

BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting with Public Hearing held on Monday, December 15, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS – (fifteen-minute limit)

1. Keith Gillenwater, Accelerate Jackson County

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.

SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE

TREASURER’S UPDATE

CLERK’S UPDATE

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2025 - Draft

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution #01-2026-0120; a Resolution to state support of the 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Evaluation and Recommendation Report
2. Approve Supervisor Jancek to sign the Letter of Support - FT2026 National Infrastructure Investments; of JATA's BUILD Grant application
3. 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

BILLS

1. 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

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE

1. Byron Schroeder - *AE Design Solutions*

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
December 15, 2025

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025, 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:

Byron Schroeder

Tyler Griswold

J. Cipollone

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year December 31, 2026.
The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

Open Public Hearing: 6:01 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close Public Hearing: 6:02 p.m.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Correct the text error on Clerk Certification language on Resolutions; change from appointed to elected/qualified

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

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. No changes/corrections.

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 11/07/25 in the amount of \$170,318.31, for 11/21/25 in the amount of \$215,633.20
2. Approve \$500,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of November 2025
3. Approve \$2,200,000.00 transfer of funds from Public Safety Fund to General Fund for the month of December 2025
4. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of November 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. Enjoyed time off while hunting with family

TREASURER’S UPDATE

- 1. Investment Account Summary Statements
- 2. Winter tax bills are out
 - a. Cost savings due to new printing services provided by GLG Printing

CLERK’S UPDATE

PUBLIC SAFETY

RETIRED PSO PATRICK BOULTER TO PURCHASE SERVICE WEAPONS

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize approval of retired PSO Patrick Boulter to purchase his service weapons from Blackman Charter Township for a total of \$485.00. Boulter will be purchasing his issued Glock 45 MOS for \$265.00 and his issued Glock 43x for \$220.00. These prices reflect fair market value quotes provided by The Gun Vault, LLC., Jackson, Michigan.

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

RETIRED PSO PAUL LONG TO PURCHASE SERVICE WEAPON

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize approval of retired PSO Paul Long to purchase his service weapon from Blackman Charter Township. Long will be purchasing his issued Glock 43x for \$220.00. This price reflects fair market value quotes provided by The Gun Vault, LLC., Jackson, Michigan.

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

- 3. Ceremony to honor PSO Paul Long, upon his retirement from Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety

PLANNING COMMISSION

CASE#1603 ZONING CHANGE RS-1 TO A-1

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve Case #1603 – Zoning Change; from RS-1 (Suburban Residential) to A-1 (Agricultural) at 4910 Firethorne Dr. Jackson, MI, Parcel 000-08-08-326-007-00, requested by Tyler Griswold

*Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Pack
Nays - Boulter, Jancek Motion Approved*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

- 1. Concrete has been poured for the pickleball courts and pavilion
- 2. Fence posts and pavilion structure installed
- 3. Gate at Rod Mills Park was destroyed by a vehicle and will be repaired

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

**WORK PROPOSAL
J.K. of MICHIGAN
LIFT STATION
REPAIRS** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Work Proposal dated 12/01/2025 from J.K. of Michigan for repairs to lift stations at a cost not to exceed \$132,676.65
*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**PSA W/ FISHBECK
WATER SYSTEM
RISK RESILIENCY
ASSESSMENT &
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE PLAN** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Professional Services Agreement dated 10/22/2025 from Fishbeck for Water System Risk and Resiliency Assessment and Emergency Response Plan at a cost not to exceed \$3,400.00
*Roll Call: Ayes – Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Pack, Boulter, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Will meet in January to work on Parks Ordinance and review Police Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

**2026 NON-UNION
WAGE INCREASE
UPDATE MATRIX** Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve 5% wage increase for all non-union township employees, excluding the Director of Public Safety, (2) Deputy Directors of Public Safety, and Cadet positions, and update the wage matrix effective January 1, 2026.
*Roll Call: Ayes – Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Elwell, Jancek
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**LETTER OF
ENGAGEMENT
WITH REHMANN**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Letter of Engagement with Rehmann to provide accounting/audit services for the year ending December 31, 2025.
*Roll Call: Ayes – Pack, Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**PROPERTY &
CASUALTY
INSURANCE**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the renewal of the Township's Property and Casualty Insurance Policies through the Burnham and Flower Insurance Group in the amount of \$302,573.65, effective January 1, 2026.
*Roll Call: Ayes – Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**RESOLUTION
#26-2025-1215
HONORING THE
CAREER OF PSO
PAUL LONG**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #26-2025-1215; a Resolution to honor the career of PSO Paul Long, following his retirement from Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

**RESOLUTION
#27-2025-1215:
2025 BUDGET
AMENDMENTS**

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve Resolution #27-2025-1215; a Resolution to approve the 2025 Budget Amendments.
*Roll Call: Ayes – Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**RESOLUTION
#28-2025-1215:
2026 GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS
ACT**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Resolution #28-2025-1215; a Resolution to approve the 2026 General Appropriations Act.
Roll Call: Ayes – Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION
#29-2025-1215:
DISSOLUTION OF
LEONI UTILITY
AUTHORITY**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Resolution #29-2025-1215; a Resolution to dissolve the Leoni Regional Utility Authority
Unanimously approved by voice vote

**RESOLUTION
#30-2025-1215:
ADOPT THE 2022
EDITION OF THE
JACKSON CO.
HAZARD
MITIGATION
PLAN**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #30-2025-1215; a Resolution to adopt the 2022 Edition of the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Roll Call: Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell, Pack
Nays - None Motion Approved

**HIRE PART TIME
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT
DUSTY WOOD**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve and to offer part time Administrative Assistant job to Dusty Wood at \$17.32 per hour; contingent on successful completion of drug screening and physical.
Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter, Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays - None Motion Approved

BILLS

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 12/03/25 in the amount of \$55,279.65 and Board Invoice Report dated 12/16/25 in the amount of \$460,393.25
Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Pak, Boulter, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Comcast
 - a. Rate increased and channel updates
2. EGLE notice
 - a. Dredging permit
3. 800-Megahertz Radio; Investigation, Evaluation and Recommendation
 - a. Darin will give a presentation at the January Board Meeting
 - b. County Supervisors met to discuss ways to fund - in favor of a fee surcharge rather than a countywide millage
4. Memorial Sign
 - a. Mrs. Comperchio would like to add Henry Comperchio's name to the sign
 - b. Discussed ideas for additional space added to the existing sign, possible relocation of the memorial, develop a policy for names placed on sign, and long-range plans
5. Food Donation Box
 - a. For non-perishable goods, liability concerns if on township property

6. Office Closures
 - a. Executive Committee decision or board decision
 - b. Plan to examine upcoming year calendar and plan ahead for extra days off
7. Chickens
 - a. Discussion over whether or not to allow hens in residential properties
 - b. Board agrees to send request to the Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

David Elwell, Township Clerk

DRAFT



ACCELERATE JACKSON COUNTY

BUILDING JACKSON COUNTY, MI SINCE 1997

We are pleased to present this list of some of the highlights of Accelerate Jackson County's scope of work from 2025. We are currently in the process of creating our 2025 Annual Report, and we will make sure we get hard copies of our final report to each of you. We would also like to cordially invite each of you to attend our 2025 Annual Breakfast on Tuesday, February 24th from 7:30a – 9:00a being held in Bert Walker Hall on the campus of Jackson College – invitations will follow.

2024 BRE Visits:

We had a total of 110 BRE visits throughout Jackson County in 2024. We did not start tracking by individual townships until 2025.

