

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2026

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association met in regular session on June 30th, 2026 at Wayne Heritage Hall.

Members Present: Connor Rammel, JoAnne Glentzer, Amy Wendel, Neal Spencer, Shawn Robinson, Jill Andrews, Samantha Muhlenkamp, Janelle Braun, Holly Bihn, Diana Rammel, Nikki Kremer, Keshia Willmann, Maria Bruns, Tony Stahl, Thomas Shaw, Kellie Bihn, Kristi Post, Chris Bechtol, Denise Shannon

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

Chamber Treasurer Report: Beginning balance, 8,292.57; Receipts of \$4,850.00 disbursements of \$250.00 and ending balance is \$12,892.57. Fort Recovery scholarship fund, is \$10,830.44, grand total in account, \$23,723.01. Nikki made a motion to approve and Keisha seconded.

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

Chamber:

- 21 teams for the golf outing are signed up, July 10th, shotgun start at 9 AM, all sponsorships are taken! Thank you all for your support.

Merchants Association:

- Taste of town - since the Merchants handled all the money this year, they decide that nonprofits got to keep all their Money, 250th, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc. Had \$3,239.00 worth of profit. Looking for a unique idea for a fall event if anyone has an idea.
- Scarecrow Contest will be happening again, so get your ideas ready!
- Lane Hull is putting on a Potluck on Sunday, he has a facebook page called "Fort Recovery Community Potluck"
- The sign-up sheets for the Tractor Pull shifts will be coming out soon. Ice Cream and Slushie's again

Jubilee:

- Waiting on a few invoices
- Heard great things about the Tug a Truck

School:

- Summer maintenance projects going on, resealing EMS parking lot, painting, etc.
- New Communication App that will be district wide, Parent Square is being introduced
- The website is also getting revamped.

Project Recovery/Historical Society/Foundation:

- Opera House has an official Open House date of July 29th
- One of a Kind Auction is October 18th, looking for new people to take over as some committee members are ready to step away.
- Many events at the Museum happening soon.
 - July 12th – free guided battle tours
 - July 18th – 5k will be in town
 - July 25th, Museum will be open for the 250th, first 200 visitors get a free gift
 - September 12th, Open doors Ohio
- Connor mentioned that Leadership in Action group came to Fort Recovery and many were amazed by all the things here. From historical, to shopping to the town itself. Lots of good feedback. If anyone would like to participate in Leadership in Action, put on by the Celina Mercer Chamber, let Connor know. The 2026/27 class is full but waiting list for 27/28 is already in place.

250th Celebration Day – July 25th, 2026:

- List of events on their Facebook page America's Turning 250 – also attached
- Shirts and Signs are available for purchase at Be You – see link in email.
- Most everything will be Free the day of!
- Will be having a lemonade stand on Thursday!

Ambassadors:

- Tractor pulls coming up. Looking for clean-up crew – mostly cans/trash under the stands. Can be done in the mornings (Saturday and Sunday). Crews will get paid. Please reach out to Chris Bechtol if you have anyone in mind.

Janelle made a motion to adjourn, Jill seconded

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28 at 7:45 AM at Wayne Heritage Hall.