



Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board

Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm

Perry City Hall, 808 Carroll Street

Economic Development Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens with Input
4. Guests and Speakers
5. New Business
 - a. Approve April 16, 2026, Minutes
 - b. Approve April 2026 Financials
 - c. 2026 Speaker Series Program Planning
 - d. SparkMacon Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Camp
6. Staff Items
 - a. Monthly Updates
7. Member Items
8. Adjourn

All meetings of the Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board are open to the public.

Holly Wharton, Economic Development Director (478) 988-2755

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Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board
Minutes –April 16, 2026

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Richardson; Directors Boman, Pearson, Rodriguez, Ritchie, and Kennedy were present.

Vice Chairman Rhoades was absent.

Staff: Holly Wharton – Economic Development Director, and Joni Ary – Recording Clerk

3. Citizens with Input – None
4. Guests and Speakers – None

- ❖ Chairman Richardson thanked Director Rodriguez for the tour of Grand Farm today; it was very deeply engaging. Director Rodriguez stated that Grand Farm will be having another presentation late this summer and in November.

5. New Business

- a. Approve January 15, 2026, and March 19, 2026, Minutes

Director Ritchie motioned to approve as presented; Director Bowman seconded; all in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Approve January 2026, February 2026, and March 2026 Financials

Director Bowman motioned to approve as presented; Director Ritchie seconded; all in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Wharton stated that two sponsorships for the Startup Summit are still outstanding: Planters First Bank and the Development Corridor. The Board agreed that Ms. Wharton should reach out to both businesses for the sponsorships.

- c. 2026 Startup Summit Event Recap

Ms. Wharton provided a recap of the Startup summit, stating that she continues to receive positive feedback from the event. Director Kennedy stated she found the event insightful and found the people in attendance were actively engaged.

- d. 2026 Speaker Series Program Planning

Ms. Wharton stated that Agriculture would still be the focus of the event and asked the Board for possible speakers. Director Bowman stated that she would speak to her friend, who received a USDA grant, about possibly speaking at the event. Possibly have lenders speak about the USDA Grant and loan processes.

6. Staff Items

- a. Monthly Updates – Ms. Wharton gave out a draft technology-focused marketing flyer. Some suggestions were:

- add a callout box for Sigma Defense, will use one of their pictures for the flyer
- highlight high-speed internet
- Georgia Tech Research Institute
- I-16
- remove demographics, and change the cursive font
- UGA Grand Farm pictures for flyer

Ms. Wharton will send the updated flyer for feedback and hopes to finalize it.

- b. Lemonade Stand for the City's Summer Breeze event on May 15th.

Ms. Wharton stated that, due to scheduling, the Lemonade Stand event should be moved to Leisure Services and that, working with Chairman Richardson and the Board, the event should be held there. Chairman Richardson stated that some Lemonade stands may be available for the event. Chairman Pearson suggested integrating the event with other leisure activities could significantly boost attendance through cross-promotion.

- c. Ms. Wharton passed out a flyer for the Robins Modernization Summit 2026 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds on May 11th -15th, 2026.
- d. Ms. Wharton wanted to thank the Board for attending City Council's Regular meeting on April 7th. Vice Chairman Rhoades and Director Ritchie.

7. Member Items.None.

8. Adjourn: there being no further business to come before the Board, Director Ritchie motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Director Bowman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.



Jeff Holland

Technology and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (TEAB)

APR 2026

100-13.4221

Cost Center 75242

Contact

Holly Wharton

Revenue		Month	FY26 YTD	Cumulative
100-37.1205	Income	500.00	4,996.20	17,788.46
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
Revenue Total		500.00	4,996.20	17,788.46

Expense		Month	FY26 YTD	Cumulative
75242.52.1300		0.00	0.00	407.80
75242.53.1100		0.00	1,280.29	3,132.16
75242.52.3930		0.00	3,425.26	6,594.04
75242.52.3400		0.00	25.00	25.00
75242.52.3300		0.00	156.34	156.34
Expense Total		0.00	4,886.89	10,315.34
Balance		500.00	109.31	7,473.12