2025 BRE Visits:

We visited 20 companies in Blackman Charter Township in 2025; 106 total visits throughout Jackson County (19% of annual County wide visits)

MK Jetting & Others
JAMA
ShopRat Foundation
Johnson Sign Co
Power Drive System
ALS
Lematic
Midwest Alarms Systems
Great Lakes Industries
Machining Momentum
Andy's Place
Northwest Tool & Machine
TAC Manufacturing
Diversified Engineering & Plastics
Melling Tool Company
Jackson County Airport
Zephyr Systems Inc
Fry Krisp Food Products
Midbrook Manufacturing & Fabrication
Vocational Village- Parnall Correctional/ MDOC

We will be reaching out to 35 + companies in Blackman Charter Township to set up BRE visits in 2026.

Projects:

We submitted JTPN for 12 Projects through the MEDC in 2025 and also presented JTPN to 24 international companies at the Select USA conference in Washington D.C. this past spring.

Project Cardinal III
Project Covey
Project Crosstalk
Project East II
Project Orbit
Project Pumpkin
Project Vine
Pursuit Link
Special Project MEDC
Project Pizza
Project Kitten
Select USA Descycle
Select USA Flenn Health
Select USA iTarra
Select USA Magna
Select USA NORCAR
Select USA Amicitia Tech
Select USA Clearview Intelligence
Select USA Dimes
Select USA Jetro
Select USA Loop Tech
Select USA KONCAR
Select USA Rockfin
SelectUSA SemGlobal
Select USA Thales
Select USA Whiteley
Select USA Yamaguchi Heavy Ind
Select USA ArcelorMittal
Select USA Toray
Select USA Pagev
Select USA Maxwell Cold Storage
Select USA Nex
Select USA ShinWon
Select USA PM & Partner
Select USA Research FDI

Profile of a Project: *Project Crosstalk*

- State-of-the-art electronic and networking equipment manufacturing facility.
- Site Size: 100 buildable acres zoned for industrial use.
- Cumulative investment of ~\$300 + million over a 3-phase plan.
- Creating over 1,000 full time jobs.

We wanted to provide an example of a typical project that we received. This year, many of the project leads that we received were looking for either larger greenfield sites or a speculative/shell building. Many of these projects have heavier electricity load or other utility requirements. When we receive projects leads of this nature that may raise a concern, we reach out to Supervisor Jancek for his input on our submission of a particular site like JTPN. We do that to ensure that we remain on the same page and that a particular project would stand the best chance of success in Blackman Township.

AJC Projects:

Accelerate Jackson County has been working on several projects over the last year to benefit Jackson County.

- FDI Study: In early 2025, we contracted with TerraLogis Consulting, a site selection firm based in Berlin, Germany for a study to not only reexamine and update our target industries for Jackson County, but on attracting and supporting foreign direct investment (FDI) in Jackson County. As a result of this work, we also received the “FDI-Ready Community” certification from the Trans-Atlantic Business and Investment Council, a Berlin, Germany based investment promotion agency that connects European companies looking to invest in the United States with communities like ours.

Jackson County is home to numerous companies that have an international parent company, representing investment from Japan, Germany, Denmark, France, Canada, and Brazil that already call Jackson County home. We see an opportunity to attract further investment from countries such as these here to our community. We also have numerous local companies that do business internationally, and we see an opportunity to walk alongside them to support their efforts as well. FDI and international investment is occurring within Jackson County and is outbound from Jackson County companies and Accelerate Jackson County is positioned to help them be successful.

- Site Study: In October 2025, we kicked off a study to help us find additional industrial properties within Jackson County. AJC has contracted with Austin Consulting, a site selection firm based in Cleveland, OH, to help us develop a list of 10-15 new sites we could potentially turn into industrial sites. Our study is looking at the entirety of Jackson County but with a special focus as to where existing infrastructure already exists. We are looking within Blackman Township as well at sites that could potentially make sense for development or redevelopment.
- Drive Jackson: AJC is one of the partner organizations, alongside the Jackson County Chamber, Jackson Community Foundation, and local governmental partners in the *Drive Jackson* initiative. This is an effort to cast a 20-year vision plan for Jackson County that the community can rally behind for where we want to see Jackson County head.

- **Accelerate 2030 Campaign:** AJC's Accelerate 2030 campaign cast a vision for our organization of initiatives we are leading over the next five years in addition to our legacy economic & community development efforts. In addition to many of the projects listed above, this includes additional efforts around workforce development & talent attraction, organizational excellence, and increased traditional economic development efforts like business attraction and marketing. Additionally, it includes our new *Jackson County Housing Collaborative*, which is an effort we are spearheading to bring more new housing opportunities to Jackson County.
- **Apex Accelerator:** AJC also hosts the [South-Central Michigan Apex Accelerator](#), which is an organization which exists to help small businesses contract with government agencies, particularly the federal government, which is the largest purchaser of goods in the world. Their three full-time employees are employees of Accelerate Jackson County and serve a six-county region in south central Michigan. Over the last five years, the APEX Accelerator has served 57 clients in Jackson County to be awarded 1,855 contracts valued at almost \$155,000,000.
- **Construction** is nearing completion on the Louis 1884 Building at Jackson Technology Park North, the park's second facility. The 90,000-square-foot building includes 66,000 square feet of speculative space designed to attract new employers and support continued economic development.

Marketing Efforts:

Throughout 2025, the team at Accelerate Jackson County delivered strong results in promoting our newly rebranded organization and enhancing the visibility of Jackson County. Following our rebrand in January, one of our primary focuses of the year was increasing awareness and engagement within the community and beyond. We appeared multiple times on the Bart Hawley Show to share updates on new projects and upcoming initiatives, ran consistent advertising in Jackson Magazine, and were featured in the magazine's October issue.

2025 also marked the launch of our new podcast, Manufacturing Matters Jackson, produced in partnership with the Jackson Area Manufacturing Association. This initiative expanded our outreach efforts and highlighted the strength and innovation of the local manufacturing sector. Additionally, we hosted our second annual FAM Tour in collaboration with Lenawee Now, welcoming site consultants from across the country for a three-day experience showcasing Jackson and Lenawee Counties, culminating at Michigan International Speedway for the FireKeepers Casino 400 weekend.

Other marketing efforts throughout the year included two targeted property mailers, as well as advertisements in Crain's Detroit Business, further extending our reach to key site selection and

business audiences. For Blackman Charter Township specifically, we updated the developer's packet for Jackson Technology Park North to ensure information remains accurate, consistent, and accessible across all platforms.

Looking ahead to 2026, one of our most significant initiatives will be a complete overhaul of our website. This update will improve usability, enhance accuracy, and ensure critical information is easy to find, strengthening our ability to effectively market Jackson County and support continued economic growth.

Investor Benefits:

In addition to the project work, the additional investment also includes a seat on the AJC Board of Directors. Pete has been a valuable addition to our board, both with being extremely active on our board and various initiatives such as our site study, FDI project, and around the Jackson County Airport, but also in ensuring our Jackson County townships collective needs and priorities are represented at the strategic board level. Our board also provides a great opportunity to network with other community leaders that serve on our AJC board.

Investors:

One question that was asked during our presentation to the township board last year was about our investors. In 2025, we had 53 total investors in our organization, with public investment coming from Jackson County, the City of Jackson, and Blackman & Summit Townships. We expect at least two more townships to invest in 2026, as well as potentially one of our villages. Our capital campaign engaged with several new private-sector investors that are joining us for 2026 as well, and we have several outstanding campaign asks that could potentially invest this year.

