



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

**Members Present:** Roger Gaede, Environment; Amy Guerriero, Industry and Economics; Nancy Hawley, At Large; Ted Hilleary, Education; Jennifer Morris, At Large;

**Members Absent:** Timothy Burns, At Large; Russ Jennings, At Large; and Jim Videto, Agriculture

**Liaisons Present:** Grant Bauman, Principal Planner

**Others Present:** None

- Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Guerriero. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Morris, to **approve** the minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Staff requested that the election of officers be added under new business as agenda item #6.b.(1). A motion was made by Comm. Morris, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the January 10, 2019, meeting agenda as amended. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation.**
- a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).** None.
  - b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).**
    - (1) **MP19-01 – Blackman Township Master Plan**

Staff summarized its report on the proposed *Blackman Charter Township Master Plan* (please see the staff report). County Planning Commissioners were advised to state that in the opinion of the Commission, the proposed master plan is generally consistent with: (1) the master plans of adjacent Jackson County municipalities and (2) the Jackson Community Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Comm. Morris, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*
  - c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).** None.
- Item 6. **Other Business.**
- a. **Unfinished Business.**

- (1) **Jackson County Master Plan.** The Commission is in the beginning stages of creating the next edition of the countywide master plan.
  - (a) **Demographics.** Staff briefly reviewed the demographic information compiled for the master plan update. Commissioners requested that the information regarding the population below the poverty level be reworded. Comm. Hilleary also asked that the data be posted on the JCPC webpage.
  - (b) **Mapping.** Staff also presented several maps developed for the master plan. The maps illustrate: 'municipalities and places', 'major community facilities', and 'property assessment'. Commissioners requested that several facilities be added to the 'major community facilities' map and that the legend be corrected on the 'property assessment' map.

Comm. Guerriero requested that staff send a memo to the County Administrator to update him on the master planning efforts of the JCPC.

b. **New Business.**

(1) **Election of officers.**

- (a) **Election of the Chair.** A motion was made by Comm. Gaede, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, that Comm. Guerriero continue to serve as the Chair of the JCPC for 2019. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- (b) **Election of the Secretary.** A motion was made by Comm. Gaede, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, that Comm. Morris continue to serve as the Secretary of the JCPC for 2019. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 7. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Hilleary noted the passage of a recent law (sponsored by State Senator Shirkey and signed by Governor Snyder) allowing a 'dental therapist' to provide fillings and other basic dental services, benefiting the rural population of Michigan

Item 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Guerriero at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary