

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL SESSION (SECOND DAY)**  
**April 23, 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, April 23, 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, Chief Deputy Clerk Christine Ransbottom, Administrator Bud Norman.

Administrator Norman 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hazelbaker presented Certificates of Service to Laura Walters (20 years).

Steve Currie, Executive Director of Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), gave a presentation to the board. He briefly touched on the Governor's Road Proposal including her recommendation on an increase in the gas tax. The Governor is proposing in her FY20 budget, an increase to the counties revenue sharing, roughly 2.7%. MAC is watching the chambers with regard to the increase on the Child Care reimbursement. MAC has a new website: micounties.org.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to Undersheriff Eichler, Captain Blankenship and Sergeant Maggart to travel to Louisville, KY for the American Jail Association Conference. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to the Sheriff to travel out of state in June, to attend the National Sheriff's Conference. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that authorization is given for the Register of Deeds, her Chief Deputy and Deputy Register to travel to Davenport, Iowa, to attend the Fidlal Educational Symposium from May 20-22, 2019. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that option 3, borrowing \$100,000 through the MDOT Airport Loan program, is chosen to fund the runway 422 project at the Airport. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to COA to contract with Modert's Lawn Service for the Burnside Center's lawn care for 2019. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that approval is given to purchase the 2019 F-350 truck at a cost of \$28,533 to be paid out of Capital Outlay. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to the Sheriff's Department to purchase a 2019 Ford SUV with the police package at a cost of \$29,995 with the needed funds to be taken out of Capital Outlay. MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve easement to Michigan Gas Utilities to install a new line through Quincy Park. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the 63 month lease quote from Neopost at a cost of \$3,104 annually. MOTION CARRIED

13/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that approval is given for the Judson Center to place flags on the Courthouse lawn in recognition of Foster Care Awareness month. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$287,170.79

approval is given for MGT Consulting Group to conduct the Independent Security Audit for Friend of the Court and the Prosecutor's office in the for \$9730, with travel expenses not to exceed \$1200.

approve the L-4024 Valuation report.

approve the 1st Quarter Investment report.

14/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic seconded by Commissioner Norris that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts; Security Audit-Friend of the Court, L-4024 Valuation Report-Equalization Department and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 Investment Report-Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED

15/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adopt the Fidelity Insurance Acceptance Resolution for the County Road Commissioners

**2019-04**

**FIDELITY INSURANCE ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BRANCH**

WHEREAS, MCL 224.7 provides that each and every county road commissioner is required to execute and give official bond in such amount as the board of supervisors of such county may determine, and that the expense of securing such bond, if any, is to be paid from the county road fund; and

WHEREAS, MCL 124.5 provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any 2 or more municipal corporations, by intergovernmental contract, may form a group self-insurance pool to provide for joint or cooperative action relative to their financial and administrative resources for the purpose of providing to the participating municipal corporations risk management and coverage for pool members and employees of pool members, for acts or omissions arising out of the scope of their employment, including surety and fidelity insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) is a group self-insurance pool organized under the Intergovernmental Contracts Between Municipal Corporations Act; and

WHEREAS, MCL 124.10 provides that the provisions of any statute or charter requiring a public official to post bond or obtain a surety bond, the premium on which may lawfully be paid by a public agency of this state, may be satisfied with surety or fidelity insurance coverage furnished by a group self-insurance pool organized under Intergovernmental Contracts Between Municipal Corporations Act, including any deductible amount or other portion self-insured by the public agency itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Branch does hereby authorize MCRCSIP to issue surety or fidelity insurance coverage to its Road Commissioners in the amount of \$10,000.00, pursuant to MCL 124.10.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

16/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the 2018 Park Department annual report and place it on file. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Hazelbaker- Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce will have an after business hours on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-7pm at the. Sauk Trail Apartments.

Kolcz- Pines meeting to be held on April 23rd at 6pm.

Norris-Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will take place Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Come out to support the Coalition against Domestic Violence

17/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 4:47 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman

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Clerk