

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
August 18, 2025

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

**Members absent:** Ambs

**Public Attendance:**

Laura Piascik  
Byron Schroeder

Suellen Thomas  
PSO Benjamin Harris

Ray Snell  
PSO Taylor Cooper

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Pack to excuse the absence of Trustee Ambs from the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, August 18, 2025

***Unanimously approved by voice vote***

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)**

1. **Laura Piascik, Blackman Township resident**
  - a. Inquiring about the absence of the PS Activity Log
2. **Ray Snell, 9<sup>th</sup> District County Commissioner**
  - a. Motorola Maintenance 1 year contract
  - b. Hiring a full time position for 911 services
  - c. Hiring an admin assistant
  - d. Grass Lake Pickleball courts to be installed
  - e. Cascade golf cart lease
  - f. Hiring full time events coordinator
  - g. Hiring an Investigator
  - h. Hiring a lead pathologist
  - i. Balanced Budget is available on the County Website
    - increase for Sheriff
    - increase for Jail

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

1. No additions/deletions

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, August 18, 2025

***Unanimously approved by voice vote***

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

No changes/corrections.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, July 21, 2025.

***Unanimously approved by voice vote***

**PRESENTATIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 07/04/25 in the amount of \$167,321.18, for 07/18/25 in the amount of \$211,405.34

2. Approve \$400,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of July 2025
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of July 2025  
 Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Jancek, Preston*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE**

1. Jackson Technology Park projects
  - a. Midbrook construction moving forward
  - b. A European interest in the area
2. Road Work
  - a. Displeasure with delay of construction/trail work on Parnall Rd./Lansing Ave.
  - b. E. Michigan Ave. opposition to any variety of Road Diet
  - c. Ganson St. Road Diet will not move forward
  - d. Airport Rd. construction ongoing discussions

**TREASURER'S UPDATE**

1. In office tax collection is slow due to an increase in online payments
2. Summary of Accounts activity for fiduciary transparency

**CLERK'S UPDATE**

1. Special Election on November 4, 2025; Jackson Public Schools Bond Proposal
2. Early Voting discussions ongoing with other municipalities
3. Cemetery records organization

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HIRE PSO BENJAMIN HARRIS** Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to hire Ben Harris as a Public Safety Officer.  
 Harris will start on the PSO 2 pay scale at the 1-year mark on the wage scale  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**HIRE PSO TAYLOR COOPER** Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to hire Taylor Cooper as a PSO 2.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Boulter*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

1. Hiring Ceremony - Director of Public Safety Darin McIntosh

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

1. Minutes from Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - Draft
2. Report on Case#1596

**PARKS & RECREATION**

1. Naming considerations for the Parnall Rd. Park - discussion
  - a. Public involvement in naming
2. Al Glick Grant update
  - a. Reapplied for the grant
3. Injury at Rod Mills Park

- a. Injured party requests the Township pay for medical expenses of child whose hand was caught in the metal netting on basketball hoop. No incident report was made. Metal netting has been replaced with nylon netting. Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Thomas to pay the medical expenses of \$1,200.00 to the injured party.

**Roll Call:** *Ayes - Preston, Thomas*

*Nays - Pack, Elwell, Boulter, Jancek      Motion Denied*

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**PURCHASE MFA FOR ENTIRE TOWNSHIP**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Pack to approve and to authorize the Deputy Director of Public Safety to sign the Public Safety Technology quote from VC3 to purchase MFA for the entire township in the amount of \$18,386.60 with an annual recurring charge of \$744.00. This project will deploy DUO MFA to protect M365, Windows Log Ins and NetExternder VPN

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

*Nays - None                      Motion Approved*

- 1. Deputy Director of Public Safety Christopher Boulter presented new software technology from Axon

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- 1. Sewer Update
  - a. Will meet September 3, 2025 to review the First Draft of the contract
- 2. County Farm Rd.
  - a. Lift station damage caused by a power surge
- 3. Lansing Ave.
  - a. Work continues

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 1. Cemetery Ordinance - Second Read
 

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Cemetery Ordinance Second Read.

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

*Nays - None                      Motion Approved*
- 2. Parks Ordinance
  - b. Committee members continue to work on completion to bring to the Board next month.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #21-2025-0818 RID #RQ-2507-0824 A NEW CLASS C AIRPORT LICENSE**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Resolution #21-2025-0818; a Resolution acknowledging no opposition for RID # RQ-2507-0824, a New Class C Airport License issued under MCL 436.1507, non-transferable; New SDM License issued under MCL 436.1533(5)(a), non-transferable, in conjunction; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM); New Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for Class C License - Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink; New Outdoor Service Area to SJS Enterprises, LLC; located at 3608 Wildwood Ave., Jackson, MI 49202

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

*Nays - None                      Motion Approved*

**APPROVE  
PROPOSED FEE  
SCHEDULE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the proposed Fee Schedule  
Upon discussion it was decided to table the motion.  
Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to table approval of the proposed fee schedule until review with the Building/Zoning Department  
***Unanimously approved by voice vote***

**NAMING RIGHTS  
CONTRACT WITH  
AMERICAN 1  
CREDIT UNION**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Naming Rights Licensing Agreement with American 1 Credit Union; a license to be the named sponsor of the Parnall Rd. Park pavilion upon the agreement of acceptable terms of completion.  
***Roll Call: Ayes - Pack, Elwell, Preston, Coulter, Thomas, Jancek***  
***Nays - None Motion Approved***

**CONTRACT TO  
APPROVE  
CONTRACT WITH  
TARKET SPORTS  
PICKLEBALL  
COURTS**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Supervisor and the Treasurer to approve and sign the contract to purchase and install 4 pickleball courts from Tarket Sports per the proposal submitted on 8/14/2025 and modified on 8/18/2025 in the amount of \$299,327.00 with a contingency of 10%. Work to be completed by October 31, 2025. Tarket Sports is authorized under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program under contract number 031622-FTU  
***Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Jancek, Preston***  
***Nays - None Motion Approved***

**ACCEPT THE  
CONSULTING  
SERVICES OF  
MDIS, LLC**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to accept the Statement of Qualifications for Public Safety Information Technology Services (Consulting Services) from Metro Detroit Integrated Systems, LLC (DBA: MDIS, LLC)  
***Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Boulter***  
***Nays - None Motion Approved***

**PREPARE AND  
PUBLISH RFB BY  
AE DESIGN  
SOLUTIONS, LLC**

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize AE Design Solutions, LLC to prepare and publish Request for Bids, for various portions of the Public Safety Facility  
***Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Boulter, Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas***  
***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 08/05/25 in the amount of \$118,151.13 and Board Invoice Report dated 08/19/25 in the amount of \$774,254.57  
***Roll Call: Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Pack***  
***Nays - None Motion Approved***

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

OPEN DISCUSSION

***The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57.***

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Elwell', is positioned above a horizontal line.

**David Elwell, Township Clerk**