

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION (SECOND DAY)
August 27, 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 27, 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 Vrablic 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 Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Chairman Gordon presented a certificate to Animal Control Officer Ernie Baker for 30 years of service to the county.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given to accept the Amended By-Laws-for Michigan Works, Southwest Workforce Development, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given to Commission on Aging to accept the quote from Response Technologies in the amount of \$14,794, for the installation of panic buttons at the Burnside Center. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$440,571.01

approve the 2nd Quarter Investment report.

approve the MIDC-Special Fund Budget, as presented.

approve the budget request from DHHS

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, 2nd Quarter Investment Report, Special Fund Budget-MIDC and Budget Request-DHHS. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given for the Administrator and the Drain Commissioner to travel out of state to William County, Ohio to attend the OMI Council of Government meeting on August 29, 2019 at 1:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, for approval to accept the OMI membership Agreement, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the Community Action 2018 Annual Report and place it on file. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Vrablic – the tire collection was a success. A second trailer was brought in and will be covered by the grant. The Lake George Board met. They approved their assessment rolls the procedures for implementing aquatic weed control.

Norris – attended the MAC conference. Was a good conference.

Kolcz – Work on airport runway 422 will start Tuesday. Will be complete by September

Hazelbaker –The Farmers Market will continue through the month of September.

Chairman’s Remarks:

Gordon stated that there are about 50 pages of diagrams, that pertain to the jail, that were provided to the Board for reference or review.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to go in to closed session to discuss pending litigation.

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. They returned to open session at 4:27pm

11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to go into closed session to discuss union 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 4:27pm. They returned to open session at 4:47pm

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

Chairman

Clerk