Joint Planning Alliance

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

Draft Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026

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

For Barry County: Dave Hatfield
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: Joe Bleam, Brad Carpenter, Jon Hook, Jeff Keesler, Marti Mayak, Sarah 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 Tossava to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Graham, second by Miner to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business:

The City of Hastings reported that DPS crews are addressing recent storm debris, curb and gutter has been constructed on Market Street, the airport commission has been working toward creating a zoning district.

Barry County reported final revisions to zoning codes are underway.

Hastings Charter Township reported no updates since last meeting.

Rutland Township reported that they are updating their mixed-use ordinance. Gene provided an update to the Township's vote on Meijer agreement and reported on proposed State legislation and its impact on the communities, requested to review County's statement position.

Barry County Chamber reported meeting with airport commission and helping with MI Sites grants, Powrachute site is developing. Heinzman explained the steps towards building industrial park at airport.

Carlton Township reported no news since last meeting.

Joint Planning Commission – Hatfield reported on the preliminary site plan review for Meijer

M37 Corridor Committee –the committee met last fall; no news to report since last meeting.

Discuss Opportunities for Additional Collaboration
Barry County Chamber – Heinzman requested letters of support ahead of grant applications for Safe Routes, Retail Training Development, and other grants.

Partridge shared the impact of the BIRCH ambulance in recent life-saving situation at Hastings Fiberglass, celebrating the purchase of the ambulance and thanking those who responded swiftly.

New Business: None

Public Comments: None.

Committee Member Comments:

Jaquays reported on West State Street Corridor plan ahead of MDOT's 2028 reconstruction. Jaquays informed JPA a workshop is scheduled at the next City Council meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Graham, second Tossava, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hana Jaquays
Recording Secretary