In closing, we are grateful for the continued investment from Blackman Township into Accelerate Jackson County, and we look forward to another great year in 2026!

Respectfully submitted,



Keith A. Gillenwater

President & CEO – Accelerate Jackson County



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: 1/12/2026

TIME: 5:03 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY: MIKE AMBS (CHAIR)

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE AMBS (CHAIR), SCOTT PACK

MEMBERS ABSENT: MIKE THOMAS

MEETING FACILITATOR & RECORDER: DIRECTOR DARIN MCINTOSH

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Committee Chair, Ambs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Scott Pack.

Roll Call: Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1: Committee Members were provided with a quote from Bauer Built Tire for the cost to replace 8 rear tires on Engine 1 for \$5,810.17. Scott Pack made a motion to authorize the Director of Public Safety to proceed with replacing the tires at the quoted cost. This motion was supported by Mike Ambs.

Roll Call: Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

2: Director McIntosh briefed committee members on the new public safety building and bid submitted by Jones Construction.

3: Director McIntosh discussed the 800mhz radio group and subsequent report for funding.

4: Director McIntosh briefed the committee on the hiring of Seth Arbanas as a PSO II. Arbanas was hired on 12/29/26 to fill a budgeted vacancy. Mike Ambs made a motion to formally accept the hiring of Arbanas. The Motion was supported by Scott Pack.

Roll Call: Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

5: Director McIntosh briefed the committee on the hiring of Cadet Jacob Buckland. Buckland was hired with a start date of January 13th, 2026. Buckland replaces a budgeted vacancy among the cadets. Mike Ambs made a motion to formally accept the hiring of Buckland. The Motion was supported by Scott Pack.

Roll Call: Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

6: Director McIntosh briefed the committee on various departmental updates involving equipment, staffing, personnel, and PR events.

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 5:45 PM

ADJOURNMENT MOTION BY: MIKE AMBS SUPPORTED BY: SCOTT PACK



JACKSON 612
1608 COOPER STREET

ESTIMATE #: 223795

PAGE: 1

JACKSON, MI 49202

517/782-9747

Quote

CUSTOMER: BLACKMAN TOWNSHIP DPS

1572180 1996 W PARNALL ROAD
JACKSON MI 49201

FAX NUMBER: 5177884688

BUSINESS: 517/788-4223 0

PO NUMBER: ENGINE 1

PRIMARY: 517/788-4223 0

SALESMAN: 61802

ESTIMATE DATE: 01/08/26

DUE: 02/15/26

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	EXTENSION
MI26206	11R225 G XLINE GRIP D	8	594.44	4755.52
	Contract #: 0082521			
IT	INSTALLATION TRUCK	8		0.00
6803	TIRE MOUNT & DISMOUNT LABOR COMM	8	42.00	336.00
6804	ON & OFF VEHICLE LABOR	8	25.00	200.00
6809	METAL VALVE STEM TRUCK	8	10.00	80.00
6809A	FLOW THROUGH VALVE CAP	8	4.00	32.00
6831	DISPOSAL FEE COMMERCIAL TRUCK	8	13.00	104.00
1153	SHOP SUPPLIES	1	10.00	10.00

MERCHANDISE: 4877.52
 LABOR: 536.00
 OTHER: 104.00
 SALES TAX: 292.65
 ESTIMATE TOTAL: 5810.17

*****THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE*****
 *****DO NOT PAY FROM THIS FORM*****

Thank You for your business. Retorque lug nuts after 50-100 miles.

Payments are due and payable by the 15th day of the month. If payment is not received by the 15th day of the month a FINANCE CHARGE of 1 1/2% per month (ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE 18%) on the adjusted balance will be added. The adjusted balance is the previous balance less all payments and credits made since last billing date.

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE _____ PRINT _____

www.bauerbuilt.com



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

1990 W. Parnall Road • Jackson, Michigan 49201-8612 • Phone (517) 788-4345 • Fax (517) 788-4689

MINUTES

BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

1990 W. PARNALL RD.

Tuesday December 16, 2025

6:00PM

The Blackman Charter Township Planning Commission Convened at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at the Blackman Township Office.

Members Present: Grabert, Preston, Schroeder, Decker

Members Absent: Frohm

Sign-in list of names present: In file

AGENDA CHANGE:

-None

MINUTES APPROVAL: December 02, 2025

Motion by: **Grabert**, supported by: **Preston** to approve Minutes for Planning Commission meeting held 12/02/2025 as written.

Roll Call: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

-Ayes: Grabert, Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

CASE #108.25 – Site Plan

Site Plan for Addition to Walmart

Address: 1700 W. Michigan Ave.

Parcel #000-08-33-376-003-00

Zoning: Planned Commercial (PC-1)

Requested by: Todd Hudnell

Presented by: Kim Cooper - CESO Inc.

-Expansion to northside of existing store for new online order pickup area

-Existing parking lot south to be configured to remove existing online order pickup area

Public Comment (approve): None

Public Comment (disapprove): None

Planning Commission Discussion: Discussion about the existing site parking calculation and agreement that existing number of parking spaces was adequate without further discussion.

Motion by: **Schroeder** Seconded by **Grabert** to Approve Case #108.25 as submitted.

Roll Calls: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

-Ayes: Grabert, Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm
-Nays: None

CASE #109.25 – Site Plan

Site Plan for Ruby Recycler

Address: 3025 W. Michigan Ave.

Parcel #000-08-32-327-002-00, 000-08-32-402-001-00, 000-08-32-402-002-03

Zoning: Heavy Industrial (I-2)

Requested by: Christopher Crisenbery – AE Design Solutions, LLC

Presented by: Christopher Crisenbery - AE Design Solutions, LLC

-Vehicle recycling center.

-No real change to type of use that was previously onsite.

-Project is submitted to Drain Commissioner awaiting approval.

Public Comment (approve): None

Public Comment (disapprove): None

Planning Commission Discussion: Discussion about recycling vehicles and if parts are sold onsite. Question about onsite storm management locations and clarified by applicant.

Motion by: **Schroeder** Seconded by **Decker** for Schroeder to abstain from voting on project due to conflict.

Roll Calls: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

-Ayes: Grabert, Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

Motion by: **Grabert** Seconded by **Preston** to Approve Case #109.25 with condition that letter of approval received from Jackson County Drain Commissioner prior to construction.

Roll Calls: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

-Ayes: Grabert, Preston, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

CASE #110.25 – Site Plan

Site Plan for Addition to Main & Company

Address: 2700 Cooper Rd.

Parcel #000-08-22-427-002-00

Zoning: Heavy Industrial (I-2)

Requested by: Travis Cortright – O’Harrow Construction

Presented by: George Kittle – O’Harrow Construction

-11,550 sq. ft. expansion of existing facility

-No real change to type of use that was previously onsite.

-Improvement to existing storm system basin and additional storm system.

-Letter from Drain Commissioner was submitted.

Public Comment (approve): None

Public Comment (disapprove): None

Planning Commission Discussion: Discussion about existing site and possible effects on internal traffic. Question regarding additional employees and applicant stated 5-10 new positions possible with expansion.

Motion by: **Preston** Seconded by **Grabert** to Approve Case #110.25 as submitted.

Roll Calls: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

-Ayes: Grabert, Preston, Decker, Frohm, Schroeder

-Nays: None

OTHER MATTERS REVIEWED:

Master Plan Update:

-Nothing for meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None

TRUSTEE REPORT:

-Discussion about happenings at board meeting.

