

Garfield County Fair Board – Regular Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location:

Garfield County Fairgrounds – South Hall

1001 Railroad Avenue

Rifle, CO 81650

Virtual Attendance (Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93645346089?pwd=crShhSshqqatebPjJ3uLJwlBKObtIH.1>

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Fair Board, in collaboration with Garfield County Administration, is to ensure the successful promotion, production, and execution of the Garfield County Fair each year.

The Fair Board ensures programming is high quality and improves annually as needed.

Fair programming:

- Embraces all ages, persons, cultures, and communities within Garfield County
- Fosters a spirit of community values
- Promotes the Western and agricultural heritage and history of Garfield County

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Brackett Pollard
- Dean Perkins
- Scott Schilt
- Oliviya Daugherty
- Kaitlyn Snyder
- Donna Marye (attending online)
- Leah Bergener

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment – 6:05 p.m.

Public comments are accepted for items not listed on the agenda.
Speakers may be limited to five (5) minutes each.

3. Approval of Minutes

January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting

Corrections noted:

- Change to order of concert openers (page 2)
- Change “Rifle Chamber” to “Colorado River Valley Chamber”

Motion to approve as corrected made by Leah Bergener.
Second by Scott Schilt.
Motion carried.

4. Reports

A. Fair Partners, Programs, and Committees

1. Royalty – Ashley

- Royalty visited the Animal Shelter
- Patterns and flag approval confirmed
- Fundraising meeting to be scheduled
- Buckles and chaps received; media day planned

2. 4-H / FFA / CSU Extension – Carla

- Introduction of Jessica Russell, new 4-H Specialist
- Livestock enrollment closed
- General projects enrollment open until April 1
- 4-H members attended Stock Show and met with Colorado Representatives

3. Open Exhibits – Carla

- Draft of Open Exhibits book expected next month
- Volunteer list in progress

4. Livestock Marketing Committee – Justin

- All RFPs approved
- Junior Superintendents selected
- Next meeting: February 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Beef weigh-in: March 7–8

5. Car Show – Levy

- Project scope prepared; event to remain same format
- Budget remains \$2,500 this year (includes T-shirts, trophies, door prizes)
- Interest in bringing back a band
- Will submit RFP if board proceeds
- Requested copy of County RFP template

6. Colorado River Valley Chamber – Ashley

- State of the Community event: February 24, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Tickets: \$40 members / \$50 non-members
- Accepting Grand Marshal suggestions

7. City of Rifle – Kim

- No projects affecting the Fair
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8. Sheriff's Office – Mounted Patrol Unit

- Proposal to host a booth at the Fair
 - Patrol backcountry on horseback
 - Participate in public events such as Carbondale Rodeo and Parade
 - Interested in engaging with 4-H youth
 - Unit funded through community donations
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B. Alcohol Vendor – Elks Lodge (Jonathan)

- Alcohol sales are a significant Fair revenue source
- \$11,000 distributed to community last year
- \$9,053 to Veterans organization
- \$2,800 to A&B Bank (donated to preschool)
- 1,371 tickets collected
- Net revenue: \$30,501

Board requested submission of an RFP for review.

5. Review of Committee Assignments

6. Subcommittee Updates

A. Kickoff Events

- Car Show band outreach planned
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B. Midway

- Vendors requesting applications; proposal to open application process
- Seeking entertainment
- Outreach to high schools for carnival games
- Free Stage planning

- County working on contracts
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C. VIP

- Tables and tents currently \$1,100 over budget
 - Exploring alternative table or tent vendors
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D. Sponsorship

Motion by Kaitlyn Snyder to approve sponsorship packet with room for corrections (submit by February 6).

Second by Leah Bergener.

Vote: 4 in favor / 2 opposed.

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding CSU sponsor benefits and listing structure.

Proposal to create a fourth website sponsorship box for Royalty (options: 4-H, Fair, Royalty, Split).

Motion by Leah Bergener that sponsor package benefits continue to go to 4-H as they do for Fair.

Second by Oliviya Daugherty.

Motion carried.

E. Family Rodeo / PRCA / Demo Derby

- All events on track
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F. Safety, Security, and Risk Management

- Planning in progress
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G. Parade

- On track

H. Concert

- Reviewing stage pricing
- Opener still in negotiations

I. Volunteers

- Committee meeting needed

7. Future Fair Dates

Motion by Leah Bergener to approve the following Fair dates:

- 2027: July 31 – August 7
- 2028: July 29 – August 5
- 2029: July 28 – August 4

Second by Oliviya Daugherty.

Motion carried.

8. County Staff Updates

A. County Administration – Rob

- Talent contract meeting scheduled
- Opener negotiations ongoing
- Stage negotiations ongoing

B. Fairgrounds and Events Administration – Kelsy

- 2025 Annual Fair Report available online
 - Request sent to Fort Riley (pending response)
 - Exploring possibility of a flyover during Fair
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9. Board Comments

- Leah Bergener – No comment
 - Scott Schilt – Thanked everyone
 - Dean Perkins – Thanked attendees for patience
 - Kaitlyn Snyder – No comment
 - Oliviya Daugherty – No comment
 - Donna Marye – Thanked Kelsy for contacting Fort Riley
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10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.