

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION (FIRST DAY)
August 13, 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, August 13, 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

911 Director Kurt Spalding 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 Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve for the Prosecutor to purchase a refurbished Minolta Bizhub 364e copier in the amount of \$4000, with the funds coming from contingencies. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the quote from Gundrum Construction, in the amount of \$2360, to replace a section of the parking lot, to be paid from contingencies. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$161,247.79.

to approve the Budget Transfer requests made by 911 - \$30,000 from Capital Outlay (211.346.970) to Computer Software (211.346.774.01), \$20,000 from Installment Purchases (211.346.941.03) to Equipment Rental (211.346.941).

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and within Budget Transfer Requests-Special Fund (211-346). MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the MSUE 2018 annual report and place it on file. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz –Branch County Fair is over and it went very well.

Hazelbaker – the last Entertainment Under the Stars is tonight. It was rescheduled due to weather.

Vrablic –The scrap tire collection will be held on Saturday from 9am – Noon at the DHS parking lot just south of the Sheriff’s Department.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to begin general discussions for union contract negotiations.

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 4:08pm and returned to open session at 4:14pm.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letters dated 8/13/2019.

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 4:15pm and returned to open session at 4:42pm.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the recommendation of the County’s Attorney and direct the Attorney to implement that recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED**

11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to adjourn at 4:43pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk