**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**July 10, 2025**

**Perry County Economic Development Authority**

**Perry County Business and Tourism Center**

**New Bloomfield, PA.**

**Attendees:** Marti Roberts, Rich Pluta, Scott Fritz, Frank Campbell, Patti McLaughlin, Scott Dunkleberger

**Virtual participants:** Dee Anderson

**Staff:**

**Absent:** Ed Barben

**Resigned:**

**Excused:**

**Visitor:**

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Tri-County report**: Tri-County report is attached to the minutes supplied by Jason Finnerty.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on June 12, 2025, which had been distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. There was a motion to approve the secretary’s report by Patti McLaughlin and Frank Campbell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Patti McLaughlin presented the treasure report. Motion to pay $6691.84 to the fairgrounds, also DCED #4 pay $26,000 to the arts council and fairgrounds. We have a bill from Eckerd Seamans for 501c3 work of $5756.00. Normal overhead and payroll for expenses. There was a motion made by Rich Pluta; to approve the treasurer’s report, Frank Campbell seconded the motion. Motion to approve carried.

**Chair Report:**

Marti Roberts reported as follows:

* Marti discussed the Liberty Bell project with the board and as the bylaws read, we must have a motion to approve anything over $5000.00. There was a motion made by Patti McLaughlin; to approve the payment of $10,000.00 for the Liberty Bell, Frank Campbell seconded the motion. Motion to approve carried.

We have had several interviews for the Main Street coordinator position, and several interviews for the administrator professional position. We have decided to hire Taira Little as administrative professional. The administrative professional will be paid $55,000.00 per year with health benefits, 3 weeks PTO, and all county holidays will be given off as well.

We have also hired the Main Street coordinator Jasmine Colbert. She will need to go through the training with the downtown center through the state main street program. Her salary will be $55,000.00 a year with health benefits, 3 weeks PTO, and all county holidays will be recognized.

We have chosen an ICHRA plan which we provide $600.00 to the program for each employee, and the employee is able to pick the benefit package that best suits them.

Marti sent out several RFPs out for the capital campaign for the fairgrounds. We have chosen a group called PANO. The fees will be paid in $5000.00 increments for 12 months.

We have a summer intern coming back for 6 weeks through career link.

Marysville and Millerstown art projects are in limbo, and we are working hard to get over the hurdles we are facing.

The Perry County Fair committee wants to start the capital campaign at the August Fair. The RFP has gone out to several organizations for a campaign coordinator. We have received some responses.

Rich Pluta made the motion to approve the board chair minutes, and Patti Mclaughlin seconded the motion.

**Staff Report:** None

**Old Business**: None

**New business**: None

 Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Campbell, and Rich Pluta seconded the motion, and the motion carried. It was approved without dissent at 9:49 am.