

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
January 20, 2026

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

Members present: Supervisor Jancek, Clerk Elwell, Treasurer Preston, and Trustees: Ambs, Boulter, Pack and Thomas

Members absent:

Public Attendance:

Keith Gillenwater AJC

Emily Weaver AJC

Marcia Gebarowski AJC

Byron Schroeder

Brian Boyer - Jones Const.

Toby Jones - Jones Const.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

- None

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. No additions/deletions.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. No changes/corrections.

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, December 15, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PRESENTATIONS

1. Keith Gillenwater, Accelerate Jackson County; highlighting AJC's scope of work from 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 12/05/25 in the amount of \$236,414.93 and for 12/19/25 in the amount of \$206,329.15
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of December 2025.

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack

Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston

Nays - None

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. JTV/Radio feature appearance
 - a. Thank you to those who made donations toward the pickleball courts and pavilion
 - b. Blackman Charter Township is not in favor of the proposed Road Diet
2. Will be attending the MTA Conference 2026
3. EGLE
 - a. Lead and copper testing of municipal water. Finding excellent test results of 0% lead and 0% copper

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Tax collection is going well

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Election Commission meeting to prepare for the 2026 Elections

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2026

REPLACING 8 REAR TIRES ON ENGINE 1

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to proceed with replacing 8 rear tires on Engine 1 from Bauer Built Tires for the quoted price of \$5,810.17

Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

HIRE SETH ARBANAS AS A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to formally hire Seth Arbanas as a Public Safety Officer. Seth started his employment on 12/29/25, filling a budgeted vacancy caused by a retirement

Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Boulter
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

TO HIRE JACOB BUCKLAND AS A CADET

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to formally hire Jacob Buckland as a Cadet. Jacob started on January 13th, 2026, and will fill a budgeted vacancy among the cadets.

Roll Call: Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell, Pack
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

RETIRED PSO BROWER TO PURCHASE HIS DI GLOCK 45MOS & GLOCK 43X

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize retired PSO Thomas Brower to purchase his Department Issued Glock 45MOS for \$265.00 and his Department Issued Glock 43x for \$220.00. These firearms will be purchased from Blackman Charter Township for the market-value price, based off a quote provided by The Gun Vault, LLC in Jackson, MI.

Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter, Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2025 - Draft
2. Site Plan Reviews for: an addition to WalMart expanding their pickup services; Ruby Recycler for vehicle recycling; an addition to Main & Company for expansion of existing facility

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Joint meeting with Ordinance Review Committee

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Met with no board decisions - discussion

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Continue to work with the City of Jackson to finalize sewer contract

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Parks & Recreation and Ordinance Review Committee Joint Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2026
2. Parks Ordinance - First Read

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #01-2026-0120 800-MEGAHERTZ RADIO EVAL. & RECMDTN.

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Resolution #01-2026-0120; a Resolution to state support of the 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Evaluation and Recommendation Report

Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Elwell, Jancek
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

LETTER OF SUPPORT - FT2026 JATA's BUILD GRANT APP.

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Supervisor Jancek to sign the Letter of Support - FT2026 National Infrastructure Investments; of JATA's BUILD Grant application

Roll Call: Ayes - Pack, Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING BID FROM JONES CONSTRUCTION

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Public Safety Building Bid (proposal) received from Jones Construction, January 07, 2026: for the amount of \$6,765,665.00; and authorize the Administrative Committee to finalize terms of the contract with Jones Construction; and authorize Supervisor to sign finalized contract with Jones Construction; and authorize the Administrative Committee to work with Jones Construction and consultant to seek cost savings/reductions to potentially lower the cost of construction

Request to hear the Public Safety Building Update from Byron Schroeder before voting.

- a. Cost to build is higher than expected
- b. Cost saving options

Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

BILLS

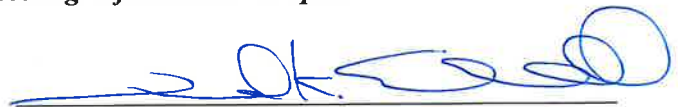
Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 01/06/26 in the amount of \$703,691.05 and Board Invoice Report dated 01/21/26 in the amount of \$422,218.74

Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter
Nays - None **Motion Approved**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.



David Elwell, Township Clerk