

Jefferson County Fairgrounds' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Green Mountain Conference Room A & B
15200 West 6th Avenue, Golden, CO
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

The Advisory Committee of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds met on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 with Chairman Mark Skelton presiding.

Fairgrounds Staff Present: Brittney Rietveld - Fairgrounds Manager, Kirstin Brown - Event Coordinator, Erin Smith – Event Coordinator

Public Affairs Staff Present: Julie Story, Director

Other Jefferson County Staff Present: Don Davis, County Manager, Stephen Snyder, County Attorney's Office

Jefferson County Citizens Present: Over 125 county citizens were in attendance.

A. Call Meeting to Order

- Mark Skelton called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

- **Fairground Advisory Committee members attending included:** Mark Skelton, Mike Skelton, Jeff Keller, Alejandra Major, Keren Baker, Cheyenne Fergerstrom
- **Fairground Advisory Committee members absent from the meeting:** Mary Miklos

C. Approval of Minutes

- The Committee, upon motion of Jeff Keller, seconded by Mike Skelton, and by unanimous vote, approved the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2019.

D. Manager's Report

- Past events were reviewed via the Fairgrounds website.
- Fairgrounds staff presented a report of the previous months' events with the events demonstrating the Fairgrounds' mission statement highlighted.
- Jeffco Fairgrounds' financials were reviewed via OpenGov.
- Don Davis presented the current challenges Jefferson County is facing with 2021 budget cuts and discussed potential solutions for Fairgrounds Operations in 2021 to relieve the county's General Fund. The county had to cut \$16.1 million from its 2020 General Fund budget following last year's decision by voters not to approve Ballot Initiative 1A. As a result, all county operations are being evaluated due to the County anticipating an additional \$12.5 million cut from the 2021 budget.
- Don Davis answered several questions and concerns from the Fairgrounds Advisory Committee.

E. Public Comments

- Jeff Keller and Mike Skelton motioned to move public comments to the end of the agenda.
- The public comment portion became more of a question/answer session with Don Davis. He answered questions and heard the concerns of the public present about the budget and Fairgrounds operations for over three hours.

F. Adjournment

- There being no further business to come before the committee, Mike Skelton motioned the meeting be adjourned at 10:23PM; Jeff Keller seconded the motion. The next meeting of the Fairground Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm.