



Curry County Fair Board

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Agenda

August 5, 2026

5:30 p.m. Showcase Building

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Amendment and Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment (3 Minutes)**
4. **Minutes**
5. **Discussion Items/Action Items**
 - a. 2026 Fair Recap
 - i. Premiums
 - ii. Camping
 - iii. Parking
 - iv. Food
 - v. Livestock
 - vi. Arena
 - vii. Vendors
 - b. Discuss Fair Board Applications
 - c. Fencing Update
 - d. Fire Marshall Recommendations
 - e. RFQ – Livestock Building
 - f. 2027 Fair Update
6. **Reports**
 - a. Commissioner Liaison Report
 - b. Superintendent Report
 - c. 4H Report
 - d. Next Meeting – _____ at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn

(ORS 192.640(1)) " . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")



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Agenda Report

Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
<u>August 5, 2026</u>	2026 Fair Recap
Description and Background:	
<u>Lot's of topics to discuss regarding how the 2026 Fair went. This agenda topic will likely cover the following and possibly more as requested by the Fair Board.</u> <u>Premiums</u> <u>Camping</u> <u>Parking</u> <u>Food</u> <u>Livestock</u> <u>Arena</u> <u>Vendors</u>	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
August 5, 2026	Discuss Fair Board Applications
Description and Background:	
Two applications have been received for the Curry County Fair Board. Although appointments are made solely by the Board of Commissioners, staff requests that the Fair Board review and acknowledge the applicants and provide any feedback or comments to the Commissioner Liaison for consideration by the Board of Commissioners during the appointment process.	
Attachments:	
1. Ruth Dixon App 2. Cedric Sawall App	



APPLICATION

BOARDS | COMMITTEES | COMMISSIONS | ADVISORY COUNCILS

Return by Email, Mail, or in Person:

Board of Commissioners Office
94235 Moore Street, Suite 122
Gold Beach, OR 97444

BOC_Office@CurryCountyOR.gov

This Application is for: _____
(Name of the Board, Committee, Advisory Council, or Commission that is being applied for.)

Applicant Name: _____

Yes No

☐ ☐ **Are you applying for reappointment?**

☐ ☐ **Do you reside in Curry County?**

If yes, in which area?

☐ **North** County (North County Line to Arizona Beach)

☐ **Central** County (Arizona Beach to Pistol River)

☐ **South** County (Pistol River to South County Line)

☐ I'm not sure

☐ ☐ **Have you previously served, or are you currently serving on a Curry County Board, Committee, Commission, or Advisory Council?**

If yes, which one(s)? _____

☐ ☐ **Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment?**

☐ ☐ **Do you wish to be contacted for other appointment opportunities other than the one you are currently applying for?**

☐ ☐ **Are there any days of the week or times of the day that you are unavailable to attend meetings?**

If yes, when?

If you have questions about this form, contact the Board of Commissioners Office at (541) 247-3296, or by email to: BOC_Office@CurryCountyOR.gov



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What experience, education, or training qualifies you for this appointment?

Why do you want to be appointed, and what contributions do you hope to make?

What community concerns would you like to see addressed if you are appointed?

What present or past involvement have you had in relevant community groups?

(No experience is not a disqualification.)

Is there any other information you would like the Board of Commissioners to consider related to your appointment?

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This Application is for: **Name of the Board**

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Applicant Name: **Cedric Sawall**

Yes No

☐ ☒ Are you applying for reappointment?

☒ ☐ Do you reside in Curry County?

If yes, in which area?

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If yes, when? During Business Hours I work Monday - Friday 7am to 4pm, some weekends are busy with my small business doing vending events and such, but I can be flexible.

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What experience, education, or training qualifies you for this appointment?

I think having vendor experience, gives me first hand experience in what the people would like to see done with the local events and the fair itself. I do have my smaller business Coastal Exchange that has set up a few events in this past year at the fairgrounds as well.

Why do you want to be appointed, and what contributions do you hope to make?

I would like to be appointed because I feel like with my last 5 years working as an event manager for Coastal Exchange, and as a Vendor with Side Quest I can see both sides of the coin, in how busy and chaotic it can be, and how things could be improved in future events. My contribution would be getting the information on what the local community likes and would like to see in future events, I also have contacts with many many vendors that could make future street markets and fairs bring in revenue for the fair.

What community concerns would you like to see addressed if you are appointed?

I would like to see the fairgrounds themselves be used more. Have more local markets, carnivals, festivals, throughout the year, and maybe even a monthly farmers market. I would like to see the events taken more serious, and maybe even outreach for donations to make improvements on the current building, somewhat like the fire department does for the 4th of July.

What present or past involvement have you had in relevant community groups?

(No experience is not a disqualification.)

