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The Great Frederick Fair

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## **GRIMES ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

FREDERICK, MD.—James S. Grimes of Frederick has been elected president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society Inc. and The Great Frederick Fair Inc. as part of the Board of Managers' reorganizational meeting held December 12. The Board's reorganizational meeting followed the agricultural society's annual stockholders' meeting also held that same day. Stockholders of the agricultural society are composed of 250 life member certificate holders.

Grimes will serve as president of the 11-member agricultural society board and the 13-member fair board taking over the leadership role from J. R. Ramsburg, Jr., who served in the capacity the past eight years. Grimes became a life member in 1960 and was elected to the board of managers in 1983. He served his first term as president of the board of managers in 1992 and 1993.

John E. Bare of Frederick was elected vice president. Re-elected were Robert W. Frank of Frederick as secretary, and Maurice A. Gladhill of Frederick as treasurer.

Other fair board members re-elected were Clyde C. Crum, Joseph F. Devilbiss, Sr., Joseph C. Free, Dr. James E. McClellan, Charles A. Cramer, John W. Bell, Nancy N. Hendricks, Colby Hubble, J. R. Ramsburg Jr.

Re-elected as legal counsel were Anne H. Rollins for the Frederick County Agricultural Society Inc. and George T. Horman for The Great Frederick Fair Inc.

Grimes stated that "2010 will be a challenging year as we continue through in these difficult economic times. In fact, it will be a challenge just to follow the leadership of J.R. Ramsburg, a leader that has served longer than any president of this society."

"In the coming year", Grimes continued, "we will continue to support the Mission Statement of the Frederick County Agricultural Society Inc. and that of The Great Frederick Fair Inc. to promote and preserve agriculture in Frederick County and the education of our youth about the industry of agriculture."

Grimes has lived in Frederick County all his life. He served as Mayor of the City of Frederick from 1994-2002. He had previously served as an Alderman from 1978-1982 and from 1990-1994. Grimes has also served on many other local boards, including Hood College, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick County National Bank and BB&T. He has been a local business entrepreneur, formerly owning Grimes Truck Center and Grimes Towing.

The Great Frederick Fair Inc. exists to promote agriculture and the education of youth about the industry of agriculture. Located in the City of Frederick on East Patrick Street, the site is one of the most historic landmarks in the Frederick area. Recognizing the importance and diversity of the property, its board began placing greater emphasis on creating a year-round event complex. The concept of ***The e-ventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds*** was launched about four years ago.

***The e-ventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds*** is a year-round facility that has 277 event days per year in addition to its main event - The Great Frederick Fair. The 72-acre facility has many unique features such as a 3,000 capacity grandstand, stage and seven fully enclosed buildings. It is also one of two Maryland sanctioned harness racing training facilities featuring both track and stable amenities. Its newly renovated cornerstone building, The Null Building, is a 12,000 square foot facility that is climate controlled and features acoustical ceiling tiles, state-of-the-art audio system and wireless capability.

The 148<sup>th</sup> Great Frederick Fair will be held September 17 – 25, 2010. For more information on The Great Frederick Fair or The e-ventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds go to [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com) or call 301-663-5895.

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