

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY SESSION (SECOND DAY)
February 26, 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, February 26, 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.

Undersheriff Keith Eichler led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hazelbaker presented a certificate to Kappi Cox for 30 years of service.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that approval is given for the Prosecutor to hire a part time Secretary/Clerk, referencing the GELC Level 6 rate of pay of \$12.77 per hour, at 28 hours per week with no benefits/insurance, effective March 1, 2019. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given for the Prosecutor to hire one additional attorney at the new hire starting salary rate, according to the non-union Prosecutor pay scale, with new hire benefits, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that Branch County support the concept of the community development plan as presented by Place & Main Advisors. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Community Videos and allow them to be posted on the County's website. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the signing of the Quit Claim deed and the transfer of property to adjust the Quincy cemetery property lines.

RESOLUTION 2019-02

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY OF BRANCH SIGNATURE FOR
QUINCY CEMETERY QUITCLAIM DEED**

WHEREAS, Branch County supports the request from Quincy Village to adjust the property line for the Quincy Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the proposed quitclaim deed is supported by the County for the adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Branch County is hereby authorizing the signature of the County Board Chair, Ted Gordon, to sign the quitclaim deed on their behalf.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Branch County Board of Commissioners authorizes the signing of the quitclaim deed that will transfer a certain parcel of property from the County to Quincy Township and from Quincy Township to the County in order to adjust the cemetery property line.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given to the DAR to hold the Vietnam Veteran’s Remembrance ceremony at the Courthouse on March 29th. **MOTION CARRIED**

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$176,626.64

approval is given to pay a flat fee of \$2,500 for a Medical Expert to do research and appear at a trial scheduled for April 23, 2019 in Circuit Court for an indigent defendant.

approve the 4th Quarter Investment report.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts; Indigent Defendant-Fees Request; and 4th Quarter Investment Report. **MOTION CARRIED**

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz – will be attending the Pines meeting tonight

Norris – will be attending the Public Health meeting on Thursday.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 07/19/17.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:13pm.

The Board returned to open session at 4:25 pm.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to adjourn at 4:26 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk