

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
September 15, 2025

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

PSO Patrick Boulter & Family

Ray Snell

Bob & Lydia Davis

PSO Ryan Martin & Family

Linda Faber

Jeanna Everett

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Jeanna Everett**, *Blackman Township resident*
 - a. Inquiring about the road construction on Parnall Rd. (two lanes or three lanes)
2. **Ray Snell**, *9th District County Commissioner*
 - a. Airport
 - i. 27,955 aircraft operations, 111,582 gallons of aviation fuel sold
 - ii. Open House - named the terminal for Robert H. Jordan, Skyways Aviation since 1961
 - iii. Completed projects - Control tower rehab, Taxiway B rehab, Crack sealing and pavement markings, Solar panels
 - b. Animal Control
 - i. Intakes - 961 cats, 913 dogs
 - c. Jackson County Office of the Sheriff has been approved by Health Management Associates to receive up to \$25,000 in grant money to expand the administration of medication for opioid use disorder to JC jail inmates.
 - d. JCDOT - Airport Rd.
 - i. Estimated cost of this project is \$2,785,024.00
 - ii. \$2,320,105 is provided by the federal grant.
 - iii. Required local match - JCDOT \$234,795.00 and Blackman DDA \$230,124.00
 - iv. Funds are available in JCDOT 2025 and 2026 budget for primary road maintenance.
 - e. Authorize the purchase of two 2025 John Deere 672GP motor graders for \$910,686.60 over 5 years. MIDEAL
 - f. Hazardous Household Waste Collection Events
 - i. May 22 and July 24 - 27,510 pounds collected
 - ii. Next collection date is September 25 at JCDOT Chanter Rd. entrance; \$20.00 per vehicle fee. Reservation is required.

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. No additions/deletions

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, September 15, 2025

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

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 Monday, August 18, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 08/01/25 in the amount of \$173,160.79, for 08/15/25 in the amount of \$183,894.86, for 08/29/25 in the amount of \$202,476.08
2. Approve \$300,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of August 2025
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of August 2025

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Airport Bridge
 - a. Tentative completion - December 2025
 - b. Roadwork will begin after bridge repair completion
2. Road Work
 - a. Displeasure with delay of construction/trail work on Parnall Rd./Lansing Ave.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. In office tax collection has been very busy this week.
2. More residents paying by credit card
3. Tax comparison from last year to this year
4. Thank you to the Admin. Assistants and to Linda Arntz for a job well done! Your work is greatly appreciated.

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Early Voting - working on an agreement with 4-5 other municipalities
 - a. Working together will save taxpayer money
2. Special Election on November 4, 2025; Jackson Public Schools Bond Proposal
 - a. Precinct 1 & 5 Combined - location 1990 W. Parnall Rd., Lower Level

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Minutes from BCT Public Safety Committee meeting Monday, July 14, 2025
2. Minutes from BCT Public Safety Committee meeting Monday, September 08, 2025

HIRE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PSO OFFICER

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the Director of Public Safety to allow the hiring of up to 43 Public Safety Personnel. This position will be absorbed into the budgeted 42 personnel through attrition. This was approved at the July 15th meeting; however, a resignation and retirement have created the need to allow for this position. This position will have no impact on current payroll, as several officers are currently off on short-term disability. To the contrary, this position helps offset overtime costs currently being paid out and help reduce burn-out among the officers

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

**APPROVE QUOTE
FOR ENGINE 1
REPAIRS**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Director of Public Safety to proceed with replacing the shocks on Engine 1 through Watson Diesel at the quoted cost of \$7,959.00. The current shocks have zero life left and have deteriorated over time, creating a potential safety concern.

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

**PROMOTE PSO
RYAN MARTIN**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to promote PSO Ryan Martin to the rank of Sergeant, effective immediately. This promotion is to fill the vacant Sergeant Position and is in compliance with the current promotional list that was established in March of 2025 during the promotional process.

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

**RESOLUTION
#22-2025-0915
PATRICK
BOULTER**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #22-2025-0915; a resolution to honor the career of PSO Patrick Boulter, upon his retirement from Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety

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

**RESOLUTION
#23-2025-0915
K9 PYRO**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to adopt Resolution #23-2025-0915; a resolution to honor the career of K9 Pyro, who retired from duty in February of 2025

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

**RESOLUTION
#24-2025-0915
K9 AXE**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Pack to adopt Resolution #24-2025-0915 a resolution to posthumously honor the career of K9 Axe, who retired from duty in 2016. Sadly, Axe passed away in September of 2023

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

1. Ceremony - Director of Public Safety Darin McIntosh

PLANNING COMMISSION

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Minutes from Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - Draft
2. Report on Case#1599

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Received a \$60,000.00 donation from American 1 Credit Union - Pavilion Naming Rights
 - a. Construction to begin in October
2. Pickleball Courts
 - a. Construction to begin in October
3. Rod Mills Park
 - a. Camera system has been completed

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

PURCHASE MFA FOR ENTIRE TOWNSHIP

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Ambs 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 \$20,770.00 with an annual recurring charge of \$613.80. This project will deploy DUO MFA to protect M365, Windows Log Ins and NetExternder VPN

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

WALDEN WOODS LIFT STATION FULL REHAB

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the work proposal from J.K. of Michigan; Option #4, a complete full rehab of the Walden Woods Lift Station in the amount of \$396,964.48

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

1. Report by F & V Leoni Township DPW Monthly Operating and Maintenance Summary
2. Sewer contract renewal update
 - a. Working with attorney to negotiate rates, repair and upkeep costs, etc.
3. Meeting with Summit Township
 - a. Invoice for lift station repair
 - b. Discuss future repayment agreement

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #25-2025-0915 MLCC

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve Resolution #25-2025-0915; a Resolution acknowledging no opposition for RID # RQ-2507-08329, a Transfer location 2025 ADD License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDD License - Spirits and Motor Vehicle Fuel Pumps issued under MCL 436.1541 (1) \$250,000 & 5' (Inside) only from 5900 Spring Arbor Rd, Jackson to 3797 W. Michigan Ave, Jackson, to be held in conjunction with existing SDM License; Transfer governmental unit under MCL 436.1531 (22) from Spring Arbor Township to Blackman Township; Cancel existing Motor Vehicle Fuel Pumps issued MCL 436.1541 (1) \$250,000 & 5' (Inside); New Motor Vehicle Fuel Pumps issued under MCL 436.1541 (1) \$250,000 & 5' (Inside) to Kelly Fuels, Inc; located at 3797 W. Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49202

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

BILLS

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 09/04/25 in the amount of \$143,253.61 and Board Invoice Report dated 09/16/25 in the amount of \$678,074.24

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Bob Davis**, *Blackman Township resident*

- a. Concerns - ways to increase safety on Andrews Ave.
 - i. Decrease speed limit, increase officer patrol for speed limit violations with city public transportation busses, difficulties backing out of driveways, stop signs, readers to ticket offenders, speed bumps, etc.
- b. Concerns with blight violations on Andrews Ave.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05

David Elwell, Township Clerk