

# County Approves Fair Entertainment Contracts

“County Commissioners approved a five-year contract with the Mighty Thomas Carnival for fair rides, sideshows, carnival games and concessions on the grounds for the Montana State Fair at Montana Expo Park. The 2020 fair is included in the contract though it was cancelled due to COVID-19 and the contract covers fairs for 2021-2024. The Mighty Thomas Carnival has provided the midway services to the Montana State Fair for the last 26 years, according to county staff,” reports Jenn Rowell in The Electric.

“the carnival agrees to present rides with an hourly passenger capacity of at least 80 percent of those at the 2019 fair. The carnival agrees to pay the fair 35 percent of gross ride ticket sales, net of applicable sales taxes, up to \$350,000 in sales; and 40 percent of those sales over \$350,000, according to the contract. The carnival also agrees to pay 10 percent of ticket gross of up to two extreme rides and the designation of extreme will be mutually agreed upon by both parties, according to the contract.”

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