Joint Planning Alliance

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

Draft Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2026

Gene Hall 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: David Tossava
For Hastings Township: Jim Partridge
For Rutland Township: Gene Hall, Stacey Graham
For Barry County Chamber: Jen Heinzman

Members Absent: Bleam, Carpenter, Hook, Mayack, Moyer-Cale

Gene Hall led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Tossava, second by Hatfield to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business:

The City of Hastings reported that a public hearing was held for the Bachman Fields development, a public hearing will be held next week for North Ridge Estate Condominiums, Green and Market street project is active; contractors hit water main while excavating, it has since been resolved.

Barry County reported they are updating the zoning ordinance. The County is hopeful for adopting a draft middle of June/July.

Hastings Charter Twp reported efforts are being taken to address sewage control at Thornapple Lake, discussion on how to fund the project. Indian Hills subdivision residents are considering a special assessment.

Rutland Township reported the Planning Commission has reviewed site plan for The Other Body Shop. The Planning Commission is reviewing the mixed used ordinance. A special meeting has been scheduled for May 6th to hold a public hearing for the 425 Agreement. The Township has entered into a 3-year contract with Thornapple to provide EMS services.

Barry County Chamber provided an update to the career tech education center, and partnering with KCC for tech assistance. Heinzman reported on millage for KCC. Heinzman gave update on aviation academy visit with the Airport Commission.

Carlton Township provided update to underground work with MEI cables.

Joint Planning Commission – Hatfield provided update to ordinance approval for Meijer, preliminary review of site plan and special land use.

M37 Corridor Committee –the committee met last fall; West State Street design development is on-going. Open House was held last month.

New Business: None

Public Comments: None.

Committee Member Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion by Hatfield, second Tossava, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hana Jaquays
Recording Secretary