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Fay-Penn Economic Development Council Welcomes New Executive Director

Lemont Furnace, PA – Dec. 8, 2025 — The Fay-Penn Economic Development Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Jerrod Murtha as its new Executive Director. In this role, Murtha will support the organization’s mission of driving economic growth, supporting local businesses, and improving the quality of life across Fayette County.

Murtha takes over for Timothy Flecker, who stepped into the role in 2024 in an interim capacity.

“It has been an incredible honor to serve in this capacity, and I’m deeply grateful for the support, collaboration, and shared accomplishments we have achieved together,” Flecker said.

“I am especially appreciative of Fay-Penn employees’ continued dedication to Fay-Penn’s mission and the projects and programs that make a difference in our community. My intent is to return to the day-to-day management of my family businesses while continuing my support of Fay-Penn as a board member.”

Flecker added that he and the Fay-Penn Board of Directors are confident Murtha will lead with vision, integrity, and dedication.

As Executive Director, Murtha will work closely with Fay-Penn’s staff, and board to expand programs that help local businesses thrive, attract new investment, and create opportunities for residents. He will also play a key role in strengthening collaboration with community partners and ensuring that Fay-Penn’s initiatives address both current and future needs of the county.

Murtha is a Fayette County native who brings 20+ years of commercial banking experience and with a strong track record of community engagement and volunteerism.

“I am honored to take on this role and to support the important work of Fay-Penn. Fayette County has tremendous potential, and I look forward to working with local leaders, businesses, and residents to strengthen our economy and create new opportunities for growth,” he said.

Fay-Penn has been serving Fayette County for more than 40 years, advancing economic development through business support services, revolving loan program, community revitalization, and strategic investments.

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About Fay-Penn Economic Development Council

The Fay-Penn Economic Development Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stimulating investment, creating jobs, and fostering economic opportunity throughout Fayette County. Since its inception in 1991, Fay-Penn has worked on almost 500 projects, helped create and/or retain almost 12,000 jobs and helped leverage more than \$1.4 billion in local investment.

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