

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  
Byron Schroeder

Emily Weaver AJC  
Brian Boyer - Jones Const.

Marcia Gebarowski AJC  
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 DEPARTMENT ISSUED 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.*

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David Elwell, Township Clerk