

FSMG Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Public Service Center, CR 623

Attendees: Scott Horenstein, Sharon Crouch, Judy Stanton, Chris Palmer, Mark McCauley, Justin Kobluk, John Morrison

Meeting was called to order at 7:30. Mark McCauley opened the meeting by distributing the minutes from the November meeting. The minutes were approved subject to a couple of edits.

Mark continued the meeting with a discussion of the county budget. The readopted budget was passed which distributed another \$12.7 million in budget cuts. Our decision package to transfer \$430,000 in PFD funds, half in 2009 and half in 2010, was approved. We now must wait for the budget to be loaded into the general ledger before we can actually move any money. Until then, we will rely on the county line of credit. Our line of credit balance currently is approaching \$200,000.

Our revised master plan/developer's agreement is coming together nicely. We believe we will be able to take this to a public hearing in January and secure Commissioner approval. Once we gain that approval we will have a maximum of 20 years to complete the plan.

Finally, we are working with Susan Tissot of the Clark County Historical Museum to bring their annual Harvest Fun Day to the 78th Street poor farm site. We see this as a great move to help promote local agricultural and our agricultural heritage. County 4-H'ers have been involved in the past and we expect their involvement again. We also hope to have hay rides, historic farm equipment demonstrations, and other attractive features during the event. Last year 2,000 people attended. We hope to have that many and more this year.

John Morrison picked up next with a discussion of the upcoming IAFE Conference. He also outlined the plan for entertainment in the Grandstands, to include two shows daily and the addition of Rodeo, Wild West and Motor Sport Events. Details will be brought to the FSMG as they are finalized. He said the inputs for the on-line Exhibitor Guide are coming together and thanked Judie Stanton for her time and efforts to help us get it ready for the web page earlier this year than we have been able to do in the past.

Justin took the floor and discussed a number of items. First was his strategic planning/brainstorming session with staff. He presented a 2010 budget plan that is broken down into three areas: 1) Cost cutting 2) Restructure, and 3) Increasing Revenues. He is beginning the implementation of the new budget plan and has already started work on laying off employees, restructuring operations and making progress on events we can self promote, etc.

Lastly, Justin distributed a 2010 Event Center booking update. Next year looks to be somewhat better than this year, but not by much.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th in PSC Conference Room 623.

Adjourned.