Joint Planning Alliance

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

Draft Meeting Minutes

August 17, 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, Jon Hook, Sarah Moyer-Cale, Hana Jaquays
For Hastings Township: none.
For Rutland Township: Gene Hall, Stacey Graham
For Barry County Chamber: Jen Heinzman

Members Absent: Joe Bleam, Brad Carpenter, Marti Mayak, Jim Partridge

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

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Hatfield, second by Graham to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026 regular meeting. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business:

The City of Hastings reported on several housing developments that are starting construction. It was also reported that Meijer permitting and grant applications were beginning. The Green Street project has entered the third phase and will be complete around Thanksgiving. Design on the W. State Street corridor has commenced with a kickoff meeting with MDOT.

Barry County reported that they plan to issue a moratorium on data centers. The zoning ordinance update is nearly completed. Interviews for firms to work on the jail project took place and they hope to select one soon. EGLE performed an audit on the soil erosion permitting program and positive comments were received.

Rutland Township reported that future water and sewer options are being reviewed. They signed a resolution in opposition to housing bills in the state legislature.

Barry County Chamber reported that Mill Street Market is planned to open in late October. The CTE center project is moving forward near Viatec.

Joint Planning Commission – Hatfield reported that the Meijer site plan was approved several months ago and no new business has come before the commission.

M37 Corridor Committee –the committee met to discuss the proposed new Ace Hardware in Middleville.

Discuss Opportunities for Additional Collaboration

New Business: None

Public Comments: None.

Committee Member Comments: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Tossava, second Hatfield, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Moyer-Cale
Secretary