Less Previous Balance:

6,973.12

Reserve Adjustment

500.00

75242- Reserve/Donation
75102-Monthly Appropriations Allowance

75242-Used for programs

Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 04/30/2026

		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining
100-00000.349100	SALES OF BURIAL LOTS	0.00	0.00	2,800.00	12,600.00	12,600.00	0.00 %
100-00000.349219	EMPLOYER CONTRIB-HEALTH	4,177,000.00	4,177,000.00	346,982.00	3,769,820.00	-407,180.00	9.75 %
100-00000.349220	EMPLOYEE CONTRIB-HEALTH	517,000.00	517,000.00	57,261.50	434,462.00	-82,538.00	15.96 %
100-00000.349300	RETURNED CHECK FEE	3,200.00	3,200.00	280.00	2,625.00	-575.00	17.97 %
100-00000.349903	MISC SERVICES & CHARGES	0.00	0.00	63.40	190.20	190.20	0.00 %
100-00000.349904	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	54,000.00	54,000.00	3,072.16	30,959.16	-23,040.84	42.67 %
100-00000.349910	CURB CUT/DRIVEWAY PIPE	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.00	138.00	0.00 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		7,927,700.00	7,927,700.00	639,692.39	6,774,275.03	-1,153,424.97	14.55%
RevCategory: 34 - Charges for Services Total:		7,927,700.00	7,927,700.00	639,692.39	6,774,275.03	-1,153,424.97	14.55%
RevCategory: 35 - Fines and Forfeitures							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.351170	COURT AND PARKING FINES	497,500.00	497,500.00	81,625.16	441,107.22	-56,392.78	11.34 %
100-00000.351171	COUNTY JAIL SURCHARGE	41,300.00	41,300.00	0.00	27,024.22	-14,275.78	34.57 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		538,800.00	538,800.00	81,625.16	468,131.44	-70,668.56	13.12%
RevCategory: 35 - Fines and Forfeitures Total:		538,800.00	538,800.00	81,625.16	468,131.44	-70,668.56	13.12%
RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.361000	INTEREST	150,000.00	150,000.00	7,176.14	130,849.92	-19,150.08	12.77 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		150,000.00	150,000.00	7,176.14	130,849.92	-19,150.08	12.77%
RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income Total:		150,000.00	150,000.00	7,176.14	130,849.92	-19,150.08	12.77%
RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.371001	RECREATION DEPT DONATIONS	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,800.00	8,342.09	7,042.09	641.70 %
100-00000.371005	SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORSHIPS	0.00	0.00	6,381.50	6,735.35	6,735.35	0.00 %
100-00000.371007	NEW PERRY ANIMAL SHELTER BLD	0.00	0.00	204.00	444.00	444.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371017	J E WORRALL MEM DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371024	MAIN STREET ADVISORY DONATIO	32,900.00	32,900.00	11,202.37	53,019.19	20,119.19	161.15 %
100-00000.371032	PERRY PRESENTS SPONSOR	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371037	INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL DONAT	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	7,026.22	7,026.22	0.00 %
100-00000.371039	FARMERS MKT INCOME	2,500.00	2,500.00	575.00	6,365.00	3,865.00	254.60 %
100-00000.371202	INDEPENDENCE DAY SPONSORSHIP	8,500.00	8,500.00	15,900.00	24,544.60	16,044.60	288.76 %
100-00000.371205	TECH & ENTREPRENUER BOARD	0.00	0.00	500.00	4,996.20	4,996.20	0.00 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		45,200.00	45,200.00	39,262.87	117,372.65	72,172.65	159.67%
RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations Total:		45,200.00	45,200.00	39,262.87	117,372.65	72,172.65	159.67%
RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.381000	PERRY EVENTS CENTER RENTAL	73,400.00	73,400.00	2,140.00	14,862.00	-58,538.00	79.75 %
100-00000.381001	CELL ANTENNA RENTAL FEE	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	40,946.64	946.64	102.37 %
100-00000.381011	HERITAGE OAKS RENTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,438.00	1,438.00	0.00 %
100-00000.383000	REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGE PROP	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,824.63	2,824.63	0.00 %
100-00000.383002	RESTITUTION PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.30	200.30	0.00 %
100-00000.389000	OTHER REVENUES	0.00	0.00	377.52	10,811.13	10,811.13	0.00 %
100-00000.389001	PD COPIES/REPORTS	0.00	0.00	253.00	2,173.25	2,173.25	0.00 %
100-00000.389004	TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.14	246.14	0.00 %
100-00000.389010	P-CARD REBATE	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	6,391.04	2,391.04	159.78 %
100-00000.389012	WEX TAX/BILL ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	272.10	1,395.40	1,395.40	0.00 %
100-00000.389013	MGAG PERFORMANCE ADJUST	210,900.00	210,900.00	236,298.00	236,298.00	25,398.00	112.04 %
100-00000.389022	SR CTR UTILITIES REVENUE	5,100.00	5,100.00	424.34	5,113.19	13.19	100.26 %
100-00000.389026	TAX SALE EXCESS FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	-212.66	-212.66	0.00 %
100-00000.389028	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD	29,300.00	29,300.00	3,233.24	24,409.79	-4,890.21	16.69 %
100-00000.389030	PACVB - OPERATING REIMB	430,000.00	430,000.00	0.00	332,599.92	-97,400.08	22.65 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		792,700.00	792,700.00	242,998.20	679,496.77	-113,203.23	14.28%
RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous Total:		792,700.00	792,700.00	242,998.20	679,496.77	-113,203.23	14.28%

Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 04/30/2026

		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining
CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC							
100-75241.523600	DUES & FEES	2,200.00	2,200.00	710.00	3,820.00	-1,620.00	-73.64 %
CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC Total:		2,200.00	2,200.00	710.00	3,820.00	-1,620.00	-73.64%
CostCenter: 75242 - RESTRICTED - TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADV BRD							
100-75242.523300	ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.34	-156.34	0.00 %
100-75242.523400	PRINTING & BINDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.00 %
100-75242.523930	MEETINGS	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	3,425.26	-2,225.26	-185.44 %
100-75242.531100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,280.29	-1,280.29	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75242 - RESTRICTED - TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP AD		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	4,886.89	-3,686.89	-307.24%
CostCenter: 75243 - PERRY'S BOURBON STREET BASH							
100-75243.521301	STAGE/LIGHT/AUDIO	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.00 %
100-75243.521312	ARTIST FEES	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	2,930.00	1,570.00	34.89 %
100-75243.522300	RENTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,030.00	-3,030.00	0.00 %
100-75243.523850	CONTRACT LABOR	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	19,190.44	-12,690.44	-195.24 %
100-75243.531100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,544.03	-3,544.03	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75243 - PERRY'S BOURBON STREET BASH Total:		11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	31,894.47	-20,894.47	-189.95%
CostCenter: 75410 - PACVBA BOARD							
100-75410.521300	TECHNICAL SERVICES	7,000.00	7,000.00	-6,270.29	0.00	7,000.00	100.00 %
100-75410.523110	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,840.00	-840.00	-42.00 %
CostCenter: 75410 - PACVBA BOARD Total:		9,000.00	9,000.00	-6,270.29	2,840.00	6,160.00	68.44%
CostCenter: 75420 - ADMINISTRATION							
100-75420.511100	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	125,000.00	125,000.00	9,139.12	92,022.53	32,977.47	26.38 %
100-75420.512100	LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	43.20	429.00	-429.00	0.00 %
100-75420.512130	EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	75.41	603.28	-603.28	0.00 %
100-75420.512140	VISION INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	12.21	85.47	-85.47	0.00 %
100-75420.512200	FICA	0.00	0.00	695.87	7,131.03	-7,131.03	0.00 %
100-75420.512401	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT- ICMA	0.00	0.00	456.96	4,600.96	-4,600.96	0.00 %
100-75420.512700	WORKERS COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.21	-119.21	0.00 %
100-75420.512906	AUTO ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	400.00	3,800.00	-3,800.00	0.00 %
100-75420.521200	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	75.00	3,382.10	-3,382.10	0.00 %
100-75420.521201	AUDITOR COSTS	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.00 %
100-75420.521300	TECHNICAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	7,666.15	18,901.32	-18,901.32	0.00 %
100-75420.521304	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00	45,000.00	66,673.60	-51,673.60	-344.49 %
100-75420.521310	INFORMATION RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	114.01	544.63	-544.63	0.00 %
