

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes

March 31st, 2026

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association met in regular session on March 31st, 2026 at Wayne Heritage Hall.

Members Present: Aaron Rengers, Laura Wenning, Thomas Shaw, Janelle Braun, Amy Wendel, Maria Bruns, Samantha Muhlenkamp, Nikki Kremer, Connor Rammel, Tony Stahl, Mandy Wendel, Jill Andrews, Neal Spencer, Shawn Robinson, Maria Bruns, Amy Wood, Keshia Willmann

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

Chamber Treasurer Report: Beginning balance, \$8,600.79; Receipts of \$2930.00 disbursements of \$8,250.69 and ending balance is \$8,250.69. Fort Recovery scholarship fund, is \$10,830.44, grand total in account, \$19,431.23. Nikki made a motion to approve and Maria seconded.

Merchants Treasurer Report: no report

Chamber:

- Thanked everyone who came and helped with the banquet, took a quick poll and everyone seemed to think having it on a Monday was a great turnout and seemed to be well received.
- Having the golf outing July 10th. Currently have 11/18 teams already signed up! Please see the attached for that information
- TKN Enterprises (in industrial park) will be having their ribbon cutting on April 11th at 12:30 p.m. all are welcome!

Merchants Association:

- Bunny Hop had 93 kids turn their sheets in, Margot Jutte won the Easter basket full of goodies!
- Taste of the Town, set for Thursday, June 18th
 - Sorority is not doing their Beer and Wine tastings, so wondering if the slushie machine could be used? Maria & Amy volunteered the 250th committee to work that station if wanted.
 - No Jubilee Bucks will be accepted at the Taste of town this year. as keeping the event a separate event.
 - Island Vibe will be back as the band

Village:

- Santa House is going to be doing some repairs/construction. The FFA guys at school are going to help with this likely in the fall. They were wondering where any bills should go. Merchants decided they will go to them.

Jubilee:

- Dates are confirmed for June 19 & 20th, having Chicken Dinners (presale only) and the Parade on Sunday the 21st. Registration for the parade is open, www.fortrecoveryjubilee.com
- Jubilee Donation Garage sale at Kurt & Amy Wendel's home during garage sales April 15-18th
Are accepting donations, next donation drops off date is April 8th from 6-8 PM or contact Amy - 419.733.2915 for other arrangements.
- Bands are booked, as well as other entertainment. Looking to add a 3on3 ball tourney and possibly some arcade/game trailer.

School:

- County Mock Crash is happening next Wednesday at the Fairgrounds. It's put on by Fort Recovery SADD this year. Our students get to be part of the production.
- FFA Wild Life & Nature Teams get to participate at the state level
- State Testing happens in April
- Prom is April 24th
- Communication Survey went out last year, thinking of changing the communication platform to be uniformed for the school/parents/teachers, etc.

Project Recovery/Historical Society/Foundation:

- Opera House is waiting on final ok to start booking events!
- Community Foundation grants are due today.

Friends of the Arts:

- Looking to upgrade the benches as their next project. A new bench could be "in honor of a loved one" or a business may want their logo. Currently are thinking 30-40 benches will need replaced. The cost to sponsor a bench would be about \$1500. If interested, please contact Connor Rammel

WOW:

- Camping sales start tomorrow, April 1st
- VIP trailer has some openings – see their website for details
- Stage Sponsorships are available, contact Ryan Steinbrunner

Other News /Upcoming Events:

- Sorority Garage sale dates are April 16-18
- Brickstreet Market, only a couple spots are open to join! This will be held April 25th from 10-2
- Community Club is hosting a Baseball tournament the 1st weekend of May
- Mercer Health is having a Community Health 101 talk – April 20th at 5 p.m. at the hospital. See their Facebook page for more details.
- J&M will be having Father Nate Cromly in town soon and is likely going to have a breakfast/chat session. Everyone will be invited; invites will come out soon.

Thomas made a motion to adjourn

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