

JASPER COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 16th, 2025

Jasper County Admin Building
315 W 3rd St N - Newton, IA 50208

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by Chairman Baxter.

Roll Call: Commission members present at roll call were Pat Gannon, Colton James, Ross Baxter and Eric Leonard. Jeremy Flores attended via zoom.

Minutes Approval: JAMES made a motion to approve the minutes from the 03/26/2025 meeting. Motion was seconded by LEONARD. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Agenda Approval: JAMES made a motion to approve the agenda for the current 04/16/2025 meeting. Motion was seconded by GANNON. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Open Public Hearing: LEONARD made a motion to open the public hearing to review and discuss changes to Jasper County Ordinance #04F. Motion was seconded by JAMES. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Close Public Hearing: After review and discussion of the changes to Jasper County Ordinance #04F, JAMES made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by GANNON. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

FLORES made a motion to recommend approval of the changes to the Jasper County Ordinance #04F with a modification to the presented exception in the Agricultural district with a 2-year vacancy instead of the proposed 1-year and approve the General Industrial as presented. Second by LEONARD. Motion failed 2 aye (FLORES, LEONARD) - 3 nay (GANNON, JAMES, BAXTER)

GANNON made a motion to recommend approval of the changes to Jasper County Ordinance #04F as presented. The motion was seconded by JAMES. Motion carried – 4 aye, 1 nay (FLORES).

Open Public Hearing: LEONARD made a motion to open a public hearing to discuss and review the change to the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Motion was seconded by GANNON, Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

Close Public Hearing: After review and discussion of the change to the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, JAMES moved to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by LEONARD. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

JAMES made a motion to recommend approval of the change to the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by LEONARD. Motion carried, 5 aye, 0 nay

Open Public Hearing: GANNON made a motion to open a public hearing to discuss and review the Jasper Rail Park Plan concerning a proposed urban renewal area. Motion was seconded by JAMES. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

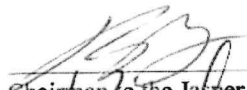
Kevin Luetters discussed the economic and industrial goals stated in the comprehensive plan. The location of the Jasper Rail Park is located near the current industrial park which would promote responsible and efficient land use. Jeff Davidson gave an overview of the project and reiterated how this project satisfies many goals found in the county comprehensive plan.

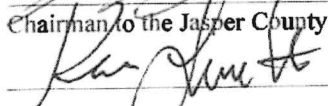
Close Public Hearing: After review and discussion of the Jasper Rail Park Plan, JAMES moved to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by LEONARD. Motion carried – 5 aye, 0 nay.

JAMES made a motion to recommend approval of the Jasper Rail Park Plan based on its consistency with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan subject to the City of Newton approving the urban renewal area. The motion was seconded by GANNON. Motion carried, 5 aye, 0 nay

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn: **GANNON** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by **JAMES**. Motion was carried – 5 aye, 0 nay. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 A.M.


Chairman to the Jasper County Zoning Commission


Secretary to the Jasper County Zoning Commission