September 2026 Jefferson County 4-H Council Minutes

The September Council meeting was called to order by President Aurora Hoffman at 7:02pm on September 28, 2026. All clubs were represented.

Aurora appointed Maize Peak as acting Treasurer in Hadley's absence. Maize gave the report.

Morgan reported that a report had been submitted and was published in both papers.

No members from the fair board were present so no report was given.

Ashtyn reported out numbers from fair stating there were 370 members with 2583 exhibits entered.

Under unfinished business it was announced that 4-H Week is October 4-10 and all members should plan to wear green on Monday.

Members split into 3 groups to discuss break out topics.

Committee 1 reported back on the Carnival and Club Days. Suggested dates for the Carnival were January 16 with a back up date of January 30 with it being held in Oskaloosa.

Each club should send back names of people from their club that are willing to serve on a county carnival committee. It was also suggested that council gives 4 - $50 "cash" gift cards for the raffle.

Club Day date were February 20 with February 27 as the back up date. Jeff West will be the location with Clover Power, Grantville and Fairview as host clubs.

Maize moved to accept the report as given. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Committee 2 reported out on 2027 Fair details. They supported the selection of July 26-30 as the official fair dates. They also brought forward the theme of "We the People of 4-H" in honor of the 240th anniversary of the signing of Declaration of Independence. There were several suggestions on the fair survey that were discussed and it was suggested that clubs send names of people interested in serving on a committee by November 1 to help work through those and bring suggestions back to the council. Some of those topics were Businessman's Picnic, change out the dance and keep projects until Friday morning, move crowning to businessman's picnic. Stetson moved to accept the fair theme, Makena seconded and the motion passed.

Committee 3 reported out ideas for project growth. It was suggested to allow $100 per project area for meeting supplies etc. This will be revisited each year. Leaders must submit explanation of how used in order to be reimbursed. The also talked through a Spring project

fair in March to include some hands on static projects like table setting, electric, cookie decorating and horticulture. They suggested allowing the office to spend up to $100 for 4-H swag for the upcoming fall project fair. Brayden moved to accept the report, it was seconded and passed.

The Achievement Banquet committee reported that there were QR codes to make rsvp'ing easy. Meals are $16 per plate and will be served by the Exchange group. The Council covers for any member who completed a record book, leader who submitted a yearly report. Children 6 and under are free.

Officers were elected by written ballot. The following were elected as the 2026-2027 4-H Council Officers.

President – Mae McIntear

Vice President – Aurora Hoffman

Secretary – Danielle Reeves

Treasurer – Brayden Winsor

Reporter – Makena Reeves

Amanda reminded that volunteers were still needed for record book judging and announcements are in the folders.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 23, 2026 @ 7pm.