I dont know if its relevant but I think running Coastal Exchange Market and managing that to get the community together for a vendor market would count. I also Volunteer as a Youth Pastor Assistant with First Baptist, and helped with their fund raisers to get kids to go to summer camp and such. I also donate to the High School Sports Teams to help the youth get to games, and get gear and things.

Is there any other information you would like the Board of Commissioners to consider related to your appointment?

I have sent an email in regards to the most recent fair, and my concerns



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<u>August 5, 2026</u>	Fencing Update
Description and Background:	
<u>The deposit check has been sent. West Coast Fencing has ordered the materials and now we are waiting on a delivery date to put this on the schedule.</u>	
Attachments:	



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Agenda Date:	Agenda Item Title:
<u>August 5, 2026</u>	Fire Marshall Recommendations
Description and Background:	
The Fair Manager and Director of Facilities met with the State Fire Marshal the day before the Fair to review current life safety concerns at the Fairgrounds. This marks the third consecutive year that the arena has remained under a mandatory fire watch due to the condition of the existing sprinkler system. Following the inspection, the State Fire Marshal provided the Fair Manager with a list of priority items that should be addressed as soon as possible. Based on those recommendations, the Fair Manager and Director of Facilities will be contacting two certified fire protection companies to obtain bids for the replacement of the arena sprinkler system, and this will be at the top of projects to complete in this Fiscal Year budget. The State Fire Marshal also discussed recent changes to fire safety requirements affecting food vendors and food trucks. Additional information and updated requirements are being gathered and will be incorporated into the 2027 Food Vendor Application and associated vendor guidelines to ensure compliance with state regulations.	
Attachments:	



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August 5, 2026	RFQ Process Livestock
Description and Background:	
In June, the Board approved the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Livestock Building Upgrades. Staff did not receive any proposals in response to the solicitation. Following the close of the RFP, staff met with an interested contractor to discuss why no proposals had been submitted. During that discussion, it became apparent that this project may be better suited for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process rather than a traditional RFP. When the project was initially developed, the primary focus was replacing the building's siding and doors. However, after a more comprehensive evaluation of the Livestock Building, staff believes that addressing only those components would not be the most effective use of County resources. Additional deficiencies, including the building's ventilation system, structural beams, and flooring, should also be evaluated and addressed as part of a comprehensive renovation. The RFQ process would allow the County to identify and select the most qualified general contractor based on experience, expertise, and capabilities. Once selected, the contractor would work collaboratively with the County to evaluate the building as a whole, develop recommended solutions, and provide a comprehensive scope of work. Staff would then negotiate the project scope and costs with the selected contractor before bringing a final agreement back to the Fair Board and Board of Commissioners for review and approval. This approach provides several advantages: • Selects the contractor based on qualifications and experience rather than requiring contractors to bid on an incomplete scope. • Allows one qualified contractor to coordinate all aspects of the project rather than piecing together multiple contractors for separate components. • Results in a more comprehensive and cohesive renovation plan that addresses the building's long-term needs. • Reduces the likelihood of completing partial improvements only to revisit additional deficiencies in the near future. Staff, the Fair Board, and the Board of Commissioners have previously agreed that the Livestock Building requires significant investment and that the work should be completed correctly the first time. Staff believes the RFQ process is the most appropriate procurement method for a project of this complexity and is requesting authorization to proceed with an RFQ to identify the most qualified contractor. Any negotiated scope of work and associated costs will be presented to the Fair Board and Board of Commissioners for further discussion and approval before any construction begins. This RFQ will also be submitted to the Board of Commissioners and County Counsel for further review and approval.	
Attachments:	
Draft RFQ	



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August 5, 2026	2027 Fair Update
Description and Background:	
The Fair Manager has contacted six different carnival companies to determine their availability for the 2027 Fair dates selected by the Fair Board. In addition, the Fair Manager has been coordinating with the Del Norte County Fairgrounds, as they will also be issuing a solicitation for a new carnival provider this coming year. Maintaining communication with neighboring fairs will help identify potential opportunities and avoid scheduling conflicts. Staff has also attempted to contact the Coos County Fair to confirm that they will continue to hold their fair on the last weekend of July. Confirming their schedule is important to ensure that Curry County's selected dates do not conflict should either fair adjust its schedule. As of this report, no response has been received. Securing a carnival provider is the highest priority in planning for the 2027 Curry County Fair, as it will establish the foundation for scheduling entertainment and other major attractions. Once carnival availability has been confirmed, the Fair Manager will present any available options to the Fair Board for discussion and direction. Following the selection of a carnival provider, staff will begin coordinating other major events, including securing a rodeo contractor and booking headline entertainment. Staff will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.	
Attachments:	