

**Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26, 2025**

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on August 26 at Village Hall

**Members Present:** Aaron Rengers, Laura Wenning, JoAnne Glentzer, Shawn Robinson, Randy Diller, Thomas Shaw, Ted Romer, Sue Heiser, Holly Bihn, Janelle Braun, Amy Wendel, Jill Andrews, Maria Bruns, Kelly Walter, Judy Wood, Aimee Pottkotter, Jenni Smith, Samantha Knapke

**Secretary Report:** Laura made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Jannel.

**Chamber Treasurer Report:** no report given, Eric absent

**Merchants Treasurer Report:** JoAnne read minutes, approved by Jill, seconded by Maria

**Chamber:**

- Looking at dates and location for Chamber banquet. Getting ideas of where, catering, etc. If it's decided to go to the Legion, they have been so generous to donate the facility. Discussion to continue
- \$500 donation to speakers to help pay for a couple more. Thomas made a motion to donate and Ted seconded
  - o Randy reported, that between grant from foundation, this donation and a few others, the speakers had been paid for. They are playing 9-5 daily and are playing "The Tribe" (new FM radio station)

**Merchants Association:**

- WOW stand was successful!
- Golden Gathering hour event, next Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - o They will give a stamp card to participants to go around to all businesses participating. The winner will get a gift basket, if you would like to participate or contribute, please let Laura Wenning know ASAP
- Fall Fest / Halloween Parade planning is happening – have a few ideas bouncing around
- New Home Owner gift baskets have been well received, if you have things you'd like to donate, please let Laura know.

**Village:**

- Fiscal Officer position was posted as Bert plans to retire in May 2026, Jen from the Village office was given the position after interviewing. Jen's job, assistant fiscal officer/utility clerk has been posted
- Polanco's is open!! Randy reported seeing many cars downtown Sunday evening, a nice sight for sure
- Water tower should be getting electric today.
- Traffic light should be working as soon as tomorrow (8/27)
- Pool Project
  - o Have a grant in place already and will be going for another grant. If both are secure, this would give about ½ the monies needed for current renovation ideas.
- Annexation - 1 acre for FR/Flaler Rd – carwash planning to be put there.
- Income tax levy – will be on the ballot.

**School:**

- 904 students k-12, up 5 from last year. 65 open enrolling to Fort Recovery, only 15 open enrolling out of FR school district
- 500 of those students require bus transportation to/from school. Over 9,000 miles are scheduled for bus use for this fall season! If you are looking for a way to give back to school and/or earn a little extra cash, contact the school on how to become a bus driver – it is a rewarding job! And you can choose events you want to drive.
- First student appreciation night is this Thursday at the Volleyball game, K-12, prizes will be given out throughout the night

**Project Recovery/Historical Society:**

- No October event this year, looking at 2026 to get involved with schools for event
- Plaques are being formed for buildings that list their history, this is an on going project, there are currently 5 and would like 12 more (and updating the 5 current)

**Other Notes/Business Updates:**

- Divine Little Ones – Ribbon cutting happened this past Sunday. It was nice as they had their open house at the same time.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/5 – 9/7 – St Joe Picnic.

Thomas made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM at the Tin Cupboard.