



**Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board**

Thursday, August 20, 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 July 16, 2026, Minutes
  - b. Approve July 2026 Financials
  - c. August 27<sup>th</sup> Speaker Series Program Planning Update
6. Staff Items
  - a. Monthly Updates
7. Member Items
8. Adjourn

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

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Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board  
Minutes – July 16, 2026

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Richardson; Directors \*Boman, Rodriguez, and Kennedy were present.

\*Director Boman arrived at 5:35 pm.

Directors Pearson and Ritchie were absent.

Staff: Mitchell Worthington, Assistant City Manager; Jara Hurt, Downtown Manager; and Joni Ary, Recording Clerk.

3. Citizens with Input – None
4. Guests and Speakers – None
5. New Business

- a. Election of Vice-Chairman:

Chairman Richardson stated that, due to Vice-Chairman Rhodes' resignation, the seat is now vacant. Director Boman stated that if no one objected, she would volunteer for the position. Director Kennedy nominated Director Boman for approval as Vice-Chairman; Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Approve June 18, 2026, Minutes

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

- c. Approve June 2026 Financials

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

- d. August 2026 Speaker Series Program Planning Update

Chairman Richardson stated that the August Speaker Series will be held at the Perry Event Center on August 27, 2026, with Director Rodriguez as the commentator.

Mr. Worthington stated he wanted to confirm some information for the event:

- Speakers for the event – Confirmed representative from AgGeorgia and Georgia Grown.
- Director Rodriguez recommended Ms. Kaytlyn Cobb of Grand Farm as a speaker.

- Event Time – Open doors at 11:30 am - Event from 12 pm to 1 pm
- Agenda for the event: Director Rodriguez will work on the questions for the speakers and send them out one month prior to the event.
- Food: No preference; will be from a local restaurant in Perry. Between 20-30 people.

e. SparkMacon Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Camp

Chairman Richardson stated that this item has been tabled for this year due to coordination issues. The City still wants to have the event, and all coordination for the event will be handled through the City or City-assigned staff.

Mr. Worthington stated that planning for the event should start in January with all parties, including the different departments in the City. The City does not solicit money for events; any vendor wanting to participate in a City Event may become a sponsor.

Ms. Hurt stated that she would like to participate in the event for next year to have the kids learn how individuals go about getting a permit and/or license for an event; to teach them from start to finish how a business gets started in the City.

Chairman Richardson stated that the Board will start planning the Summer Camp event in January.

6. Staff Items

- a. Monthly Updates - None.

7. Member Items.

Chairman Richardson stated that the City of Perry has a form for a Statement of Interest Application for anyone interested in joining our Board for the vacant position. If anyone on the Board knows of someone who would like to join our Board, please fill out the application.

8. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Boman motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Director Rodriguez seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

**Technology and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (TEAB)****JUL 2026**

100-13.4221

Cost Center 75242

Contact

Holly Wharton

| Revenue                |        | Month | FY27 YTD | Cumulative |
|------------------------|--------|-------|----------|------------|
| 100-37.1205            | Income | 0.00  | 0.00     | 17,788.46  |
|                        |        |       | 0.00     | 0.00       |
|                        |        |       | 0.00     | 0.00       |
|                        |        |       | 0.00     | 0.00       |
| Revenue Total          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 17,788.46  |
|                        |        |       |          |            |
| Expense                |        |       |          |            |
| 75242.52.1300          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 407.80     |
| 75242.53.1100          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 3,132.16   |
| 75242.52.3930          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 6,594.04   |
| 75242.52.3400          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 25.00      |
| 75242.52.3300          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 156.34     |
| Expense Total          |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 10,315.34  |
| Balance                |        | 0.00  | 0.00     | 7,473.12   |
|                        |        |       |          |            |
| Less Previous Balance: |        |       |          | 7,473.12   |
| Reserve Adjustment     |        |       |          | 0.00       |

## Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2026-2027 Period Ending: 07/31/2026

|                                                      |                              | Original<br>Total Budget | Current<br>Total Budget | Period<br>Activity | Fiscal<br>Activity | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) | Percent<br>Remaining |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 100-00000.351171                                     | COUNTY JAIL SURCHARGE        | 35,400.00                | 35,400.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | -35,400.00                             | 100.00 %             |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:          |                              | 527,800.00               | 527,800.00              | 84,730.05          | 84,730.05          | -443,069.95                            | 83.95%               |
| RevCategory: 35 - Fines and Forfeitures Total:       |                              | 527,800.00               | 527,800.00              | 84,730.05          | 84,730.05          | -443,069.95                            | 83.95%               |
| RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income                  |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL                 |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-00000.361000                                     | INTEREST                     | 150,000.00               | 150,000.00              | 15.14              | 15.14              | -149,984.86                            | 99.99 %              |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:          |                              | 150,000.00               | 150,000.00              | 15.14              | 15.14              | -149,984.86                            | 99.99%               |
| RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income Total:           |                              | 150,000.00               | 150,000.00              | 15.14              | 15.14              | -149,984.86                            | 99.99%               |
| RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations        |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL                 |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-00000.371005                                     | SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORSHIPS  | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 1,500.00           | 1,500.00           | 1,500.00                               | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.371007                                     | NEW PERRY ANIMAL SHELTER BLD | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 30.00              | 30.00              | 30.00                                  | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.371024                                     | MAIN STREET ADVISORY DONATIO | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2,000.00           | 2,000.00           | 2,000.00                               | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.371039                                     | FARMERS MKT INCOME           | 5,000.00                 | 5,000.00                | 100.00             | 100.00             | -4,900.00                              | 98.00 %              |
| 100-00000.371202                                     | INDEPENDENCE DAY SPONSORSHIP | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 723.00             | 723.00             | 723.00                                 | 0.00 %               |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:          |                              | 5,000.00                 | 5,000.00                | 4,353.00           | 4,353.00           | -647.00                                | 12.94%               |
| RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations Total: |                              | 5,000.00                 | 5,000.00                | 4,353.00           | 4,353.00           | -647.00                                | 12.94%               |
| RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous                      |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL                 |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-00000.381000                                     | PERRY EVENTS CENTER RENTAL   | 15,000.00                | 15,000.00               | 1,267.00           | 1,267.00           | -13,733.00                             | 91.55 %              |
| 100-00000.381001                                     | CELL ANTENNA RENTAL FEE      | 40,100.00                | 40,100.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | -40,100.00                             | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.383002                                     | RESTITUTION PAYMENT          | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 13.39              | 13.39              | 13.39                                  | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.389000                                     | OTHER REVENUES               | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 50.00              | 50.00              | 50.00                                  | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.389001                                     | PD COPIES/REPORTS            | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 153.11             | 153.11             | 153.11                                 | 0.00 %               |
| 100-00000.389010                                     | P-CARD REBATE                | 8,200.00                 | 8,200.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | -8,200.00                              | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.389013                                     | MGAG PERFORMANCE ADJUST      | 220,400.00               | 220,400.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -220,400.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.389022                                     | SR CTR UTILITIES REVENUE     | 5,300.00                 | 5,300.00                | 688.28             | 688.28             | -4,611.72                              | 87.01 %              |