-Board has requested planning commission review of the animal ordinance as it affects the residential zonings. Planning commission discussed and will include on next agenda for further discussion.

ZBA REPORT:

-None

OPEN DISCUSSION:

-None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by: **Decker**, supported by: **Schroeder**, adjourned at 6:50 pm

Minutes prepared by: Byron Schroeder, Secretary

Minutes Approved:

Byron P. Schroeder, Secretary



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

1990 W. Parnall Road • Jackson, Michigan 49201-8612 • Phone (517) 788-4345 • Fax (517) 788-4689

Parks & Recreation AND Ordinance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes. 1/15/2026 5:30 PM Township office.

Attendees: **Parks Committee**, Phil Sczkutowicz, Shelly Sercombe, Kay Brown, David Elwell, Phil Preston
Ordinance Committee, Mike Thomas, Shelly Sercombe, Michelle Boulter, Phil Preston, Cameron Baxter
Guest: Darin McIntosh

Call to Order

Public Comments (2 minutes): none

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from 8/5/2025 Parks Meeting. *Approved.*
2. Approve minutes from 9/25/2025 Ordinance Committee meeting.. *Approved*
3. Review the Parks Ordinance for final approval for submitting to the Board for first read. *Agreed on enforcement to use mis demeanor. Minor other word adjustment. All voted in support of submitting to the board for First Read.*
4. Update on pickleball courts and the pavilion. *Status provided. final concrete work directly related to the courts is done. Finishing the courts will be in the spring, weather related. Further work for sidewalk, drinking fountain and electrical power will be completed in the spring, with funds becoming available from the winter park millage.*
5. Status on Public Safety project. *Overview of cost estimates was shared with considerable analysis to come. Matching schedule of construction to fund availability will be required before moving forward.*
6. Discussion on what's next for Parks? *A handout of the goals & actions from the Park & Rec 5 year plan was provided showing several items completed. Future goals may be moving towards promoting & hosting events rather than adding physical facilities. TBD.*
7. Status on Zoning Ordinance updates. *Zoning is being worked on and expect to have revisions completed in a word document, followed by public meeting, with recommendations then going to the BCT Board.*

Public comments. (3 minutes) none.

Committee Discussion *Comments from Phil S. on NW schools.*

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.
Reported by Phil Preston

Charter Township of Blackman

Chapter 85: Parks Ordinance

Section 85-1. Short Title and Purpose

This chapter shall be known as the Park Ordinance of the Charter Township of Blackman, adopted to regulate the use and conduct within Township parks, safeguard public health, promote safety, and preserve property.

Section 85-2. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

85-2.A. Motor Vehicle

Any self-propelled vehicle, except a motorized wheelchair or similar device operated by a physically afflicted or disabled person not exceeding 1,000 pounds in gross weight.

85-2.B. Other Vehicles

Any non-motorized or low-speed device capable of movement within park grounds. Includes but is not limited to bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, e-scooters, e-bikes, hoverboards, push carts, wagons, golf carts, and children's ride-on toys.

85-2.C. Authorized Vehicle

Any vehicle approved by the township for park entry or use, including emergency response vehicles and Township maintenance vehicles. Excludes recreational or unauthorized motorized vehicles.

85-2.D. Parks

Areas of land owned or controlled by the Charter Township of Blackman used for public recreation, including but not limited to landscaped tracts, athletic fields, picnic grounds, nature preserves, and playgrounds.

85-2.E. Township Official

Any elected or appointed individual authorized to administer, interpret, or enforce this chapter, including members of the Township Board, Township staff, law enforcement officers, or designated agents.

85-2.F. Organized Community Activity

Any pre-arranged event, gathering, or recreational program approved by the Township and conducted on park property, including leagues, festivals, educational sessions, or public meetings.

85-2.G Special Event

An activity involving substantial attendance, temporary structures, commercial vendors, amplified sound, or any features requiring prior Township authorization and compliance with applicable state and local laws.

85-2.H. Reservation

Formal approval for the exclusive use of park facilities granted by the Township in accordance with an adopted reservation policy and fee schedule.

85-2.I. Designated Area

A location within the park clearly identified by signage, maps, or Township directive for specific usage, such as off-leash zones, smoking areas, parking lots, or event spaces.

85-2.J. Nuisance Animal

Any animal that is not leashed, not under control, or creates disruption or safety concerns for park patrons. Includes animals displaying aggression, excessive noise, or being left unattended.

85-2.K. Refuse Container

A Township-installed bin or receptacle located within park boundaries intended for the proper disposal of litter, garbage, pet waste, or other refuse materials generated from park activity.

85-2.L. Parkland Eviction

The removal of an individual or group from park property due to violation of ordinance provisions, criminal conduct, or public safety concerns. Eviction may be temporary or permanent and is enforced by Township personnel.

85-2.M. Recreational Use

Any non-commercial activity engaged in for enjoyment, wellness, or community benefit, including walking, cycling, sports, birdwatching, picnicking, and informal gatherings.

85-2.N. Commercial Activity

Any for-profit business, solicitation, advertising, or promotion conducted on park property. Permitted only upon receipt of prior written authorization from the Township.

Section 85-3. Park Access

- Open from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise designated closed or reserved for Township-permitted events.
- Exclusive facility use requires prior Township approval and adherence to park reservation policy.

Section 85-4. Picnic Shelter Use

- Shelters are available for public use in accordance with park reservation policy.
- Pavilions are available for exclusive use and are governed by a policy and fee schedule approved by the Township Board of Trustees

Section 85-5. Conduct on Park Property

- Vandalism, littering, and open fires outside designated areas are prohibited.
- Special events require Township approval and compliance with Michigan law.
- Smoking/Vaping is prohibited in all areas except parking lots.
- No fires are allowed except in grills provided by the Township. Approved fires must not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished, including embers, before leaving the area.
 - Exception: Large gatherings may use gas grills with prior Township approval.
- No one is allowed to fire, discharge, or possess any fireworks or explosive substances. Exceptions can be made for special events or large gatherings with prior Township approval, and these events must comply with state law.
- Other than Law Enforcement Officials or Emergency Medical Services; unlawful possession dangerous weapons are strictly prohibited.

Section 85-6. Animals and Pets

- Pets must be on a leash of 6 feet or less and kept under control. Owners must clean up waste.
 - Dogs must wear a collar with valid dog license with leash at all times outside the dog park.
- Service animals are permitted by ADA compliance.
- Loose or nuisance animals may be removed.

Dog Park Regulations:

- Max. two dogs per visitor; collar with valid dog license and leash required for entry/exit.
 - Dog collars with valid dog license are to remain on, always, within the dog park.
- Owners must remain with dogs and carry leashes.
- Cleanup is mandatory. Violations may result in penalties and liability for damages.
- Children within dog park must be accompanied by an adult.
- Owners are fully liable and responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dogs or themselves.

Section 85-7. Camping

- Overnight camping is prohibited without written Township approval from the Administrative Committee.

Section 85-8. Traffic Control

85-8.A. Vehicle Access and Limitations

1. Only vehicles expressly permitted by Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and Township designation shall be allowed to operate solely on designated park roads, parking lots, or paved access areas. Authorized vehicle use includes:
 - Emergency response vehicles
 - Park maintenance vehicles
 - Township-authorized service equipment
 - Mobility aids used by individuals with physical disabilities

85-8.B. Prohibited Vehicles and Devices

Unless otherwise authorized, the following are strictly prohibited within park property:

1. Mini-bikes, dirt bikes, ATVs, and gas-powered scooters as an example, but not limited to.
2. Unpermitted electric vehicles exceeding low-speed operation limits (low-speed is defined as 15 MPH or less.)
3. Golf carts or utility carts are prohibited.
4. Any vehicle or device that deemed a risk by Public Safety or Township Officials, to pedestrian safety or property integrity.

