



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Chambers • Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

**Members Present:** Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture

**Members Absent:** Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics; Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; and Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment

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

**Others Present:** None

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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.** Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gallagher, to **approve** the October 14, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Videto, to **approve** the November 10, 2021, meeting agenda as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation.**

a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**

(1) **CZ | #21-28 | Summit Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a portion of property located on Robinson Road (Parcel ID #000-13-07-426-027-02) to 'suburban residential 2 (RS-2)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval** of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval** of the proposed 'RS-2' rezoning to the Summit Township Board. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #21-29 | Norvell Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding a proposed ordinance that would allow a medical marihuana caregiver as a home occupation in the agricultural residential (AG-1) on lots of at least 5 acres. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to

recommend **approval with comments** of the ordinance, noting the need to incorporate the standalone ordinance into the zoning ordinance and the other comments provided in the staff report (please see the staff report).

Comm. Videto wondered if the proposal should be approved based upon the changes recommended by staff. He stated this concern also applies to recommendations in general. There was lots of discussion.

Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kennedy, to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed ordinance to the Norvell Township Board if the concerns listed in the staff report are addressed (see the staff report). *Commissioners approved the motion by majority vote with Comm. Jennings voting no.*

(3) **CZ | #21-30 | Norvell Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding various proposed text amendments to the Norvell Township Zoning Ordinance. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the text amendments (please see the staff report).

Comm. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed text amendments to the Norvell Township Board. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

- b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.
- c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).** None.

Item 6. **Other Business.**

- a. **Unfinished Business** – Jackson County Master Plan.

Staff reviewed the second draft of the Future Land Use map, and accompanying text, with the County Planning Commissioners.

Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the modifications to the Future Land Use map. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

- b. **New Business.** 2022 Meeting & Submittal Deadline Schedules.

A change in the day of the month the Jackson County Planning Commission meets was discussed, but ultimately rejected.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the 2022 Meeting & Submittal Deadline Schedules. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Chair Hawley mentioned that Connected Nation came out to Henrietta Township. Money is available for broadband coverage and she thought it might be of interest to others.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary