

## Fort Recovery Area Chamber of Commerce and Merchant Regular Meeting

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on June 24th, 2025 at the Tin Cupboard along with the Fort Recovery Merchant Association

**Members Present:** Shawn Robinson, Laura Wenning, Sue Heiser, JoAnn Glentzer, Holly Bihn, Nikki Kremer, Janelle Braun, Randy Diller, Aaron Rengers, Tony Stahl, Keshia Willmann, Amy Wendel, Judy Wood, Kelli Bihn & Eddie 😊

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

**Chamber Treasurers Report:** Checking account beginning balance \$8,046.51 Disbursements totaling \$377.07. Receipts totaling \$700.00, with an ending balance of \$8,369.44. Cash on hand is \$5.00 and the Fort Recovery Scholarship Fund is \$9,695.18 for a grand total of \$18,069.62. Jenni made a motion to approve, seconded by Janelle

**Merchant Treasurers Report:** - Read by JoAnne, Laura made a motion to approve, Randy seconded.

### **New Business:**

#### **Chamber:**

- Discussion on the date of the Chamber Banquet for 2026
  - o Going to look at the when, where, cost to have it places, capacity, etc. Shawn was going to take the lead on this. We are penciled in for March 15, 2026 at the EMS Auditoria
- Just a reminder that the Golf outing is July 11<sup>th</sup>
  - o There is room to join, one team had to drop out due to a family emergency.
  - o Get ahold of Shawn with any questions.

#### **Village:**

- Street project nearing completion, stop light should be in, in August
- Water Tower – nearing completion, electric is waiting on AES, disinfection hoping for today. July is the hopeful completion date.
- Water Plant – final designs hoping to be completed soon.
  - o Had to add a well and that testing is going on.
- Sanitary – working on the lagoons
- Mike Caldwell – speaker project, close to the cost of the Merchant grant, will be a total of 18 speakers around downtown. May need to ask a few groups for some donations depending on cost
  - o Jenni mentioned she supplies her personal device to play the music now, may need to look at purchasing something in the future.
- Jim Cooper would like to donate a LED message board to the town. Unsure where that would go. A few spots were mentioned. Randy was going to run them by Jim and see what his thoughts are.

#### **School:**

- Anna Roessner won State in track in one event, Congratulations!
- Summer shut down week is coming up (next week)
- Gym floor will be resurfaced
- Ag Shops are being cleaned and painted this summer
- Electric sign out front on 119 is not working properly, looking at options
- Football /bus garage area is being resurfaced
- HVAC parts are all here now for the EMS

- Paging system for the EMS is being looked at to be replaced and possibly connected to HS

#### **Merchants:**

- Holly Bihn, new owner of Sunshine came to the meeting to meet everyone
- Fort Night out is scheduled for July 20 from 5-8 at the pool, JoAnne would like to bring the slushy machine and will need some volunteers
- Welcome basket – the 1<sup>st</sup> one went out, they were very thankful
- Looking to do a “Fall Fest” the day of the Halloween Party – and possibly do a Scarecrow Contest. More details to come
- Tractor Pulls – Ice Cream /Slushies sales

#### **Jubilee:**

- The Jubilee seemed good this year. The numbers will not be too far off last year, especially considering cutting out a day.
  - o Waiting on a few more bills, having the wrap up meeting in August
- Talks about doing another donation garage sale, to help raise funds for the (hopefully) rides and inflatables.

#### **Community Foundation:**

#### **Historical Society/Project Recovery:**

- Discussion of Christmas lights – it was decided to wait until we have an exact idea of what the project is so we can decide how to contribute, everyone agreed with that.

#### **Other News:**

**Be sure to share!!**

## **Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts**

June 18 at 7:00 PM ·

Do you have a talent to share? We'd love to hear it! The Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts is bringing back Community Talent night on Sunday, July 20th. Contact Tracy Evers-Westgerdes for more information and to reserve your spot! Tracy can be reached at 937-423-2427.

<https://www.fortrecoveryfriendsofthearts.com/.../fort...>

To register online, head to our website and under Talent Night click "Check-in Here." This will ask you just a few questions and Tracy can reach out to you.

Laura, motioned to adjourn the meeting; Eric seconded it.

The next meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. at the Tin Cupboard.