



Park County Fair Board Meeting

January 13th, 2026

General Attendance : John Everest, Johnny Green, Commissioner Jason Gemmer, Charlene Siplovic, Esad Sipilovic, Esad Siplovic III, Adam Shirley, Abby Schmidt, Elaina Michael, Britt Stubblefield, Caroline Brogan, Tara Zuber, Erin Michalski, Jared McQueer, Nick Bredsnajder, Lucas Myers, Betsy Hoerter, Jean Gottenberg, Laura Mines. **ABS**: Emily Carpenter, Shawn Rohman

I. Jason Gemmer called the meeting to order at 7pm

- Due to ongoing issues regarding Fair Board bylaws and the Board not being officially active at the time of this meeting, **County Commissioner Jason Gemmer** called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was discussion only, focusing on policies, bylaws, and next steps toward reestablishing Fair Board operations.

II. Discussion Items

A. Board Policies & Bylaws :

- Discussion centered around newly proposed county board policies and the Fair Board bylaws, particularly concerns that policies had not yet been signed or formally adopted. Questions were raised regarding how these policies impact Fair Board operations and whether policies or bylaws would take precedence in the event of a conflict. Emphasis was placed on the need for the Fair Board to have bylaws tailored specifically to its operations rather than operating under a blanket policy structure.

B. Fair Board Leadership & Removal of Board Members :

- Significant concern was expressed regarding the removal of Adam Shirley from the Fair Board and lack of clear communication or rationale surrounding that decision. Participants questioned the legality and transparency of the process, as well as potential conflicts of interest given ongoing litigation.

C. Transparency & Communication:

- The need for improved transparency and communication between the County, the Fair Board, and the public was discussed. Statutory requirements regarding posting meeting minutes, financials, policies, and bylaws were reviewed. Discussion included creating a dedicated section of the county website and/or Facebook page for Fair Board and 4-H information to ensure timely and public access.

D. Livestock Committee & Fair Board Coordination :

- Discussion addressed the relationship and authority between the Fair Board and the Livestock Committee, particularly regarding weigh-in procedures, scheduling, and adherence to 4-H/Fair rules. Participants emphasized the importance of collaboration, clear roles, and consistent

communication to avoid confusion and ensure the success of fair operations. Discussion was made with no objections that State Fair rules would be used for animal registration as the status of the fair board was in the air and the PCLC had cancelled weigh in

III. Next Steps / Action Items

- **Nick** to send redlined versions of policies and bylaws to all relevant board members and stakeholders for review and comment.
- **Nick and Board Members** to schedule and hold a working session (proposed Thursday or Friday) to review, discuss, and refine policies and bylaws, with input from **Esad** and **Jason** as available.
- **Nick** to submit final redlined policies and bylaws to the BOCC by **January 19th** for review prior to the **January 21st** work session.
- **Nick** to draft and send a letter to the Fair Board stating that the Board is not required to operate under the new policies until policies and bylaws are agreed upon and approved (target date **January 16th**).
- **Nick** to schedule a Fair Board meeting following receipt of the letter and after the BOCC work session so the Board may resume conducting business.
- **Nick** to coordinate with county PR/website staff to ensure infrastructure is in place for posting Fair Board minutes, financials, policies, bylaws, and event information.
- **Esad** to review draft bylaws and policies and provide professional input, particularly regarding conflict-of-interest language and board member removal procedures.
- **Nick** to ensure new Fair Board member applicants are properly scheduled for the upcoming BOCC work session and that all required information is distributed.
- **Nick** to follow up with administration/finance regarding insurance and Connex rental reimbursement checks.
- **Nick** to add language to bylaws addressing new member approval/voting procedures, confidentiality, and the relationship between the Fair Board and the Livestock Committee.
- **Nick** to ensure all board members and interested parties are connected via email for document review and collaboration
- **All parties were in agreement of path moving forward and that prompt approval of modified policies, board bylaws, and voting in new members were critical to the board and fairs success.**

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by
Emily Carpenter , Fair Board Secretary