85-8.C. Speed and Safety Compliance

1. All permitted vehicles shall adhere to posted speed limits, which may not exceed **15 miles per hour** in any park area unless otherwise specified.
2. Operators must yield to pedestrians and cyclists at all times and exercise extreme caution near playgrounds, shelters, and nature trails.
3. Parking is allowed only in clearly marked parking lots or designated spaces.

85-8.D. Temporary Traffic Adjustments

1. During special events, festivals, or construction, traffic patterns may be modified at the discretion of Township officials to ensure public safety.
2. Temporary signage, barricades, or directional controls must be obeyed by all park visitors.

Section 85-9. Commercial Activity, Peddling and Soliciting

85-9.A. General Prohibition

No individual, group, business entity, or organization shall engage in commercial activity within any Township park without prior written authorization from the Township, except for food trucks licensed with Blackman Charter Township.

This includes but is not limited to:

1. Selling or offering goods, services, or food/beverages for sale
2. Distributing promotional materials, flyers, coupons, samples, or merchandise
3. Soliciting donations or support for any cause, campaign, or business venture
4. Displaying or erecting signage, banners, or advertisements

85-9.B. Permit Requirement

1. Any entity seeking to conduct commercial activity must submit a formal application to the Township Office for review and approval.
2. Approval shall be granted at the Township's discretion, based on factors such as public safety, event type, community benefit, and compliance with local and state laws.
3. Permits shall specify duration, location, allowable setup, insurance requirements, and any applicable fees.

85-9.C. Event-Based Exceptions

1. Approved special events may include vendors or promotional activity as part of their programming, provided these elements are expressly authorized in the event permit.
2. Township-approved events may include designated commercial areas, subject to oversight and compliance with Park, Township and State Laws.

85-9.D. Enforcement and Penalties

1. Persons violating any of the above provisions may also be evicted from said park or park land.
2. Repeat violations may result in denial of future permit requests or bans from park usage.

85-9.E. Nonprofit and Civic Engagement Clause

1. Nonprofit organizations, civic groups, or educational entities may request permission to distribute informational materials or conduct fundraising only in designated public outreach areas, with prior Township approval.
2. Such activity must align with Township standards.

Section 85-10. Alcohol

85-10.A. General Prohibition

The possession, consumption, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages within any park owned or operated by the Charter Township of Blackman is strictly prohibited.

85-10.B. Exception for Authorized Events

An exception to this prohibition may be granted solely under the following conditions:

1. The event organizer has obtained a valid **Special Event Permit** that specifically authorizes alcohol use.
2. The approved permit must be **issued in writing** by the Township and **on file** with the Township prior to the event date.
3. The event must comply fully with all applicable laws and regulations, including those of the State of Michigan.

85-10.C. Permit Conditions

Permits authorizing alcoholic beverages shall outline:

- The type and amount of alcohol permitted
- The specific event date, time, and location
- Required security or monitoring provisions
- Restrictions on sale or distribution to minors
- Insurance or liability coverage, if applicable

The Township reserves the right to deny or revoke a permit at any time if public safety, legal compliance, or ordinance conditions are violated.

85-10.D. Enforcement

1. Alcohol possession or consumption without a valid Special Event Permit is subject to enforcement.
2. Violators may be fined, evicted from park property, or prosecuted under local and state law.
3. Township officials and law enforcement have full authority to inspect permits and verify event compliance.

Section 85-11. Enforcement and Penalties

85-11.A. Authority to Enforce

1. This chapter shall be enforced by Township-designated officials, including:
 - Parks and Recreation staff
 - Township Code Enforcement Officers
 - Law enforcement agencies
 - Any other Township-authorized personnel

85-11.B. Penalties

1. Any person, firm, corporation, or other business entity who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days in jail as may be determined by the court. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense. A violator of this Ordinance may be subject to additional sanctions, remedies, injunctions or judicial orders as authorized under Michigan law
2. Persons violating any of the above provisions may also be evicted from said park or park land.

85-11.C. Reimbursement for Damages

1. Any individual convicted of vandalism, destruction of Township property, or injury to park assets shall be responsible for:
 - Full restitution to the Township for repair or replacement costs
 - Payment of all expenses related to enforcement and prosecution
 - Any additional penalties imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction

Section 85-12. Severability

- If any provision is deemed invalid, remaining provisions shall remain in full effect.


Section 85-13. Repealer


- All conflicting ordinances or resolutions are repealed to the extent of inconsistency.

Section 85-14. Administrative Liability

- No Township officer, employee, or board member shall be personally liable for actions undertaken in official capacity under this ordinance.


Welcome to Blackman Charter Township Parks

 Open Daily: Sunrise to Sunset

 No Smoking/Vaping (except in parking areas)


 No Open Fires permitted.

 No alcohol or commercial activity without permit

 Pets must be leashed. Clean up after your pet.

 Keep our parks clean – use trash containers

- No illegal dumping

 Fireworks are prohibited

 No ATV's

(See Blackman Charter Township "Chapter 85: Park Ordinance" for more details)

Off-Leash Dog Park Rules

– Max 2 dogs per person


– Leash required upon entry/exit

– Dogs must wear collar with a valid license

– Stay with your dog at all times

– Children must be accompanied by adult

– Clean up waste and dispose properly

 Violators subject to penalties and removal

(See Blackman Charter Township "Chapter 85: Park Ordinance" for more details)

Picnic Shelter Reservations

 Reserved Times Posted On-Site

Public use permitted unless reserved

For event permits, contact Township Office

(See Blackman Charter Township "Chapter 85: Park Ordinance" for more details)

**BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF JACKSON
RESOLUTION #01-2026-0120**

**A RESOLUTION TO STATE SUPPORT OF THE 800-MEGAHERTZ RADIO WORK GROUP
EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

WHEREAS, the 800-Megahertz radios used by the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety and by other emergency first responders throughout Jackson County are approaching 10 years of age, at which time the manufacturer will stop selling this model of radio, thereafter, selling only replacement parts; and

WHEREAS, after 10 years of age, these radios will enter a period of declining reliability and more frequent repair, and

WHEREAS, the current portable radios in use throughout the county are not encrypted, which will become mandatory in approximately 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Blackman Charter Township Board of Trustees is very concerned that there is no County level plan or funding for replacing these radios before deteriorating performance of aging radios adversely impacts delivery of emergency first responder service to our residents, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Blackman Charter Township hereby strongly supports the recommendation set forth in the 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Evaluation and Recommendation Report issued December 3, 2025, and hereby requests that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, and specifically the Commissioners representing both Blackman and Leoni Townships support implementing that recommendation.

