

Garfield County Fair Board – Regular Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location:

Garfield County Administration Building
108 8th Street
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Virtual Attendance (Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97662033707?pwd=tgER5xoFyJDfC9ae71k5FEbKTRbT2Z.1>

Meeting ID: 976 6203 3707

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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
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1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Kaitlyn Snyder to approve the minutes
 - Second by Scott Schilt
 - Motion passed
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4. Reports

A. Fair Partners, Programs, and Committees

1. Royalty – Ashley

- First horse practice held January 5, 2026
 - Shirts and raincoats ordered
 - Buckles ordered; chaps in progress
 - Proposal for public crowning ceremony during the Fair:
 - Crowning at Family Rodeo
 - Military riding pattern on Thursday
 - Personal riding pattern on Wednesday
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2. 4-H / FFA / CSU Extension – Carla

2026 Enrollment to Date:

- 15 Cloverbuds
- 209 4-H members
- 67 Volunteers
- 21 Clubs
- 3 State-certified shooting sports trainers in Garfield County

Important Dates:

- Livestock enrollment deadline: February 1, 2026

- General projects enrollment deadline: April 1, 2026
 - Stock Show: January 9, 2026
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3. Open Exhibits – Carla

- Reviewed edits to new classes recognizing America’s 250th Anniversary
 - FairEntry system not yet open
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4. Livestock Marketing Committee – Justin

- RFP to be finalized at January 27 meeting
 - Superintendents selected at last meeting
 - Livestock sign-up opens February 1
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5. Car Show – Dean

- Interested party will present a proposal at the February board meeting
 - Request to add to February agenda
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6. Colorado River Valley Chamber (via Dean)

- Plan to attend meetings throughout the year
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7. City of Rifle – Kim

- Bridge extension project to Highway 6 will not impact the Fair
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5. Subcommittee Updates

A. Kickoff Events – Kaitlyn

- Chamber notified of parade dates and theme
 - Proposal to establish nightly themes
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B. Midway

- Board members to develop ideas for a fun and engaging midway

- Kelsy to contact Fort Riley
 - Seek food vendors and entertainment
 - Suggestion: High school groups operate carnival games as fundraisers
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C. VIP

- Reinstate Bison Bar at VIP check-in
 - Ensure ADA-accessible bathrooms
 - Use 2024 tent
 - Consider new food vendors
 - Rider hospitality options under consideration:
 - Include in VIP
 - Provide behind-the-scenes hospitality
 - Do not provide hospitality
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D. Sponsorship

- Review sponsorship packets and make revisions before next meeting
 - Committee will meet again this month
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E. Rodeo and Arena Events

(Family Rodeo / BULLS / PRCA / Demo Derby)

- Stock contractor unable to provide Family Rodeo
 - PRCA confirmed as turnkey event
 - Demo Derby confirmed; renewal approved at January 5 BOCC meeting
 - Reestablish “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” partnership
 - Bailey’s PRCA confirmed
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F. Safety, Security, and Risk Management

- Committee will contact appropriate partners and report at next meeting
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G. Parade

- Board members to provide ideas
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H. Concert

- Main act confirmed; contract in progress

Opening Act Options:

1. Donohue (\$30,000–\$40,000) – available and routed
2. Decker (\$40,000–\$50,000)
3. Anderson (\$20,000)

Motion:

Brackett Pollard moved to select:

- Donohue as first choice
- Decker as second choice
- Anderson as third choice

Second by Donna Marye.

Motion carried.

I. Volunteers

- Committee meeting planned in the coming weeks
 - Committees to provide the number of volunteers needed
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6. County Staff Updates

A. County Administration – Fred

- Perry Will in attendance
- Introduction of Rob, Deputy County Manager
 - Career in local government
 - Professional landscape architect
- Introduction of Dave Renenger, Facilities Director
 - Experience in rural and urban facilities

Rob and Dave will oversee Fairgrounds facilities operations.

The County is creating a Fair and Events Coordinator position to work alongside Kelsy.

B. Fairgrounds and Events Administration – Kelsy

- Swag has arrived
- Demo Derby finalized
- Working on PRCA and Concert contracts
- Board asked to review annual report before February meeting

Budget Discussion:

Request for monthly budget updates for tracking purposes.

7. Board Comments

- Kaitlyn Snyder – Welcomed Rob and Dave
 - Oliviya Daugherty – Welcomed staff and offered assistance
 - Donna Marye – Expressed enthusiasm for 2026
 - Brackett Pollard – Stated the board is in a strong position
 - Scott Schilt – Looking forward to the upcoming year
 - Dean Perkins – Invited Rob to share ideas
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8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.