Garfield County Fair Board Agenda

Meeting details

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Garfield County Fairgrounds, Event Hall

1001 Railroad Ave

Rifle, CO 81650

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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.

Roll call — 6:00 p.m.

- Dean Perkins
- Brackett Pollard
- Scott Schilt

- Leah Bergener
- Kevin Costanzo
- Tianna Davis (Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments from citizens not on the agenda — 6:05 p.m.

Individuals may be limited to 5 minutes each.

Approval of minutes for the September 8, regular meeting

Leah made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 8, 2026. Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Reports

1. Fair Partners, Programs & Committees

a. Royalty

- Practice consists of horsemanship and speech concepts (interviews, public speaking, rodeo knowledge).
- Going to CAFS this weekend: Ashley, Trish, and Queen.
- Getting ready for December 5: Parade of Lights float/Buckaroo for a Day. Leah offered to help.

b. 4-H/FFA/CSU Extension — Carla

- Active and enrolled: 88 regular members, 14 cloverbuds, and 59 volunteers.
- February 1 deadline for member enrollment.
- April 1 deadline for general projects.
- Achievement night: January; date and location to be determined.
- STEM information going out across all libraries.
- Conducting a community needs assessment throughout November to understand what the community is looking for in terms of classes and education topics.
- Tamale act: starting Spanish classes for food safety training.
- Green School: 11-week course, October–April (Dani).

c. Open Exhibits — Carla

- Subcommittees working to organize the updated Open Class book by the January meeting.
- Article in Sopris Sun this week or next week about King(s), Queens of the yard and Kitchen.

d. Livestock Marketing Committee — Justin

- New elections have been made (Vice President, Treasurer).
- Rule book should be ready for the December meeting.
- One edit to rabbit weights: updated to 3.5–5.5, 5.5–9.

e. Car Show — Levy

No representative.

f. Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce

No representative.

g. City of Rifle

No representative.

2. Elections of Officers

President

- Dean nominated by Brackett.
- Brackett nominated by Leah.
- Brackett declined nomination.
- Dean accepted nomination.
- Leah seconded.
- Dean motioned; all approved. Dean elected President.

Vice President

- Leah nominated Brackett.
- Brackett nominated Leah.
- Brackett declined nomination.
- Kevin moved to appoint by acclamation; Scott seconded.
- Dean motioned; all approved. Leah elected Vice President.

Secretary

- Bracket nominated Tianna.
- Kevin motioned; Brackett seconded; all approved. Tianna elected Secretary.

3. Fair Partner Committee Chairs

- **LMC — Justin:** Motion by Brackett; Kevin seconded; all approved.
- **CSU — Carla:** Motion by Kevin; Leah seconded; all approved.
- **Open Class — Carla:** Motion by Leah; Brackett seconded; all approved.
- **Royalty — Ashley:** Motion by Brackett; Scott seconded; all approved.

4. Concert Talent Choices

Leah

- **Headliners:** Joe Nichols, Diamond Rio, Sara Evans.
- **Openers:** Cadillac Three, Giovanni and Hired Guns, Kolby Cooper.

Scott

- **Headliners:** Marshall Tucker, Granger Smith, Sara Evans.
- **Openers:** Wade Hayes, Kyle, BoonTown Saints.

Kevin

- **Headliners:** Lauren Alaina, Colt Ford, Coffee Anderson.
- **Openers:** None listed.

Dean

- **Headliners:** Marshall Tucker, Luke Grimes, Sara Evans.
- **Openers:** None listed.

Brackett

- **Headliners:** Jason Bolen and the Stragglers, Aaron Watson.
- **Openers:** None listed.

Tianna

- **Headliners:** Eli Young Band, Gretchen Wilson.
- **Openers:** None listed.

Top concert choices

- Marshall Tucker
- Sara Evans
- Boontown Saints
- Cadillac Three
- Jason Boland

Event discussion

- Brackett opened discussion around having a concert or changing the event type on Friday night.
- Dean mentioned having a Hispanic concert or Hispanic event on Sunday.
- Kevin mentioned filling the entire Fair week with events.
- Leah mentioned bringing back Tough Man competition.
- Tianna: tractor pull or horse drag with Drafts; two rodeo performances in one day; ask the PRCA contractor for Breakaway calves.

5. 2027 Fair Theme

- A little dirt, A lot of Heart
- Cows Just Want to Have Fun
- Dancing with the Steers
- Great Outdoors
- Beyond Ready
- Dust, Denims and Dreams
- Sew it Grow it and Show it

Leah motioned for "A little Dirt, A lot of Heart"; Brackett seconded; all approved.

6. Monthly meeting dates

Kevin motioned to move meeting dates to the first Tuesday of every month; Scott seconded; all approved.

7. Subcommittee: New formats

- **Kickoff events/parade:** Brackett, Leah, Tianna.
- **Midway:** Kevin, Leah, Dean.
- **VIP:** Leah, Tianna, Luke.
- **Sponsorship:** Luke, Dean, Scott.
- **Rodeo/Royalty/Demo Derby:** Tianna, Brackett, Kevin.
- **Volunteers/Safety/Risk Management:** Dean, Scott, Brackett.
- **Concert:** Scott, Luke, Kevin.

8. County Staff: Rob

- Budgets approved on November 16.
- Livestock recommendations were approved.

a. County Administration

Stage will be delivered in December.

b. Fairgrounds and Events Admin

- Annual Fair report: BOCC has seen.
- Fair Survey: results provided.
- Information packets: distributed.
- Fair ticket pricing: proposed to update ticket types and pricing.

Leah motioned to approve ticketing pricing for 2027 with VIP tickets at $190 presale and $200 at gate. Scott seconded; all approved. Kelsy will update and present to procurement on Thursday.

Remaining budget funds

- Fair swag.
- Fencing screens color update; screen estimated cost: $1,370.
- Travel mugs, hats combo, fans, clapper hands.
- Reusable vests for volunteers — Rob.
- Mister system.
- Theme supplies.

Adjournment — 8:30 p.m.