

# GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Meeting Agenda

## Meeting Information

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Garfield County Administration Building, 1st Floor Meeting Room  
195 West 14th Street, Building D  
Rifle, CO 81650

### Remote Access (Zoom):

**Join link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95215663338?pwd=8AJolLXHBhXbghz9J99lycpE65gHCF.1>

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## Mission

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

The Fair Board shall ensure fair programming is of high quality and that programming improves annually, as needed.

## Fair Programming

- Shall embrace all ages, persons, cultures, and entities within Garfield County.
- Shall foster a spirit of community values.
- Shall promote the Western and agricultural heritage and history of Garfield County.

## Agenda

### 1. Roll Call (6:00 p.m.)

Brackett Pollard; Leah Bergener; Scott Schilt; Oliviya Daugherty; Dean Perkins

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Public Comments (not on the agenda) (6:05 p.m.)

Individuals may be limited to 5 minutes each.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for the March 3, 2026, regular meeting.

**Recorded action:** Leah made a motion to approve meeting minutes (date referenced as March 3, 2026, in the original notes); Brackett seconded; approved.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Fair Partners, Programs & Committees

#### a. Royalty (Ashley)

- Royalty scholarship is out; due May 1st. Present to Fair Board on May 5.
- Award will be presented May 19 at RHS awards banquet.
- Bylaws need to be reviewed by next month before tryouts this year.
- Tryouts will open May 11 and close July 9.
- Increase outreach: take participants out to see more of Garfield County to reach more schools.
- Tryouts will be July 18, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Crowning will be at Family Rodeo.
- Review Royalty Bylaws handbook for discussion at May meeting.
- Checked with Baileys: Royalty will run a pattern.
- For the KMTS announcement for headliner, one of the Royalty will also attend.
- Chaps are on hold until all sponsorships are in, which may delay delivery for this year's court.
- Photos and bios should be on the website soon.

#### b. 4-H / FFA / CSU Extension (Carla)

- General projects have closed.
- Shooting sports begin July 10.
- Horse show begins July 23–25.
- August 2–9: all animals.
- Sponsorships are doing well.
- Request: Sham-rock Shindig basket for silent auction (scholarship fundraiser) on May 15.
- **Action:** Motion to provide a basket valued at \$200 (Leah); second (Brackett); approved.

**c. Open Exhibits (Carla)**

- Exhibits book is out for final approval.
- Fair entry is updated.
- Quilting Guild will be there.

**d. Livestock Marketing Committee (Justin)**

- Beef is all weighed in.
- May 1–2: goat, pig, and sheep weigh-in.
- April 24: all uploads are due.
- Bylaws are in approval with the county attorney.

**e. Car Show (Presented by Levy)**

- Location: on fairgrounds after the parade; free for spectators.
- Eligibility: vehicles must be at least 25 years old; new “Futures Class” for newer cars.
- Features: live music and food trucks; giveaways and prizes purchased through the budget; swap meet of automotive items.
- Budget need: at least \$2,500 to cover all expenses.
- Marketing: through the Fair website with a car show application.
- Waivers: each participant will need to sign a waiver.
- Timeline: approval needed by April to meet marketing needs.
- Needs: free stage for band; 2 VIP passes for the week.
- Logistics: canopies for shade; chairs and tables provided by Silt.
- Policy: right to refuse entry to any applicant, spectator, or visitor.
- Divisions: antique trucks; cars; futures; motorcycles.
- County staff to provide stipulations to avoid misunderstandings between the car show and county.
- Options discussed (Rob and Kelsy): (1) Turn-key option (cannot obtain sponsorships). (2) Consultant option; Fair Board runs the car show.
- **Action:** Motion to have Levy be the 2026 car show consultant (Leah); second (Brackett); approved.

**f. Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce (Erin)**

- Marketing for parade soon; registration should be open before the next Fair Board meeting.
- Grand Marshal is still in discussion.

**g. City of Rifle**

No report listed.

## 5.2 Subcommittee Updates

### a. Kickoff Events

- Car show is a go.

### b. Midway

- Mechanical bull
- Miniature golf
- Review carnival games
- Find a climbing wall
- **Action:** Motion to approve mechanical bull and miniature golf (Oliviya); second (Scott); approved.

### c. VIP

- Tuesday/Wednesday: Rib City
- Thursday: Open
- Friday: Open
- Saturday: Brickhouse
- Tent decorations: red/white/blue and birthday theme

### d. Sponsorship

- Leah has been working on sponsorships.
- Fair and 4-H options for sponsors are going well.
- Deadline: May 15.
- Sponsorship goal: \$160,000.

### e. Family Rodeo / PRCA / Demo Derby Events (Brackett)

- Family Rodeo has been in communication and should run smoothly.
- PRCA is turn-key and will run Wednesday night.
- Demo derby is set.

### f. Safety, Security & Risk Management

- Security will be contacted soon for scheduling.
- Safety meetings will start in June.

### g. Parade (Leah)

- Float is in the works.

#### **h. Concert (Kelsy)**

- Riders and contracts are back from opener and headliner.
- Went before BOCC and was approved.
- Announcement will hopefully be next month.

#### **i. Volunteers**

- Royalty and 4-H kids to help with banners.

## **6. Royalty Bylaws**

### **Ashley**

- Researching how to become a 501(c)(3) and the requirement to send bylaws to the state; question: is this beneficial to the program?
- Discussion on what it would look like for Royalty to become a 501(c)(3) and its partnership with the Fair Board.
- Royalty coordinator discussed how a 501(c)(3) could help with financial flexibility and what that looks like for the future of Royalty.
- Fair Board president discussed pros and cons of a 501(c)(3).
- Be prepared to review, discuss, and vote on the Royalty “Handbook.”

## **7. In Memoriam and Hall of Fame**

- **Action:** Motion for Levy Burris to be Hall of Fame for 2026, and Bob Young, Terry Broughton, and Ernie Ginetti for In Memoriam (Leah); second (Brackett); approved.

## **8. County Staff**

### **a. County Administration (Rob)**

- BOCC approved contract to purchase a new mobile stage.

### **b. Fairgrounds and Events Administration (Kelsy)**

- Advertising at bus stops: \$425 per panel; for 3+ panels, \$400 per panel; total \$1,200.
- Begins in July.
- Signs would be set up in Glenwood.
- **Action:** Motion to spend no more than \$1,400 on bus shelter advertising (Leah); second (Scott); approved.
- Fair books are in the works.

## 9. Board Comments

- Leah: photo update by May.
- Liv: 3 months to go—stay in communication and ask for help.
- Scott: “Keep on keepin’ on.”

## 10. Adjournment

8:20 p.m.