

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY SESSION (FIRST DAY)
May 14, 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, May 14, 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 Norris 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 Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hazelbaker presented a certificate to Verna Winger in recognition of her 30 years of service to the County.

Pam Reed of the Concerned Citizens of Branch County spoke to the Board about updating the County Master Plan.

Shelly Barkley of Matteson Twp. urged the Board to issue a moratorium.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that Branch County commit \$1,000 to go toward the local match for the recycling grant submitted by Biz Aid and the Conservation District for a trash compactor. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to suspend board rules to act on a request from the Prosecutor's office. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given for the Prosecutor to hire a part-time contract employee at \$18.75 per hour, with no benefits, to work no more than 45 days, effective May 20, 2019. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the updated Lease Agreement between the DNR and the Branch County Parks Department for the Quincy-Marble Lake boat access site. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$383,316.33. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the resolution appointing the Branch County Road Commission Manager, as the Clerk to the Branch County Parks Board.

2019-05
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERK FOR PARKS BOARD

WHEREAS, Branch County Parks Board supports the appointment of the Manager to be assigned Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Manager shall act as the Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board is hereby requesting approval, on their behalf, by the County Board of Commissioners; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Branch County Board of Commissioners authorizes this request.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No - 0

MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the resolution appointing the Branch County Road Commission Manager, as the Clerk to the Road Commission.

2019-06
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERK FOR ROAD COMMISSION BOARD

WHEREAS, Branch County Road Commission Board supports the appointment of the Manager to be assigned Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Manager shall act as the Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission Board is hereby requesting approval, on their behalf, by the County Board of Commissioners; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Branch County Board of Commissioners authorizes this request.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No - 0

MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to accept the 2018 Commission on Aging annual report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

12/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the 2018 Register of Deeds annual report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

13/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the 2018 Equalization annual report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz – Asked that the Planning Commission give an update to the Board after their next meeting in June.

Norris – The 911 Service Plan is being updated. The next meeting is in June.

Hazelbaker – The Chamber will hold a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning at Biggby Coffee.

14/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 4:25 pm. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk