Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
September 21, 2026

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

Members absent:

Public Attendance:

Ray Snell	Tim Curran	Byron Schroeder
Nate Edwards	Kieth Steller	Jessica Steller
Pat Way		

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Additions/Deletions

   Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2026, as amended, to delete item #3 under Treasurer Report.

   Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. 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, August 17, 2026, as amended, to correct a spelling error

   Unanimously approved by voice vote

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Ray Snell**, *9th District County Commissioner*
   a. Report: approved millage rates, JCDOT project, County Clerk asking for training funds for election inspectors training module, HVAC replacement at the American 1 community recreation center at Keeley Park, IT copiers, Medical Examiners Dept.
   b. Airport grant to offer High School student training for professional pilot license,
   c. County Budget
   d. Supports the use of Flock cameras

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 08/14/26 in the amount of $200,151.20 and for 08/28/26 in the
2. Approve $450,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of August 2026
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of August 2026

Motioned by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter

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

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Retirement Corrective Action Plan Monitoring Notice of Compliance

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Summary of Accounts
2. Hal did a great job collecting taxes
3. Future Investments – LPL Financial
4. Comerica is now 5/3 Fifth Third Bank

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. November 03, 2026 General Election Update; AV ballots will be tested and sent to voters
2. Early Voting submission to SOM for reimbursement of wages
3. Data Center information packet given to board members to review

PUBLIC SAFETY

HIRE UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Chief of Public Safety to hire up to two (2) additional personnel, increasing the authorized number of Public Safety Officers from 42 to 44, as explained by Deputy Chief Stowe, this is a temporary increase and will drop back down through attrition.

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

APPROVE DISPOSAL OF 2023 DODGE DURANGO & 2021 DODGE DURANGO

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the disposal of township vehicles; 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit VIN#1C4SDJFTXMC688789 and 2021 Dodge Durango Pursuit VIN#1C4SDJFT8PC558060; disposal may include sealed bids, public auction, and/or negotiated sale

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

APPROVE DISPOSAL OF 2003 PIERCE 100' AERIAL

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the disposal of township vehicles; 2003 Pierce 100' Aerial VIN#4P1CT02H93A002956; disposal may include sealed bids, public auction, and/or negotiated sale
Public Safety Chief will list and is authorized to sign any necessary agreements.

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

RESOLUTION #13-2026-0921 HONORING JAN GANZEL

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #13-2026-0921, a resolution honoring Jan Ganzel's career at Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVE CASE #1613 CONDITIONAL USE: NEW CELL TOWER

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve Case #1613 Conditional Use: New Cell Tower; Zoned AG-1 (Agricultural); located North of Morrill Rd.; Parcel #000-08-09-276-001-03; Requested by Haley Law Firm PLC – Wally Haley, Presented by Haley Law Firm PLC

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

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APPROVE CASE #1566 CONDITIONAL USE MODIFICATION

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Case #1566 Conditional Use Modification; Zoned L-1 (Light Industrial); located at 2400 N. Elm Ave.; Parcel #000-08-23-426-001-03; Requested by Harvest Solar – Evann Rohloff, Presented by Harvest Solar – Evann Rohloff and Chris DeLeeuw.
Roll Call: *Ayes – Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Jancek, Ambs*
Nays – Pack, Thomas ***Motion Approved***

Discussion on upcoming Public Meeting to review the Blackman Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. October 20, 2026

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Parks & Recreation millage renewal will be on the ballot; November 03, 2026, General Election
2. Completed and future projects

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Re-evaluation of sewer rates

AIRPORT ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENTION

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve cost estimate from Ripstra & Scheppelman Inc., for the Airport Road water main extension in the amount of $360,000.00, only if Jackson County agrees to pay 50% of the total project cost
Roll Call: *Ayes – Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter*
Nays – None ***Motion Approved***

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE QUOTE 0027355848 FROM TOTAL ENERGY SYSTEMS

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve quote number 0027355848 from Total Energy Systems LLC, for one (1) Automatic Transfer Switch. ASCO, 300 Series, Open Transition, Service Entrance Rated, Transfer Switch, 3 Pole with Solid neutral, 208V, 2000A, Type 3R Secure Encl, Heater, ERMS, Load Shed, 100% Rated Breaker, in the amount of $51,131.00 + Freight estimated to jobsite: $1,500.00
Roll Call: *Ayes – Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Boulter*
Nays – None ***Motion Approved***

APPROVE QUOTE 326-195 FROM JACKSON AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve quote number 326-195 from Jackson Automatic Sprinkler, to furnish and install fire sprinklers in the Public Safety Building in the amount of $68,850.00
Roll Call: *Ayes – Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell, Pack*
Nays – None ***Motion Approved***

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APPROVE QUOTE 326-195 FROM JACKSON AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve quote number 326-195 from Jackson Automatic Sprinkler, to furnish and install fire sprinklers in the IT room of the Public Safety Building in the amount of $23,867.00

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

BILLS

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 09/03/26 in the amount of $369,562.08 and Board Invoice Report dated 09/22/26 in the amount of $1,019,541.98

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

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE

1. Progress Report from Byron Schroeder
    a. Electrical, plumbing, framing, HVAC, roof, masonry/laying block, fence has been moved for heavy machinery to gain access to the site.
    b. Evidence area information summary to review for future meeting

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Tim Curran**, *resident*
    a. Running for Northwest School Board; would like to see improvements in reading and math scores
2. **Nate Edwards**, *resident*
    a. Supports Tim Curran for school board; Flock cameras may not have as much community support as the board may think
3. **Keith Steller**, *resident*
    a. Clinton Way building project
4. **Jessica Steller**, *resident*
    a. Clinton Way building project

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Future plans to pave the gravel walking path; asking the board for suggestions on types of material to use

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

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David Elwell, Township Clerk

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