



Perry CVB Authority Meeting  
April 27, 2023

Absent Members: Heather Kellen, Stephen Shimp, JJ Kirk

- I. Chairman Mike Baker called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM
- II. Citizens with Input: None
- III. Approval of March 23, 2023 Minutes. Trish Cossart moved to approve. Chris Patel seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Unfinished Business: None
- V. New Business:
  - A. Lee Gilmour made a reimbursement request on behalf of The City of Perry for \$28,316.00 for March 2023. Trish Cossart moved to approve. Andrew Presswood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - B. Anya Turpin made a presentation for the consideration of a Mobile Welcome Center and provided a quote from Jeff Smith Commercial Sales of Perry in the amount of \$72,500. Chris Patel moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle from the reserve fund. Megan Brent seconded. The motion passed with Trish Cossart opposing and Andrew Presswood abstaining.
  - C. Anya Turpin made a presentation with updated Historical Tour signage. Lee Gilmour suggested that desired site locations be selected for consideration by the Mayor and Council. Anya Turpin to work with Downtown Manager Alicia Hartley and Historical Society representative Ellie Loudermilk, as well as Community Development, to locate preferred sign placements and present them to Council for approval.
  - D. Anya Turpin made a presentation illustrating the future City Hall & Welcome Center with the consideration of adding a service window to allow hospitality staff to greet visitors in the amount of \$6432.08 for construction labor and materials. Trish Cossart moved to approve. Chris Patel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee: None
  - B. Finance: Chairman Mike Baker provided a general update that a meeting had taken place with SunMark Bank and the City of Perry Finance Manager to transition to securing funds through INTRAFI. Promotions
  - C. Personnel: None
  - D. Long Range Planning and Building & Grounds: Chairman Mike Baker provided a general update that the CVB is working to gather information as to whether to lease or sell the building upon moving out of the facility and will provide updates as more information and recommendations are made available from the realtor.
- VII. Authority Member Items: None

VIII. Executive Director Report: Anya Turpin provided a presentation which highlighted recent and upcoming community and regional outreach efforts, as well as information about projects, such as Food Truck Friday shirts, and social media reports.

IX. Chairman Items: None

X. Community Partners

- A. [Maggie Schuyler](#) provided general updates from the Perry Dogwood Festival and other Perry Area Chamber of Commerce events
- B. Alicia Hartley provided general updates from the Spring Wine Tasting and presented a handout with statistics and ticket sales information, stating that tickets were bought from out of state as well as from outside of Houston County
- C. Amy Harmon provided general updates for upcoming City of Perry events including Art in the Park and Food Truck Friday

XI. Adjournment 5:08 PM