

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association met in regular session on April 28th 2026 at Wayne Heritage Hall.

Members Present: Connor Rammel, Kristi Post, JoAnne Glentzer, Nikki Kremer, Amy Wendel, Holly Bihn, Neal Spencer, Shawn Robinson, Denise Shannon, Ted Romer, Laura Wenning, Jill Andrews, Aaron Rengers, Keisha Willmann, Jenni Smith

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

Chamber Treasurer Report: Beginning balance, \$8,250.69; Receipts of \$1,000.00 disbursements of \$1,616.78 and ending balance is \$7,633.91. Fort Recovery scholarship fund, is \$10,830.44, grand total in account, \$19,081.43. Ted made a motion to approve and Keisha seconded.

Merchants Treasurer Report: JoAnne read the treasurer's report for the Merchants. Nikki approved, Kristi seconded.

Chamber:

- Mandy Wendel from the Sorority reported that the Brickstreet Market seemed to be a success, everyone in attendance agreed.
- July 10th, Golf Outing, believed to be 14 teams participating so far. If you would like to participate, please contact Shawn Robinson at Park National Bank. Or if you would like to volunteer or donate attendance prizes that day, please let Shawn know.

Merchants Association:

- Taste of Town – Jill reported things are shaping up, JoAnne is working on the liquor license finalizing, Brickstreet has been approved by council to be shut down for the evening. The Pie Auction will be happening that night before Island Vibe starts for the evening. Talk to Jill or Kelly for information on ways you can help out that night (Ticket booth, set up/tear down).
- 250th Committee has agreed to have a tent there to sell any signs they may have left and to sell margaritas
- Also talked about 250th Celebration day (July 25th) if the merchants would want to do any sales leading up to the event.

Village:

- There is a paving project on 1st street that will be going out to bid
- Sidewalk project should be starting May 4th and hoping to wrap up mid June on 49/Sharpsburg/Flaler Rd
 - o This project includes 11 new street lights and the village is going to add 38 more.
- Village is also going to be adding radar signs, some solar and some electric.

Jubilee:

- Caricature artist, in the past the Merchant and Chambers groups have paid for him to come in exchange for their logo's to be printed at the bottom of the pages. Keisha asked if this was something they would be willing to sponsor again. It would be \$900 for 6 hours.
 - o Jenni made a motion for the Merchants, Amy seconded
 - o Shawn made a motion for the Chamber, Connor seconded.

Ambassadors:

- it was reported that their digital sign has been placed
- Tractor pulls are scheduled for July 31st – August 1st

Project Recovery/Historical Society/Foundation:

- Next Tuesday they have a meeting and the grant recommendations will be presented to the board
- Opera House has an official Open House date of July 29th

WOW:

- Electric Camp sites were sold out in under 5 minutes, maybe 10-12 non electric campsites available. If they sell out, that will be just at 230ish campsites sold.
- Stage sponsorships are available – contact Ryan Steinbrunner about these.
- VIP Spots are available in the Riverside Lounge, lots of amenities included, like drink vouchers, food, bathrooms, etc.
- This year they were able to give out \$25,000 worth of scholarships
- They also donated \$100,000 to the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park

Other News /Upcoming Events:

- This weekend is the Community Club Baseball tournament down at the Community Park diamonds and Fort Site diamond.
- J & M will be hosting a Breakfast with the Chamber and Merchant on June 4th. More information to come. Father Nate Comly will be in attendance, and the time frame will be 7:45-8:45 AM

Nikki made a motion to adjourn, Jill seconded

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26th at 7:45 AM at Wayne Heritage Hall.