



SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD AGENDA
Parks and Fair Admin Conference Room
San Juan County Fairgrounds
Friday, March 13, 2026

CONVENE MEETING

9:05AM

Attendance: *Barbara Bevens, Terri Brown, Josephine Bangs, Clinton Gauthier, Amanda Smith, Brandon Andrews, Herb Mason (remote), Jane Fuller (remote), Milene Henley (remote), Jeri King, Kevin Roth*

Approval of Agenda: *Josephine moved to approve, Terri seconded, unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes: February 2026: *Josephine moved to approve, Barbara seconded, unanimously approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Jane Fuller

- Councilwoman Fuller is excited to join the most fun board. Board members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed her to the Fair Board as the newest Council Liaison.
- Levy Lid Lift will be on the ballot in April. A portion of these funds from this initiative will likely be allocated to the Parks & Fair department, but specifics have not been set by Council. If the levy is not passed the County is looking at significant cuts. She would like to acknowledge the cuts that Brandon made when setting the budget.
- Councilwoman Fuller is open to Board members for any questions they may have.
- Would like to see Lopez & Shaw representation on this board.

4-H DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Clinton Gauthier

- Led the state-wide Know Your Government event. 6 people from SJC.
- Led a youth track at the Ag Summit. Thank you to farmers, made mini greenhouse with milk jugs, worm bins.
- Lopez Leaders Council meeting tomorrow (3/14) on Lopez
- 4H Pancake Breakfast 7/25. Proceeds split 50/50 between 4H and Fair.
- Councilwoman Fuller thanks Clinton for his commitment to outreach on Lopez, Shaw & Orcas and offered her help with recruitment especially on Lopez.
- Overmarsh Garden opening soon.
- Push for Still Life entries; not just Livestock
- Rough draft of Fair Book/Schedule ready for approval by Leader's Council.
- Busy filling superintendent vacancies

NEW BUSINESS:

4H Horse vs Open Horse Requirements:



- 4H Horse is often stuck cleaning up for Open exhibitors.
- What is the repercussion for Open not cleaning/other responsibilities?
- A discussion was had about Day Stalls vs Week Stalls
- 4H numbers are low but growing.
- Want to make sure there is equity across both Open/4H
- Jane has asked for basic rules that are rules across both departments & a collective approach to how everything runs.

Food Court Menu Exclusivity Rules:

- Notification process/Selection
- Decision from Board
- What is the system we are using to set the rules
- Guy, 1 yr grandfather in for 2026. Clear policy and application open time/date. Brandon to reach out to Veljak Bites about the opportunity to modify menu.

Vendor Update:

- Amanda gave updates

Parental Leave Planning

- A plan to have another county employee who would work out of the office is in the works.
- Brandon asked the Fair Board for feedback regarding his planned leave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indoor Space Planning:

- Flower Dept space changes; originally accepted have since asked not to move based on Garden Club feedback.
- Offered 7/9 as a space planning day to go through all the different scenarios
- Crafts & Hobbies moving to NE corner space
- Vendor space in the center of the room.
- Financial needs are a real concern
- Decided to try it for this year in the hopes that it will stick.

Capital Improvements Update:

- Old Arena Bathroom/Storage, Gazebo, Ticket Booth siding/paint refreshes
- Conference Room re-painted, drywall repair, shelf installed, wires hidden.
- Last lift of chipseal will be done on parking areas, then fog seal TBD (late-May/early-June)
- Grandstands replacement via state grant, demo begins in early May, will be installed on compacted gravel. Full installation in June. Improved ADA ramp & 6 wheelchair carveouts. Gravel path from chipseal to arena ramp.
- Painting entry concrete wall (backside)
- Josephine asked for repair on a tie out rail facing the arena which needs to be attached.

Washington State Fairs Association Super School:

- Amanda will re-send WSFA & YMD registration links to Board & Supers



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<https://sanjuancountywa.gov/2170/Parks-Recreation-Fair>

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- Brandon is excited to share our Fair with folks across the state

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Fair Board Meeting

April 17, 2026

ADJOURN: 11:01 AM