At a regular meeting of the Blackman Charter Township Board of Trustees, County of Jackson, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall on January 20, 2026, at 6:00p.m., this resolution was presented by _____ and supported by _____

Upon a roll call vote,
The following voted "AYE":
The following voted "NAY":
The following were absent:

The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted,

Peter Jancek, Township Supervisor

David Elwell, Township Clerk

800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Investigation, Evaluation and Recommendation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Immediate emergency first response by fire and police is the most important service local government provides to the people of Jackson County. When a fire, traffic accident, crime, medical emergency, natural disaster, possible school shooter, and any other situation anyone in Jackson County considers an emergency occurs, a phone call to 911 provides immediate access to any and all first responder resources necessary to deal with the caller's emergency. The 911 call center dispatches and coordinates first responders county-wide, ensuring that all resources needed to handle an emergency arrive on scene quickly. The 911 call center is linked to all first responder resources through a network of powerful 800-Megahertz radios that function any place, any time, and under any conditions throughout Jackson County. These radios have to operate with 100% reliability when electricity is gone, cell towers are out, rain is pouring down, the temperature is below 0 or above 100 degrees. Rapid response and direct communication between individual first responders is critical. There is no time to replace a failed radio. Lost time can mean lost lives. The 800-Megahertz radios currently in use by Jackson County first responders are approaching 10 years old. At the 10-year mark, vendors normally stop selling a radio model but continue to sell repair parts for some period of years. As with any aging electronic device, these radios will enter a period of declining reliability and more frequent repair.

The Jackson County Supervisors Association, the Jackson County Fire Chiefs Association, and representatives from local police organizations held a joint meeting to discuss mounting concern over lack of a plan and funding for replacing our aging 800-Megahertz radios. The outcome of that meeting was formation of an 800-Megahertz radio work group comprised of representatives from township and city government, fire, and police. The work group was tasked with collecting relevant data, evaluating needs, identifying possible courses of action, examining the pros and cons of different courses of action, and making a recommendation. Its first meeting was October 16. The work group chose to proceed at a rapid pace with weekly meetings, in order to complete their work as quickly as possible. This document is the completed work.

CURRENT 800-MEGAHERTZ RADIO INVENTORY AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Mobile and portable radio data was collected for all Jackson County fire and police organizations that are dispatched by Jackson County 911. Mobile radios are those contained in vehicles. They are larger more powerful radios than portables, have significantly longer use lives, and are not yet in need of replacement. They will need replacement at some point in the not distant future but are not yet approaching obsolescence. The primary focus of this report is portable radios which are approaching a critical 10-year age mark. Details are shown in the spreadsheet table below. Total current inventory of police and fire portable radios in use is 635. The projected number of replacement radios needed is 641. The replacement number differs little from the current number in use, and would not be expected to, since all in-scope organizations are already equipped in the amounts necessary for normal operations. The small difference of 6 units is the combined net result of plus and minus impacts from planned operational changes in multiple organizations.

Jackson County - 800MHz Radio Inventory

Fire Departments	Portable Radios Received in 2017	Mobile Radios Received in 2017	Additional Portable Radios Purchased	Additional Mobile Radios Purchased	Total/Current Number of Portable Radios	Total/Current Number of Mobile Radios	Portable Radios Needed	Mobile Radios Needed
Columbus Twp Fire	22	8	4	1	26	9	16	9
Concord Twp Fire	26	6	0	0	26	5	20	5
Crane Lake Fire	28	8	0	0	28	8	28	8
Handover Twp Fire	20	7	0	0	20	7	20	7
Hicksville Twp Fire	26	9	0	0	26	9	26	9
Jackson City Fire	27	12	13	0	36	12	40	13
Madison Twp Fire	24	7	0	0	24	7	24	7
London Twp Fire	16	9	13	4	29	13	29	13
Palmer-Glenbrook Fire	30	9	0	0	30	9	35	9
Rivers-Tompkins Fire	23	10	0	0	23	10	23	10
Spring Arbor Fire	32	7	0	1	32	8	32	8
Springport Twp Fire	21	8	0	0	21	8	21	8
Summit Twp Fire	25	6	10	3	35	9	35	9
Wadell Twp Fire	18	6	0	0	18	6	20	6
Total Fire Radios					374	120	369	121

Police Departments	Portable Radios Received in 2017	Mobile Radios Received in 2017	Additional Portable Radios Purchased	Additional Mobile Radios Purchased	Total/Current Number of Portable Radios	Total/Current Number of Mobile Radios	Portable Radios Needed	Mobile Radios Needed
Blackman-Leoni DPS	43	30	10	5	45	28	46	30
Jackson City PD	63	22	3	2	66	24	71	24
Jackson Co. Sheriff	110	28	0	2	104	28	109	28
Spring Arbor PD	6	3	0	1	6	4	9	3
Columbia Twp PD	13	3	0	1	13	5	13	5
Springport Twp PD	8	3	0	0	8	3	8	3
Napoleon Twp PD	12	3	6	2	18	5	12	5
Norvell Twp PD	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	2
Total Police Radios					261	98	272	100

Total Police and Fire Radios	635	218	641	221
-------------------------------------	------------	------------	------------	------------

RADIO REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT OPTIONS

The 635 portable radios currently in use are all Motorola and the recommendation of the 800-Megahertz radio work group is that the replacements be Motorola, specifically the APX N70 model. Three other vendors offer products with competitive pricing and similar functionality, but come with substantial drawbacks. Competing products are the Harris XL Series, Kenwood Viking VP, and Tait TP9600. Motorola is the standard in state level Michigan organizations as well as the overwhelming majority of Michigan county and local police and fire organizations. The Michigan Public Safety Communication System is Motorola including the communication towers and hardware the 911 call centers operate on. Motorola portable radios provide the most seamless and reliable integration with this Motorola infrastructure. Radios from the other vendors have very small installed bases in Michigan, are more vulnerable to multi-vendor technology integration issues, and tend to be less rugged or durable than Motorola. Motorola performs particularly well when operated by gloved hands and works well with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus masks.

RADIO REPLACEMENT FUNDING OPTIONS

The cost to purchase 369 fire radios at the current list price is \$3,320,442 and to purchase 272 police radios at the current list price is \$2,205,898. Three alternatives for funding portable radio replacement were examined and compared:

A. Each Organization Separately Funds Its Own Needs

Pros:

1. County Commission deals only with funding for county organizations (e.g. Sheriff Department).
2. County Commission decisions can be delayed longer.
3. Voter approval is not required.

Cons:

1. Township and City radio needs are left unmet by County Commission.
2. Townships and City are required to find their own separate sources of funds.
3. State sales tax revenue sharing to local governments was reduced this year.
4. Radio replacements will occur at different times rather than at one time.
5. Financial constraints can delay radio replacement until radios begin failing.
6. Financial constraints may divert purchases to lower quality and lower priced nonstandard equipment.
7. Interoperability of organizations will be compromised if nonstandard equipment is purchased.
8. Risk to Jackson County residents that emergency first response can become slower.

B. County Property Tax Millage Proposal Offered to Voters

Pros:

1. It can fully fund all first responder radio needs.
2. It can be done relatively soon.

3. All first responder radios replaced at one time.
4. Risk to Jackson County residents from obsolete radios eliminated.

Cons:

1. It requires County Commission action to put it on the ballot.
2. It competes directly against and could cause defeat of other property tax millage proposals.
3. It uses a funding mechanism based on property value rather than people served.

C. County 911 Phone Surcharge Proposal Offered to Voters

Pros:

1. It can fully fund all first responder radio needs.
2. It can be done relatively soon.
3. All first responder radios can be replaced at one time.
4. Risk to Jackson County residents from obsolete radios is eliminated.
5. The additional cost to phone users will be at most \$1.50 per month.
6. It will be seen by voters as much less costly than a property tax millage.
7. All people who have access to 911 through their phones will share in the cost.
8. Basing the charge on phones that are used to access emergency first responder services will make sense to voters.
9. The amount levied can be adjusted up or down yearly by the County Commission depending on need.
10. The approved but unlevied amount can serve as a 'virtual' reserve fund for future needs.

Cons:

1. It requires County Commission action to put it on the ballot.
2. It will likely appear on a ballot with property tax millages and could affect millage votes.
3. An increase in the cost of anything is unpopular.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

We trust the judgement of Jackson County residents. We believe voters should be presented with the facts and truth about 800-Megahertz radios in a form that makes sense to them, then asked to tell us with their vote how they want the matter handled. We ask the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to place 800-Megahertz funding on the ballot as soon as possible. The people of Jackson County deserve the best possible emergency first responder service. They should not have to experience deteriorating performance of aging radios before action is taken.

Appendix A. Miscellaneous Work Group Information and Work Session Results

1. The work group will operate as a self-directed team and not have officers or formal meeting minutes.
2. Decisions will be by consensus, not by formal vote.
3. Dan Wymer will serve as work group documentarian, recording work session results as necessary.
4. Dan Wymer will draft the final work group report, with all content subject to work group approval.
5. Work group scope will be radios dispatched from 911.
6. Organizations not dispatched from 911 also use 800 MHz radios (e.g. courts, buses, DPWs, jail).
7. Only radios dispatched from the 911 call center can be funded by a 911 telephone charge.
8. Data will be collected on all radios currently dispatched by 911.
9. Data on radios not dispatched by 911 obtained as an incidental byproduct of dispatched radios data collection will be documented but no attempt will be made to collect all such data.
10. Current 911 charge is \$1.50 per phone number per month and generates a little over \$2,400,000 annually.
11. Increasing the charge to the maximum amount allowed, \$3.00 per phone, would generate a little over \$2,400,000 additional revenue per year.
12. Jackson County currently contributes approximately \$500,000 per year from the county general fund budget to 911 call center operations.
13. The State of Michigan currently contributes approximately \$350,000 per year to 911 call center operations.
14. The Federal Government and the State of Michigan have mandated that all police radios be encrypted by 2027.

15. The State of Michigan has not yet mandated fire radio encryption. The need for interoperability makes a mandate highly likely in the near future. Neighboring counties have already encrypted their fire radios.
16. Model APX 6000 radios could be updated for encryption but obsolescence is a concern.
17. New Motorola radio unit list price for police is \$8,109.92 and fire is \$8,998.49. Fire radio difference: need to work in gloved hands, be waterproof, connect to breathing apparatus masks and have a rubber boot for greater drop protection.
18. The State of Michigan uses Motorola 6000 units.
19. Interoperability among organizations, both local and state, is paramount and needs to be maintained.
20. Interoperability and encryption are the two top priorities.
21. Ongoing funding for ongoing replacement is necessary, not just one-time replacement funding.
22. The State of Michigan has mandated a central dispatch system update by 2030 that will incur a one-time cost of approximately \$500,000.
23. Currently an \$800,000 annual bond payment is made from call center operation funds, the final payment to be in 2031.
24. An increase in the 911 surcharge requires approval by vote of the people.
25. The County Commission can levy up to the voter approved 911 surcharge maximum or levy a lesser amount. The amount levied can be adjusted up or down each year so long as it remains no greater than the voter approved amount.
26. If the County Commission levies an amount less than the voter approved 911 surcharge maximum, the unlevied amount can serve as a 'virtual' reserve of funds, providing flexibility to the County Commission for addressing future call center and communication equipment needs.

Appendix B: 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Team

Chris Simpson – City of Jackson Police Chief

Darin McIntosh – Blackman-Leoni Public Safety Director

Tim McEldowney – Summit and Spring Arbor Townships Fire Chief

Greg Bickford – Napoleon Township Fire Chief

Mike Jester – Leoni Township Administrator

Jonathan Greene – Jackson City Manager

Dan Wymer – Napoleon Township Supervisor



JACKSON COUNTY
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

11732 Bunker Hill Road, Pleasant Lake MI, 49272

December 2, 2025

The Jackson County Fire Chief's Association fully endorses the findings and conclusions of the Jackson County 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group regarding the acquisition and deployment of new 800 MHz portable radios.

Reliable communication is fundamental to successful emergency operations. Our firefighters, first responders, and partner agencies must have radio systems that are clear, interoperable, and resilient under all conditions. The Work Group's investigation and evaluation provide a comprehensive look at both current operational challenges and the future communication needs of Jackson County. Their recommendation reflects a well-supported path forward that maintains our ability to respond to incidents of every scale.

The financial investment required for this system is substantial, yet necessary. County support is vital to ensure rapid adoption, improved interoperability, and a clear commitment to the safety of both responders and the public.

Respectfully,

Tim McEldowney

Chair, Jackson County Fire Chief's Association

JACKSON COUNTY TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION



P.O. BOX 726 Jackson, MI 49204

**Pres: Kevin Szentmiklosi, Vice Pres: Duane Pittman, Secretary: Amanda Desnoyer, Treasurer:
Jerry Bryant. Trustees: Rick Gillespie, Robert Shrock,
BLACKMAN, NAPOLEON, SPRING ARBOR, SPRINGPORT,**

12-14-25

The Jackson County Township and Village Police Association is offering its full support for the Jackson County 800-MHz Radio Work Group's recommendation.

Effective communication has always been essential to public safety, yet dependable communication has consistently been a challenge during emergency response. Police officers, firefighters, and all first responders require the highest-quality radio equipment and systems to protect lives and safeguard property. The work of the Jackson County 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group reinforces our shared commitment to making reliable communication a top priority—for every incident, large or small.

In today's world of rapidly evolving technology, the cost of upgrading to modern communication systems is high. However, these investments are critical to ensuring interoperability across agencies, enhancing officer safety, and improving emergency response capabilities. This system is not only beneficial—it is essential to keeping our communities safe and all of our police, firefighters, and first responders.

Respectfully,

Vice President

Jackson County Township and Village Police Association

JACKSON COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

December 8, 2025

On behalf of the Jackson County Supervisors Association, we are writing to express our full support for the recommendation of the Jackson County 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Investigation, Evaluation and Recommendation, regarding the purchase and implementation of the 800 MHz portable radios.

Reliable communication is the backbone of effective emergency response. Our firefighters, first responders, police officers and partner agencies depend on clear, interoperable radios systems to protect lives and property. The Jackson County 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Investigation, Evaluation and Recommendation reflects a thoughtful evaluation of current needs and future demands, ensuring that Jackson County remains prepared for both everyday emergencies and large-scale incidents.

We recognize that the purchase of these radios represents a significant investment. It is essential that funding be prioritized at the county level to ensure timely access, strengthening interoperability, and demonstrate a unified commitment to public safety.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jerry Adams

Chair, Jackson County Supervisors Association



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

1990 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201 Phone (517)-788-4345 Fax (517)-788-4689

January 20, 2025

Secretary Sean P. Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support – FY2026 National Infrastructure Investments

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of **Jackson Area Transportation Authority (JATA)**, I am writing to express our strong support for the Department of Transportation's FY2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant application.

JATA's proposed project represents a critical investment in Jackson's transportation infrastructure by improving mobility, reliability, and safety. Through strategic modernization and capital improvements, this project will strengthen connections to employment, education, healthcare, and essential services while supporting long-term economic development and quality of life for Jackson, Michigan residents.

JATA serves an area of Blackman Charter Township that borders the City of Jackson, through contracts with other entities.

