

Jefferson County 4-H Council Minutes

November 24, 2025

The November meeting of the Jefferson County 4-H Council was called to order by President Aurora Hoffman at 7:00pm. The flag salute was followed by the 4-H pledge.

Roll call was answered by 8 clubs. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as emailed out.

Dani read a Thank you from Arlene Bolinger for her gifts she received for her 35 years of service. She also announced that there were Thank you's at the back of the room to sign for Achievement Night sponsors.

Hadley gave a detailed treasurers report stating an ending available balance in the checking account as \$45786.75

Morgan reported that she had submitted a report to the local newspapers.

Jason Roenne, Fair board President shared general comments and reminded the group that their meetings are the first Thursday of each month, typically over in Oskaloosa at the Extension Office. The Board is considering changing this night so please contact to get on the agenda and confirm the date prior to coming.

Amanda shared that we awarded 121 county champions, 101 year pins, 90 achievement level pins, 5 rookie of the year awards and 3 key awards at this year's Achievement Night. She shared responses from the survey about the event and they were all generally positive.

She also presented six t-shirt designs and members voted for their top pick. Design #4 had the most number of votes and will be this years design. It was submitted by Morgan Pence.

Committees broke out for new business.

Committee 1 report was submitted by Jayden Hermann. They were in support of all of the proposed project class changes for the fair. Those include: addition of Shopping in Style Display, addition of an Alterations class in Clothing division, removal of the Ride a Buck Class for horse, Adding a Club Display to be no larger than 48x30" trifold and removing the other category from Club Displays. Joe Kabus seconded and the report passed.

Committee 2 reported back that Leitner, Reeves, Westbrook and Darveaux families will serve as a main committee to plan/run the Carnival. There will be 3 inflatables through Ultimate Bounce: Velcro Wall, Obstacle course and a Cow bounce house. They suggested some prizes for older kids like water guns, stomp rockets and foam air planes. Maize seconded and it passed

Committee 3 discussed 4-H Club Day. They used previous years room assignments to plan out the below room monitor assignments:

The following names were submitted as ribbon committee: Hoffman, Pence and Reeves with Durand, Kramer and Leitner as back-ups.

The three model meeting problems that will be used this year will be: Amend a motion, Point of Order and Table the motion. Joe Kabus seconded the motion and it passed.

Committee 4 discussed the plan for 2026 Sr. Recognition. They recommended that a form be developed and club leaders can help distribute to members meeting criteria. The form would be returned to the office with a digital Sr. Photo by April 15 in order for 4-H Council to purchase a banner. General requirements would be: a member in good standing, having turned in a record book, exhibiting at the county fair. Honor cords would be available to these members to borrow from the extension office if their school allows them. After much discussion and some additional information from Catherine Leitner, Erin Bolinger tabled the motion with Joe Kabus seconding so that the subject could be investigated further and brought back to the January meeting.

An additional item was brought to the council's agenda. Amanda explained that there was an account at Kendall State Bank that was set up at one point for the concession stand with a balance of \$400 and it has not been used. Morgan moved to transfer this money into the regular checking account and close this other account. Addison seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements were handed out and the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 26, 2026.