| 100-00000.389028                                     | SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD        | 30,600.00                | 30,600.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | -30,600.00                             | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.389030                                     | PACVB - OPERATING REIMB      | 714,100.00               | 714,100.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -714,100.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:          |                              | 1,033,700.00             | 1,033,700.00            | 2,171.78           | 2,171.78           | -1,031,528.22                          | 99.79%               |
| RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous Total:               |                              | 1,033,700.00             | 1,033,700.00            | 2,171.78           | 2,171.78           | -1,031,528.22                          | 99.79%               |
| RevCategory: 39 - Other Financing Sources            |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL                 |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-00000.391110                                     | TRANS-HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FND    | 572,000.00               | 572,000.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -572,000.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.391112                                     | TRANS IN STORMWATER/PPFA DS  | 314,700.00               | 314,700.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -314,700.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.391113                                     | TRANSFER IN SPLOST - PPFA DS | 86,600.00                | 86,600.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | -86,600.00                             | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.391121                                     | TRANS IN WATER/PPFA DEBT SER | 622,500.00               | 622,500.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -622,500.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| 100-00000.391142                                     | TRANS IN GAS/PPFA DEBT SER   | 287,700.00               | 287,700.00              | 0.00               | 0.00               | -287,700.00                            | 100.00 %             |
| CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:          |                              | 1,883,500.00             | 1,883,500.00            | 0.00               | 0.00               | -1,883,500.00                          | 100.00%              |
| RevCategory: 39 - Other Financing Sources Total:     |                              | 1,883,500.00             | 1,883,500.00            | 0.00               | 0.00               | -1,883,500.00                          | 100.00%              |
| Revenue Total:                                       |                              | 33,061,300.00            | 33,061,300.00           | 993,464.94         | 993,464.94         | -32,067,835.06                         | 97.00%               |
| Expense                                              |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| CostCenter: 11000 - OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL            |                              |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-11000.511220                                     | ELECTED/APPOINT OFFICIALS    | 40,200.00                | 40,200.00               | 3,350.00           | 3,350.00           | 36,850.00                              | 91.67 %              |
| 100-11000.512100                                     | EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE      | 300.00                   | 300.00                  | 115.05             | 115.05             | 184.95                                 | 61.65 %              |
| 100-11000.512120                                     | EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE    | 13,000.00                | 13,000.00               | 1,208.00           | 1,208.00           | 11,792.00                              | 90.71 %              |
| 100-11000.512130                                     | EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE    | 400.00                   | 400.00                  | 44.03              | 44.03              | 355.97                                 | 88.99 %              |
| 100-11000.512140                                     | VISION INSURANCE             | 100.00                   | 100.00                  | 8.75               | 8.75               | 91.25                                  | 91.25 %              |
| 100-11000.512200                                     | FICA                         | 3,100.00                 | 3,100.00                | 242.19             | 242.19             | 2,857.81                               | 92.19 %              |
| 100-11000.512401                                     | RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT- ICMA   | 400.00                   | 400.00                  | 27.50              | 27.50              | 372.50                                 | 93.13 %              |
| 100-11000.523113                                     | PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY   | 39,700.00                | 39,700.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | 39,700.00                              | 100.00 %             |
| 100-11000.523222                                     | WIRELESS COMMUNICATION       | 500.00                   | 500.00                  | 0.00               | 0.00               | 500.00                                 | 100.00 %             |
| 100-11000.523930                                     | MEETINGS                     | 1,000.00                 | 1,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 1,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |

