

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMEBR SESSION (FIRST DAY)
November 13, 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, November 13, 2018.

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 Norris, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Norris, in recognition of Veterans Day, acknowledged the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. She also listed current county employees who have served in the military and thanked them for their service. Commissioner Kolcz spoke giving a brief history of Veterans Day.

Anna Kiem, Sherwood Township resident and Shelly Barkley, Matteson Township resident, asked the Board to consider County wide zoning with regard to the wind turbine issue.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given for Juvenile Court to hire a full time Intensive Intervention Worker at the SEIU Level 8 rate of \$14.64 per hour, with the new hire benefit package, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given for District Court to hire a full time Traffic Clerk at the SEIU rate of \$12.51 per hour, with the new hire benefit package, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given to Probate Court to set up a display in recognition of Adoption Day. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$500,527.68

to approve the Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

approval of the 16 page RFP for the new jail, as submitted.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, 3rd Quarter Investment Report and Jail RFP. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the Sheriff's Department 2017 annual report and place it on file. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the resignation of Keith Baker from the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Heather Russell, Union Township resident asked the Board to consider a zoning ordinance with regard to the wind turbines.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Norris – attended the 911 meeting. They are moving forward with getting a quote for the 800MHZ radio system.

Kolcz – will be attending several liaison meetings coming up in the next week.

Vrablic – stated Ovid Township hall is open and was used for the General Election.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:21 pm. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk