



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026

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

**Members Present:** Mr. Mark Baldwin, Economic; Mr. Kurt Cole, At Large; Ms. Celia Croff, Agriculture; Ms. Nancy Hawley, Chair; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Ms. Mary Wolcott, At Large.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Board of Commissioners; Mr. John Brennan, At Large.

**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.**

Mr. Markester, a nearby resident, commented that he had concerns individuals that would park at the parcel being addressed in the CZ26-02 rezoning may use the private road nearby and be an issue for residents that live on that road.

Mr. Cielen, the owner of Lakeside Market and Spirits, who is applying for the rezoning for additional parking in CZ26-02, discussed wanting to put screening to block individuals trying to use the nearby private road. Stated he wanted to be a good neighbor and limit disturbances to nearby residents when putting in this parking lot.

Mrs. Shmelinski, a nearby resident, supported the additional parking as customers at the store will currently illegally park wherever they can which can be a danger to nearby residents.

Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Baldwin made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Changes were made about who was present and absent at the meeting. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda for February 12, 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 | #26-02 | Columbia Charter Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a rezoning request for a parcel in Columbia Charter Township from Residential Suburban to Local Commercial. Residents gave comments both in support and against the rezoning. Commissioners asked questions about the rezoning to the owner.

Comm. Cole made a motion to recommend **approval** of the rezoning, supported by Comm. Baldwin. *Commissioners approved the motion with Commissioners Baldwin, Cole, Hawley, Hilleary, and Wolcott voting for it and Commissioner Croff voting against it.*

(2) **CZ | #26-03 | Napoleon Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a rezoning request for a parcel in Napoleon Township from Residential Suburban to Local Commercial. Residents gave comments both in support and against the rezoning. Commissioners asked questions about the rezoning to the owner.

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

b. **New Business.**

(1) Elections: Comm. Hawley was nominated for Chairperson. She was voted `unanimously for the position. Comm. Jennings was nominated for Vice Chairperson. He was voted unanimously for the position.

c. **Notices.** None.

Item 7. **Public Comment.**

A resident asked a question about master plan impacts on zoning ordinances and commissioners gave their opinions.

A resident highlighted the importance of the parking lot for the CZ26-02 agenda item.

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.

Item 9. **Adjournment.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kade Peck, Recording Secretary