



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026

5th Floor Commission Chambers • Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

Members Present: Mr. Mark Baldwin, Economic; Mr. John Brennan, At Large; Mr. Kurt Cole, At Large; Ms. Celia Croff, Agriculture; Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, Chair; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Board of Commissioners; Ms. Mary Wolcott, At Large.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mr. Kade Peck, Planner.

Others Present: None.

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Comm. 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.**

Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Cole made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to approve the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Jennings made a motion to approve the agenda for January 8, 2026, seconded by Comm. Baldwin. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

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

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

(1) **CZ | #26-01 | Norvell Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a rezoning request for a zoning text amendment that changes the zoning classifications for the township. This includes the lowering of the minimum size of lot for parcels in the agricultural district and the removal of the rural residential district.

Comm. Cole made a motion to recommend **approval** of the rezoning, supported by Comm. Brennan. *Commissioners approved the motion 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.** None.

b. **New Business.**

(1) Elections: It was decided that the next JCPC meeting elections is when elections for this year will occur.

c. **Notices.** None.

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.**

(1) Discussion happened related to data centers and the possibility of sending out an educational letter telling townships that they need to have zoning rules and regulations if they want to have rules for data centers coming into their community. Comm. Hawley discussed what Henrietta Township did for their zoning ordinance regulating data centers.

(2) Comm. Jennings discussed the importance of the recommendations of country planning commissions, which is often the context of smaller townships the only place that has a professional planner on staff.

Item 9. **Adjournment.**

Comm. Cole made a motion to adjourn, supported by Comm. Wolcott. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kade Peck, Recording Secretary