

Jefferson County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025

The Jefferson County 4-H Council meeting was called to order May 27, 2025 by Vice President, Braxdon Penry. Flag Salute, 4-H Pledge, and 4-H motto were recited. Roll Call was answered by 8 clubs. March minutes were approved as emailed out.

Heather gave the treasurers report and detailed out the income and expenses, highlighting that the CD's have been purchased and that comprised \$30,000 of the expenses outlined. She also explained that there are monies held on behalf of different groups like shooting sports and round robin. The actual money available in the council account is \$59208.12.

No reporter report was given.

Jason Roenne, Fair Board president, spoke to the group sharing that the Fair board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 and this is an open meeting. He shared that the roof on the horticulture barn is complete and thanked the Billtown 4-H Club for stepping up to power wash the concession stand and do other needed repairs. As we prepare for fair if projects will be larger than 3ftx3ftx3ft in size, the office and/or the superintendent of the area will need to be notified so that they can plan out space.

Unfinished Business

4-H Carnival - Braxdon went over the Carnival survey results stating the following:

Preferred time: February

Preferred location: Oskaloosa HS or Jeff West HS

Raffle Ticket selling time: 6-8 weeks

Games: More games are needed

Auction: Continue but gather baskets earlier so we can advertise ahead

County Fair T-Shirts – Tshirts were distributed at the meeting

Fair Books – Is available online and each club will receive 3 printed copies.

New Business

Concession Stand – Katie and Hadley reported the need for changes to the way we man the concession stand. The committees suggestion was to pair clubs based on size and

assign them to shifts (breakfast, lunch, dinner, clean-up) Each club would be responsible for getting coverage for their shift. After discussion the motion was voted on and was passed. Heather will work on a matrix and send it out to club leaders as soon as she can.

Sr Banners and Donations – Jayden reported that the committee recommended keeping the donations the same as in the past for the ribbon premium fund (\$2000), club float participants (\$50), and JF CO 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament (\$1000). They also recommended that council cover the cost of the senior banners in the amount of \$380. Jayden made each of the motions, they were seconded and all were passed as stated in the committee report.

Fair Fun Committee – The committee was presented the question of possible DJ services for the Fair Dance. The following recommendations were made:

- Fair Dance – Use Bill Franks again, DO NOT allow karaoke, DO have line dancing again and see if by chance he could offer some “just dance”
- Inflatables – it was reported that there was a vendor that wanted to bring in and man a bounce house and mini excavator game on Wednesday and Thursday night of the fair.
- Snow cones – if Kona Ice is available it would be great.

Achievement Banquet – The following names were given to serve as members of the Achievement Night Committee: Catherine Leitner, Brian & Dawn Bolinger family, Crystal & Aurora Hoffman, Jill Penry family and Cayla Delat
Date suggestions were: November 8 or November 22
Location suggestions were: Oskaloosa High School

Meeting dates – A motion was made to have the next council meeting on June 23 at 7pm.

Announcements – were available in the club packets. Heather did highlight the last YQCA in person event will be held tomorrow night in Holton. People will need to complete online if not already complete. The Community Blood Drive is set for July 7 at the Delaware Township Hall in Valley Falls. Volunteers will be needed again. 4-H Ambassador applications are in the leader packets.

Braden moved to adjourn the meeting.

