

# Joint Planning Alliance

Barry County  
Carlton Township  
City of Hastings  
Hastings Charter Township  
Rutland Charter Township

## Draft Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Chairperson Mayack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

For Barry County: Dave Hatfield, Jeff Keesler

For Carlton Township: Jack Miner

For Hastings City: Sarah Moyer-Cale, David Tossava

For Hastings Township: Jim Partridge

For Rutland Township: Gene Hall, Stacey Graham, Marti Mayack

Members Absent: Bleam, Carpenter, Hook

Chairperson Mayack led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Hatfield, second by Miner to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Graham, second by Hatfield to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 regular meeting with the addition of Mayack as not present. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

### Old Business:

The City of Hastings reported that the Elsie Sage Trust has been settled to the benefit of the fire department and that long-time Deputy Treasurer Francie Nagel has retired. An update was also provided on the activity of the W. State Street Corridor planning project.

Barry County reported that the draft of the new zoning ordinance is now available and that a small-scale solar project was denied as a special land use.

Hastings Charter Twp reported that there is an effort to get a sanitary sewer system to serve Thornapple Lake.

It was reported that the Joint Planning Commission held a public hearing for text amendments for the mixed-use district. The amendments must still be approved by the city council and township board.

Hall suggested that we work collaboratively with the City and Rutland Township to reduce the number of curb cuts on W. State Street to improve traffic flow and safety.

**New Business:**

*Election of Officers.* It was moved by Hall and seconded by Partridge to maintain the same slate of officers: Chairperson, Marti Mayack; Vice-Chairperson Gene Hall; and Secretary Sarah Moyer-Cale. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

*Meeting Schedule for 2026.* It was moved by Miner and seconded by Hatfield to approve the 2026 meeting schedule as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

It was moved by Hatfield and seconded by Mayack to add Jen Heinzman back to the JPA board, as she no longer has a scheduling conflict. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Committee Member Comments:** Committee members wished each other a Merry Christmas.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Hatfield, second by Mayak, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Moyer-Cale  
Secretary