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PRESS RELEASE

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The Board of Commissioners of Beaver County supports a comprehensive and collaborative economic development process that ensures efficient use of existing resources, both public and private. The Commissioners also welcome and appreciate input from citizen volunteers interested in strengthening Beaver County's future. For this reason, the Commissioners value the work already begun by five "Councils" of volunteers over the past year.

However, the Commissioners do not believe that another layer that has the potential to duplicate services, duplicate staff, use scarce resources inefficiently, and create confusion among customers, the economic development community, and the public is necessary. Instead, we must encourage the organizations that already exist to continue to collaborate and work together.

The Commissioners have had several informational meetings with the Beaver County Partnership for Community & Economic Growth ("Partnership") in an attempt to find a mutually agreeable way to move forward to achieve common goals. The Partnership has elected to disregard the Commissioners' concerns, has formed a new non-profit corporation, and is proceeding along a path the Commissioners believe is not in the best interest of the County.

Therefore, the Beaver County Board of Commissioners will not be supporting the Beaver County Partnership for Community & Economic Growth nor participating in its Board of Directors.

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