

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER SESSION (FIRST DAY)
December 11, 2018**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Commissioner Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Terri Norris, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, Administrator Bud Norman.

Absent: Commissioner Leonard Kolcz

Commissioner Vrablic led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Treasurer Vrablic spoke about the County's bond rating. She noted why it is important to keep the current AA- rating, especially when the county will be looking at financing for the Jail project.

At 4:05pm the Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget was opened. The Chair called for any public comment. Being none, the hearing was closed at 4:06pm.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve for the Sheriff to travel to Washington, DC to attend the National Sheriff's Association conference in February 2019. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$240,481.16.

approve the transfer of \$5,669 from line item 101-301-704.0000 to line item 101- 301-976.0100.

5/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and Line Item Transfer-Sheriff Department. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to support the resolution from Huron County opposing SB 396, as presented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

Absent Kolcz

MOTION CARRIED

7/ The following people were put in nomination for various positions on County Boards: Airport Board – Donald Read; Building Authority – Adam Wright; Board of Public Works – Jeffrey Kelley, Ronald Bercauw and Paul Winbigler;

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris to rescind the appointment of Kevin Miller to the industry area of the Planning Commission and nominate him for the At-Large position. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to unanimously re-appoint Ethan Kosachuk and Donald Read to the Airport Board. The new term will expire on 12/31/2021. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to unanimously re-appoint James Bilsborrow and R. Scott Kirkpatrick to the Airport Board of Appeals. The new term will expire on 12/31/2021. MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that a roll call vote be taken to appoint three people to full terms on the Commission on Aging. The new term will expire on 12/31/2021.

Upon roll call the results were as follows:

Gentry – Norris, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

Smoker - Norris, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

Olney – Vrablic, Gordon - 2

Wilber – Norris, Hazelbaker – 2

Gentry, Smoker, Olney were appointed. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that a roll call vote be taken to appoint one person to a partial term on the Commission on Aging. The term will expire on 12/31/2019.

Upon roll call the results were as follows:

Wilber – Norris, Hazelbaker, Vrablic, Gordon – 4

Williams - 0

Wilber was appointed. MOTION CARRIED

13/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris to unanimously appoint Adam Wright to the Building Authority. The new term will expire on 12/31/2021. MOTION CARRIED

14/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to unanimously re-appoint Jeffrey Kelley, Ronald Bercauw and Paul Winbigler to the Board of Public Works. The new term will expire on 12/31/2021. MOTION CARRIED

15/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that a roll call vote be taken to appoint one person to the Road Commission. The term will expire on 12/31/2024.

Upon roll call the results were as follows:

Avery – Norris - 1

Mayer - Hazelbaker, Vrablic, Gordon – 3

Mayer was appointed. MOTION CARRIED

16/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that a roll call vote be taken to appoint one person to the District Library Board. The term will expire on 12/31/2022.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Bland - Norris, Hazelbaker, Vrablic, Gordon – 4

Smith - 0

Bland was appointed. MOTION CARRIED

17/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that a roll call vote be taken to appoint one person to the At-Large position on the Planning Commission. The term will expire on 12/31/2021.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Miller - Norris, Hazelbaker, Vrablic, Gordon – 4

Swallow - 0

Miller was appointed. MOTION CARRIED

18/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:22 pm. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk