

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
March 17, 2025

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 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:

Keith Gillenwater	Debbie Kelly	Byron Schroeder
William Regnier	PS Officer Seth Bauman	PS Officer Chandler Fryt
Ray Snell	and family	and family
Public Safety Officers	Jackson Co. Sheriff Deputies	

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. No additions/deletions

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. No changes/corrections.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PRESENTATIONS

1. Keith Gillenwater and Debbie Kelly – *Accelerate Jackson County*
 - a. Presented the 2024 Year End Report, current and future developments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 02/14/25 in the amount of \$157,159.80 and for 02/28/25 in the amount of \$242,941.24.
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of February 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. Board of Review
2. Good communications with Clerk and Treasurer

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Taxes – 96% paid on time
2. Delinquent taxes report
3. Continued talks with legislators on mobile home park tax collections

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. May 6, 2025 Special Election, East Jackson Bond Proposal
2. Shredding of Township Office File Retention is complete
3. Updating the Cemetery Ordinance

PUBLIC SAFETY

**RETIRED
DIRECTOR TO
PURCHASE DUTY
WEAPON**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to allow retired Director Scott Grajewski to purchase his duty weapon, a Glock 45MOS 9mm handgun, for the appraised price of \$320.00

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

**PURCHASE (2)
AXON VR
HEADSETS &
ACCESSORIES
FOR TRAINING**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase (2) Axon virtual reality headsets and the subsequent VR accessories for a total of \$46,202.64. This purchase is in addition to the current Axon contract that provides tasers, body cameras, and in-car cameras. The total cost of the VR equipment will be spread over the remaining four years of the current Axon contract. This portion of the contract price will be paid using current training funds, 302 State Funding, and/or State Continuing Education Funding.

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

**HIRE SETH
BAUMAN AS A
PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICER**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Director of Public Safety to hire Seth Bauman as a Public Safety Officer. Mr. Bauman will start at the PSO II level with the intention of sending him to the Police Academy. Seth is currently certified in Firefighter 1 & 2, and Emergency Medical Responder.

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

**PROMOTE PS
OFFICER
CHANDLER FRYT
TO SERGEANT**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Supervisor Jancek to authorize the Director of Public Safety to promote Public Safety Officer Chandler Fryt to the rank of Sergeant, effective immediately.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Will be meeting on March 18, 2025
2. Reviewing the Master Plan

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Will be meeting on March 25, 2025

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Have decided to pursue a bathroom facility with water and electric heat instead of the vault style toilet that was previously approved.
 - a. Facility will have (2) two baths with a utility room
 - b. Can be winterized or used during winter months depending on use.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

PURCHASE (5) NEW DESKTOP COMPUTERS FROM VC3 Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the purchase of (5) new desktop computers from VC3, to replace computers in the rotational schedule, in the amount of \$8,293.90.
Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Pack, Boulter, Preston
Nays – None Motion Approved

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Waiting on City of Jackson report

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE BCT HANDBOOK Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Boulter to update the Blackman Charter Township Employee Handbook; D. Paid Sick Days, per the Earned Sick Time Act. (ESTA), effective February 21, 2025.
Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Elwell, Jancek
Nays – None Motion Approved

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT W/ GRANGER Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Waste Collection Services Agreement with Granger Waste Services, Inc.
Roll Call: Ayes - Pack, Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs
Nays – None Motion Approved

AWARD PS INTERIOR DEMO CONTRACT TO OHARROW Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Pack to approve awarding of the Public Safety interior demolition contract to O’Harrow Construction.
Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston
Nays – None Motion Approved

RESOLUTION #10-2025-0317 FULL REDEMPTION OF GOED BONDS 2010 Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #10-2025-0317; a Resolution Authorizing Full Redemption of General Obligation Economic Development Bonds, Series 2010
Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter
Nays – None Motion Approved

BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 03/10/25 in the amount of \$125,423.34 and Board Invoice Report dated 03/18/25 in the amount of \$441,002.96
Roll Call: Ayes – Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Ray Snell, 9th District County Commissioner**
 - a. JCDOT – pothole repairs; crews working to do the best job possible with a decrease in funding and with a limited number of employees.
 - b. No Road Diet on Parnall Rd. from 127 to Lansing Ave.
 - c. Capital Improvements
 - d. Countywide Broadband Ad Hoc Committee to discuss broadband to reach every home.

- e. Grants
- f. Road funding – increase in business tax; installation of an in vehicle devise to track mileage

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1. Supervisor Jancek - Airport Rd. will have a 5th lane added
 - a. Left turn lane; add a 10' sidewalk on the East side
- 2. Byron Schroeder – Public Safety/Parks & Recreation Restroom Facility
 - a. Agrees to invest in a (2) bath and utility room with water and electric heat instead of the vault style toilet.
 - b. Environmental Study report – all testing negative for asbestos.
 - c. Waiting for soil sampling test.
 - d. Update to card swipe entrance/exit
- 3. Easter egg hunt at Rod Mills Park – April 5th and April 6th

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.



David Elwell, Township Clerk