Blackman Charter Township strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Transportation to award BUILD Grant funding to JATA. This project is essential to advancing transportation access, enhancing system resilience, and ensuring that Michigan communities remain competitive and connected. The proposed improvements will generate meaningful benefits, including increased economic opportunity, improved safety, reduced transportation barriers, and strengthened regional connectivity.

Furthermore, we are proud to support JATA's commitment to modern, forward-thinking transportation solutions. Investments such as this BUILD project are vital to modernizing infrastructure, supporting economic mobility, and reinforcing Michigan's role as a leader in transportation innovation and development.

Thank you for your consideration of JATA's BUILD Grant application. Should you require any additional information regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,

Pete Jancek, Supervisor
Blackman Charter Township
supervisor@blackmantwp.com
517-990-8220



2 Wardcraft Dr.
Spring Arbor, MI 49283

Pete Jancek, Supervisor
Charter Township of Blackman
1990 W. Parnall Road
Jackson, MI 49201

December 7, 2026

**RE: 1980 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201
Public Safety – Building Renovation/Expansion project**

Dear Mr. Jancek,

Jones Construction Solutions is pleased to submit this bid proposal to Blackman Township for the referenced project. We propose to furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in accordance with the construction documents prepared by AE Design Solutions, LLC.

We have carefully reviewed the project requirements, drawings, and specifications and understand the scope, schedule, and quality expectations of this project. Jones Construction Solutions is committed to delivering a safe, efficient, and high-quality project that meets the Township's expectations.

Our team brings proven experience in managing similar projects and coordinating closely with owners, design professionals, and inspectors to ensure successful outcomes. We appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this work and look forward to the possibility of partnering with Blackman Township on this project.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jones Construction Solutions

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toby Jones".

Toby Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Boyer".

Brian Boyer, P.E.

PROPOSAL

**BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To: Pete Jancek, Supervisor
Charter Township of Blackman
1990 W. Parnall Road
Jackson, Michigan 49201

Re: 1980 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan 49201
Public Safety – Building Renovation/Expansion Project

The undersigned bidder declares that they have carefully read and understand the plans and specifications, has examined the form of Contract, Bonds, and Insurance requirements, has examined all local conditions affecting construction work in general and has informed themselves by their independent observation of all conditions directly affecting the work of this Contract.

The undersigned bidder hereby proposes to furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, appurtenances, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services necessary to complete in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the above listed documents, all of the work to be done under the contract, including addenda thereto, for the unit price for work in place for the following items and quantities:

Bidding Schedule

Bidder is to provide a bid proposal on company letter head describing the work to be completed as part of this request for proposal.

Total Base Bid is:

Dollars 6,765,665 Cents 00

Total Base Bid Six million seven hundred sixty five thousand six hundred sixty five dollars and 00/100

In submitting this Proposal, it is understood and agreed by the undersigned that the right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all Proposals. It is further understood and agreed by the undersigned that any qualifying statements or conditions made by themselves to the above Proposal as originally published, as well as interlineation, erasures, omissions, or entered

wording obscure as to its meaning, may cause the bid to be declared irregular and may be cause for rejection of the bid.

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned that the right is reserved by Owner to delay the award of a contract for a period of thirty (30) days. The undersigned agrees to hold firm on the above bid prices and may not withdraw their Proposal for that period of time.

If awarded a Contract under this Proposal, the undersigned agrees to complete Interior Demolition 30 days from the point of acceptance by the Owner of everything covered by this project. For all days thereafter until final acceptance, there will be charged, as liquidated damages, the sum of \$300.00 per calendar day each and everyday thereafter until final acceptance as set forth in the General Conditions of the Contract.

Sixty seven thousand six hundred fifty six

The undersigned enclosed herewith a certified check or bid bond in the amount of _____ Dollars (\$ 67,656), which is one percent (1%) of the total amount of the bid, payable to the order of Charter Township of Blackman, as a guarantee of good faith, if the Contract is awarded to them, the undersigned agrees to forfeit, as liquidated damages, to the Charter Township of Blackman, in event of their failure to enter into a Contract and furnish satisfactory bonds to the Township Supervisor, within 10 days notice of award.

Date: 01-07-2026

Jones Construction Solutions

Company

Office Address:

2 Wardcraft Dr.

Spring Arbor, Mi, 49283

by: 

Title: President

Voluntary Alternates	Deduct
Provide "Trane" HVAC equipment	-\$45,180.00
Use "CMG" standing seam for metal roof in lieu of "Atlas"	-\$32,000.00
Use D7.5 wire mesh mesh in lieu of #5 re-bar in Truck Bay slab	-\$9,089.00
Interior slab of Truck Bays to 7" thickness and D7.5 wire mesh (2 outer bays)	-\$4,743.00
Alternate lectrical lighting package could result in significant savings	TBD

Bid Clarifications

We assume that the lockers are Owner provided and are not included in the base bid

We assume that the showers are tile and not included in base bid



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

1990 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201-8612 ~ Phone (517) 788-4345 ~ FAX (517) 788-4689

Project: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Date/time of Bid Opening: 1-7-26

BIDDERS	DATE/TIME REC'D	TOTAL BID	BID DEPOSIT
JONES CONSTRUCTION	1-7-26 8:50 AM	\$ 6,765,665.00	\$ 67,656.60

Dated: 1-7-26







Pete Jancek, Supervisor
Charter Township of Blackman
1990 W. Parnall Road
Jackson, MI 49201

January 20, 2026

**RE: 1980 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201
Public Safety – Building Renovation/Expansion project**

Dear Mr. Jancek,
Jones Construction Solutions is pleased to provide additional requested information regarding your new project.

Following our meeting with you, we have a mutual understanding that the Township desires to enter into a contract agreement pursuant to the base bid submitted. Jones Construction Solutions and AE Design Solutions will work together to identify value engineering cost-savings opportunities to reduce the overall cost of the building project where possible. These potential cost-savings may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Alternative HVAC equipment supplier, Trane in lieu of Carrier
- Alternative CMG standing seam metal roofing materials in lieu of Atlas
- Structural concrete modifications, if approved by the engineer
- Alternative lighting fixtures/controls package, of equal quality and function
- Performance, labor and materials bond, if not required
- Operable partition, as a deferred purchase for 2027
- Modified exterior architectural features
- Modified overhead doors with glass components
- Generator equipment and appurtenances, as a deferred purchase for 2027

Furthermore, it is mutually understood that all such changes will be approved by the architect, AE Design Solutions, and the Township Supervisor.

Please note that we are prepared to begin the project as early as possible this spring. We plan to utilize local labor as demonstrated by the following list of subcontractors/partners.

- Lester Brothers (excavation/grading)
- Cook Foundation & Flatwork (concrete)
- Spirit Steel (structural steel)
- Jones Construction Solutions (general trades/carpentry)
- Rycam (metal siding)
- Billy White (roofing)
- Overhead Door of Jackson (overhead doors)
- Quality Glass (aluminum storefronts)
- Bracy & Jahr (masonry)

2 Wardcraft Dr.
Spring Arbor, Michigan 49283
(517) 748-1888
www.jonesconstructionsolutions.com

- Viper Concrete Coatings & Polishing (polished concrete floors)
- Doors & Drawers (casework/countertops)
- Bethesda Plumbing (plumbing)
- Eagle Electric (electrical)
- Ajax Heating & Cooling (HVAC)

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with Blackman Township on this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

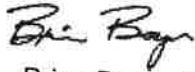
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jones Construction Solutions



Toby Jones



Brian Boyer, P.E.

Name of Project