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Greetings,

I am amazed at what can be done with limited funds. Our Fair Board can stretch a dollar like no body's business. But there comes a time when additional funds are needed. We can prioritize the small stuff, but over time the patching and "making do" on our larger projects runs its course. With the passing of HB 3173, we will be able to better care for our Fair grounds which hosts events from a 3-year-old's birthday party, family reunions, County Fair, to county-wide emergency services for flood, fire, and medical emergencies.

We need to address our deferred maintenance items.  
We need your help to do that

I am thankful you have HB 3173 before you.  
Please know in passing this bill, the funds will not be wasted or squandered, but will help provide the resources needed to keep us ready for that first-year 4-H lamb, or the devastating crisis no one expected. In addition, providing Capital Project funds will take us beyond maintenance and allow us to tackle improvements. Replacing a leaking roof, getting a proper, efficient heating system, insulating and upgrading a food booth, and more. It could even help us build a new indoor arena facility - housing our office, conference room, a place for larger community events, and a better place to help during evacuation and emergency situations.

We do what we need to do, and we dream of big things. HB 3173 is huge to us. The capital funds are life changing. Both are in your hands.

We appreciate your careful consideration. Our community and county are eagerly awaiting your response.

Please support HB 3173 and our capital funds requests.

Thank you,

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