## Budget Report

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CostCenter: 75216 - COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS</b>                    |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75216-522302 FEE WAIVER                                        | 3,700.00                 | 3,700.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 3,700.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75216 - COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS Total:</b>             | <b>3,700.00</b>          | <b>3,700.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>3,700.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75218 - PERRY UNIVERSITY</b>                        |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75218-523930 MEETINGS                                          | 4,000.00                 | 4,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 4,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75218-531100 OPERATING SUPPLIES                                | 2,000.00                 | 2,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75218 - PERRY UNIVERSITY Total:</b>                 | <b>6,000.00</b>          | <b>6,000.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>6,000.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75219 - SPECIAL EVENTS ADMINISTRATION</b>           |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75219-511100 REGULAR EMPLOYEES                                 | 61,400.00                | 61,400.00               | 3,264.35           | 3,264.35           | 58,135.65                              | 94.68 %              |
| 100-75219-512100 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE                           | 400.00                   | 400.00                  | 34.56              | 34.56              | 365.44                                 | 91.36 %              |
| 100-75219-512130 EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE                         | 1,300.00                 | 1,300.00                | 75.03              | 75.03              | 1,224.97                               | 94.23 %              |
| 100-75219-512140 VISION INSURANCE                                  | 300.00                   | 300.00                  | 12.15              | 12.15              | 287.85                                 | 95.95 %              |
| 100-75219-512200 FICA                                              | 4,700.00                 | 4,700.00                | 247.64             | 247.64             | 4,452.36                               | 94.73 %              |
| 100-75219-512401 RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT- ICMA                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 32.64              | 32.64              | -32.64                                 | 0.00 %               |
| 100-75219-512700 WORKER'S COMPENSATION                             | 2,300.00                 | 2,300.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,300.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75219-521200 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES                             | 6,000.00                 | 6,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 6,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75219-523222 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION                            | 1,100.00                 | 1,100.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 1,100.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75219-523300 ADVERTISING                                       | 5,000.00                 | 5,000.00                | 1,000.00           | 1,000.00           | 4,000.00                               | 80.00 %              |
| 100-75219-531100 OPERATING SUPPLIES                                | 4,200.00                 | 4,200.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 4,200.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75219 - SPECIAL EVENTS ADMINISTRATION Total:</b>    | <b>86,700.00</b>         | <b>86,700.00</b>        | <b>4,666.37</b>    | <b>4,666.37</b>    | <b>82,033.63</b>                       | <b>94.62%</b>        |
| <b>CostCenter: 75222 - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL</b>                  |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75222-521301 STAGE/LIGHT/AUDIO                                 | 2,000.00                 | 2,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75222-521312 ARTIST FEES                                       | 37,000.00                | 37,000.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | 37,000.00                              | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75222-523300 ADVERTISING                                       | 4,000.00                 | 4,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 4,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75222 - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL Total:</b>           | <b>43,000.00</b>         | <b>43,000.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>43,000.00</b>                       | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75225 - JUNETEENTH EVENT</b>                        |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75225-521312 ARTIST FEES                                       | 19,000.00                | 19,000.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | 19,000.00                              | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75225 - JUNETEENTH EVENT Total:</b>                 | <b>19,000.00</b>         | <b>19,000.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>19,000.00</b>                       | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75228 - HOLIDAY PARADE</b>                          |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75228-521312 ARTIST FEES                                       | 2,200.00                 | 2,200.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,200.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75228-523850 CONTRACT LABOR                                    | 400.00                   | 400.00                  | 0.00               | 0.00               | 400.00                                 | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75228-531100 OPERATING SUPPLIES                                | 300.00                   | 300.00                  | 0.00               | 0.00               | 300.00                                 | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75228 - HOLIDAY PARADE Total:</b>                   | <b>2,900.00</b>          | <b>2,900.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>2,900.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75232 - PERRY HOLIDAY BASH</b>                      |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75232-531100 OPERATING SUPPLIES                                | 9,200.00                 | 9,200.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 9,200.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75232 - PERRY HOLIDAY BASH Total:</b>               | <b>9,200.00</b>          | <b>9,200.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>9,200.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75235 - OPEN STREETS EVENT</b>                      |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75235-523850 CONTRACT LABOR                                    | 3,100.00                 | 3,100.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 3,100.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75235 - OPEN STREETS EVENT Total:</b>               | <b>3,100.00</b>          | <b>3,100.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>3,100.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75238 - SUMMER BREEZE BLOCK PARTY</b>               |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75238-521301 STAGE/LIGHT/AUDIO                                 | 2,000.00                 | 2,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75238-521312 ARTIST FEES                                       | 3,000.00                 | 3,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 3,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75238-523850 CONTRACT LABOR                                    | 6,700.00                 | 6,700.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 6,700.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| 100-75238-531100 OPERATING SUPPLIES                                | 1,000.00                 | 1,000.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 1,000.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75238 - SUMMER BREEZE BLOCK PARTY Total:</b>        | <b>12,700.00</b>         | <b>12,700.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>12,700.00</b>                       | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75239 - PERRY BITES &amp; BEATS FESTIVAL</b>        |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75239-523850 CONTRACT LABOR                                    | 55,200.00                | 55,200.00               | 0.00               | 0.00               | 55,200.00                              | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75239 - PERRY BITES &amp; BEATS FESTIVAL Total:</b> | <b>55,200.00</b>         | <b>55,200.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>55,200.00</b>                       | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC</b>                     |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75241-523600 DUES & FEES                                       | 2,200.00                 | 2,200.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 2,200.00                               | 100.00 %             |
| <b>CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC Total:</b>              | <b>2,200.00</b>          | <b>2,200.00</b>         | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>2,200.00</b>                        | <b>100.00%</b>       |
| <b>CostCenter: 75243 - PERRY'S BOURBON STREET BASH</b>             |                          |                         |                    |                    |                                        |                      |
| 100-75243-521312 ARTIST FEES                                       | 4,500.00                 | 4,500.00                | 0.00               | 0.00               | 4,500.00                               | 100.00 %             |