

Fairbury City Museum
Board Meeting Minutes: Oct. 1, 2025
6:00 PM, Fairbury City Museum, Fairbury, NE

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mick Suey, President.

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mick Suey , Jeff Meyer, Bill Harris & Curator PaRen Sims

Absent: Jeffery Peak

Visitor(s):

II. Approval of Minutes: Jeff approved the Sept., 2025 minutes. Bill seconded. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Claims (5): **Fairbury Light & Water:** \$284 (\$254.64 museum, \$30.35 schoolhouse)/
Kinetic: \$288.35 (internet)/**Heartland Bank:** \$122.50 (2 curator shirts, pins for maps, postage for trophy)

Bill approved the Oct., 2025 bills. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

1. **2024-25 budget:** \$46,000

 a. **Oct. total expenses:** \$694.85

 b. **YTD expenses:** \$694.85

1. Impress checking: \$

V. Curator's Report:

A. Oct. totals: 73 Guests: 78 Donations: \$30 Tours: 15 Class reunions: 2 Research: 2

B. Totals from Aug. 2025-Aug. 2026:

Guests: 151 donations: \$123 Tours given: 31 Research: 2 Class reunions: 4

car show: 1,200 (200 cars)/cruise night (135 cars)/Fri/Sat: 150 people/Grand opening of band area:

1. 9/7: Dawn Ewing (Boise, Idaho) & Gary Gilberts (Meridian, Idaho) tour; donations: 48-star flag and pictures.
2. 9/19-20: Class of 1965 FHS Reunion tour. Research was also done for the class reunion to find the history of Fairbury Homecoming events & first crowned king and queen: 1971-Debbie Quam was first queen. There was no king that year, only escorts for the queen candidates.
3. 9/8-9: Research on District 81 school history for Gilberts from Idaho.
4. 9/7: Tony Once started spraying the barn mural background.
5. 9/10: Rock tumbler arrived.
6. 9/12: City mowed and trimmed before car show weekend.
7. Budget review: discussions during meeting copy of curator's report needs to be attached to time sheet-minutes of the meeting are to be sent to the city clerk each month (Mick's fault). Time frame: 2010-2012 the curator was a volunteer at the museum-started working as the paid curator in 2013. This is info for the board moving forward.
8. Brock Godown, former band teacher for FPS (now at Crete PS) would like more pics posted of the band display online-we need to photograph the banner he gave us for the museum.
9. 9/20: Setting up the area in the kitchen to get the rock tumbler going again. Working on cleaning the museum- fossil room and research area completed.
10. 9/26: The city mowed (it was getting high and not trimmed well. The sprayed weed killer).
11. 9/28: Deb White came to the museum to acquire Heidi Schultz granddaughter's sweater to go to the UNL display. Heidi wanted this item deassentioned from our museum into Deb White's care. Paperwork completed. This has been a 6 month project as Heidi lives out of state.
12. Discuss pics for areas in the research, picture & cameras area. The curator wants to use photos of local Jeff. Co. are

taken by Sarah Torkelson. Need vote & amount allowed to make the purchases.

13. Need to get Craig's museum keys from Staci if this has not been done (Mick will pick up).
14. Crespens Drug Store museum sent to the curator pics of examples of show globe bottles that advertised drug stores in the late 1800's Looking to find one for the pharmacy display. Will tell the BOD the history and see if they are any guidelines they wish to set on acquiring one.
15. 9/27: FHS class of 1961 Reunion tour.
16. 9/28: Deb White and UNL officials at museum to pick up the deassentioned sweater and wicker mannequin for the daughter of Heidi Schultz & Anna Aasen Sahs who originally donated the items to the museum. Anna is deceased and Debra wanted it back to add to items her mom had donated to UNL to keep it all together.
17. 9/29: Cabinetry is being installed in the medical area. A fake wall is being made for the dental area to put pics & documentation on. Shelving will be built for radios etc. in the general store area as soon the the above projects have been completed.

VI. Old Business:

1. **14th annual Car Show: grand opening: band area Cruise Night: Sept. 13/Car show: Sept: 14**
2. **"Wish list":** Museum highway/memorial signs, Museum south grounds, **Sprinkler system** (Aug), Copier for negatives/**research area**, mural on barn.
3. **Heat pumps:** all are working well.
4. **'23 Foundation:** Next meeting on Nov. 20. Jeff will present "wish list"
5. **Moving stuff from '23:** in progress.
6. **Roof:** Prellwitz contacted: **broken skylight in the country store area still needs replaced.**
7. **Contact Mayor** (Kelly Davis) and invite him to the museum: **need to set up a time**
8. **Tony Once:** mural
9. **Internet:** Bill contacted Stan Pettum to come to the Nov. meeting to talk to the BOD about possibly recording and creating a library for each room. Bill also tested the radio antenna for future car show with success. Bill would also like to purchase a radio transmitter (BOD approved).
10. **Museum painting:** One room schoolhouse
11. **UNL sweater:** gone
12. **Museum sign taken off the barn?:**
13. **New board member:**

VII. New Business:

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- 2.
3. Other?

VIII. Next meeting: Nov. 5, 2025

IX. Motion to dismiss: Jeff made a motion to dismiss at 6:34. Bill Seconded. Motion carried.