100-75420.521900	MISCELLANEOUS	7,000.00	7,000.00	69.61	629.93	6,370.07	91.00 %
100-75420.522300	RENTAL	2,000.00	2,000.00	410.47	1,918.71	81.29	4.06 %
100-75420.523210	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	500.00	500.00	75.18	655.09	-155.09	-31.02 %
100-75420.523222	TELEPHONE WIRELESS	2,000.00	2,000.00	69.77	627.84	1,372.16	68.61 %
100-75420.523500	TRAVEL	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,861.42	5,385.25	4,614.75	46.15 %
100-75420.523600	DUES & FEES	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,454.99	6,131.83	-1,131.83	-22.64 %
100-75420.523702	VOLUNTARY TRAINING	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	13,043.66	-3,043.66	-30.44 %
100-75420.523930	MEETINGS	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,009.78	6,472.23	-4,472.23	-223.61 %
100-75420.531100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	6,000.00	6,000.00	37.96	813.26	5,186.74	86.45 %
100-75420.531105	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00	462.95	4,611.11	388.89	7.78 %
100-75420.531110	UNIFORMS & CLOTHING	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	320.39	1,179.61	78.64 %
100-75420.531600	INVENTORY EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00 %
CostCenter: 75420 - ADMINISTRATION Total:		193,000.00	193,000.00	76,630.06	244,402.43	-51,402.43	-26.63%
CostCenter: 75430 - WELCOME CENTER							
100-75430.511100	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	65,000.00	65,000.00	4,860.57	49,439.84	15,560.16	23.94 %
100-75430.511300	OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	0.46	179.34	-179.34	0.00 %
100-75430.512100	EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	36.23	351.25	-351.25	0.00 %
100-75430.512130	EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	14.70	132.30	-132.30	0.00 %
100-75430.512140	VISION INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	2.92	26.28	-26.28	0.00 %
100-75430.512200	FICA	0.00	0.00	350.03	3,575.77	-3,575.77	0.00 %
100-75430.512401	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT- ICMA	0.00	0.00	243.05	2,480.75	-2,480.75	0.00 %
100-75430.512700	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.86	-64.86	0.00 %
100-75430.521300	TECHNICAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,158.86	-1,158.86	0.00 %

Account	Name		Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance			
Revenue	TECH & ENTREPRENUER BOARD		-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20			
100-00000.371205								
Post Date	Packet Number	Source Transaction	Pmt Number	Description	Vendor	Project Account	Amount	Running Balance
04/03/2026	CLPKT04601	MELISSA \$18631.97		CLPKT04601			-250.00	-4,746.20
04/27/2026	CLPKT04763	MELISSA \$31687.74		CLPKT04763			-250.00	-4,996.20
Total Revenue:			Beginning Balance: -4,496.20	Total Activity: -500.00			Ending Balance: -4,996.20	
Grand Totals:			Beginning Balance: -4,496.20	Total Activity: -500.00			Ending Balance: -4,996.20	

Detail Report

Date Range: 04/01/2026 - 04/30/2026

Account Summary

Account	Name
Revenue 100-00000.371205	TECH & ENTREPRENUER BOARD

	Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance
	-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20
Total Revenue:	-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20
Grand Totals:	-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20

Detail Report

Date Range: 04/01/2026 - 04/30/2026

Fund Summary

Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance
100 - GENERAL FUND	-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20
Grand Total:	-4,496.20	-500.00	-4,996.20