

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION (FIRST DAY)
January 8, 2019

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

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

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

Commissioner Hazelbaker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 Organizational meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Judge O'Grady spoke to the Board regarding the County Prosecutor vacancy. He explained the appointment process and stated that there is no required timeline for the appointment to be made.

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given to move the Interim Equalization Director from a UAW level 8 to the Equalization Director position M4, 3 year level, effective 01/01/2019. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given to move the IT technician from a Non Union level 7 to an M1, 2 year level, effective 01/01/2019. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to approve the amended 2019 General Staffing Plan, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to allow the City of Coldwater to lay sidewalk on County property, as part of the Four Corners Park Project, with the City of Coldwater maintaining that area. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$231,853.23. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the resignation of Kevin Miller from the At-Large position on the Planning Commission, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Norris – Attended the Substance Abuse Task Force meeting. There is a presentation by Dr. Bruce Springer scheduled for January 24, 2019 at the Pines building. RSVP is required.

Hazelbaker – IceFest is scheduled for January 26th and the Tibbits is having a Rolling Stones tribute band on the same day.

Chairman’s Remarks:

Gordon – attended the COA Board meeting. Board positions and meeting days are the same as last year.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 07/19/2017.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:17 pm. The Board returned to open session at 4:40 pm.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 4:40 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk