beef Show Ring are near dead due to lack of watering, there again because the sprinklers haven't been turned on.

Why are you allowing what was once a great gateway to and representation of our town, to fall to ruin? I would imagine that former Fairgrounds Manager Ed Schott is turning over in his grave. My ex-husband, Doug Johnson, was Fairgrounds Manager for almost ten years, before being fired last June. Doug and I definitely have our differences, but he at least maintained our county fairgrounds in a manner that kept it presentable and well-used, and an asset to this County.

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Josey Bailey <manager@albanycountyfair.org>

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## Event at Range Arena 6-19

4 messages

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Josey Bailey <manager@albanycountyfair.org>

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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Good morning Range Arena Boarders,

There is an event this weekend, all of our events are also located on the website. As far as security, the sheriffs office as well as the police department have been contacted about this event. If you are further concerned about the security and safety of your animals you may move them to the fairgrounds property. It it's the boarders responsibility to provide locks or security for your storage items and lockers.

We will make sure the outdoor arena is worked and watered on Friday to ensure you can use it over the weekend.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and being supportive of the fairgrounds usage!

If you have any questions please let me know, thank you,  
Josey

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Josey Bailey  
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Fairgrounds Director  
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**Lexi Gradecki** <lexigradecki@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:24 AM

To: Josey Bailey <manager@albanycountyfair.org>

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Hi Josey,

I replied all because others might have the same questions as I do.

1. What times will this event be happening, including set up? There is the event on the website however it has very little information attached. Will the indoor arena be occupied all weekend, all day Saturday?
2. How is the event going to be set up, will there be panels blocking off where our horses/livestock are? We all keep our belongings locked as best we can however our animals are all very expensive creatures that we can't lock up or keep people from reaching through the fence. Hay is also very expensive right now and that is hard to lock up. Moving animals can be difficult depending on the animal.
3. Is this a public event? The poster I found says that it is live streamed but does not talk about live attendance.
4. I want to confirm we are able to be there during the event, to do chores, feed or be with our animals as needed.

Lexi Gradecki

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**Josey Bailey** <manager@albanycountyfair.org>

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM

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Thank you for your questions

The event will take place Saturday evening with set up on Friday and Saturday morning. They will do tear down on Sunday.

There will be barriers set to keep the flow of traffic away from the animals and hay in all of the runs.

This is a public event.

You absolutely will be able to be there during the event!

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**Lexi Gradecki** <lexigradecki@gmail.com>

Sat, Jun 19, 2021 at 11:23 PM

To: Josey Bailey <manager@albanycountyfair.org>

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7/14/2021

Albany County Fairgrounds Mail - Event at Range Arena 6-19

Hey everyone! All horses and livestock are safe and well. We are still here and will be until everyone leaves and we have cleaned up any major items that could harm horses.

Lexi Gradecki

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