

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER SESSION (FIRST DAY)
September 10, 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, September 10, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, and Terri Norris, County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, Administrator Bud Norman

Absent: Commissioner Ted Gordon,

Commissioner Kolcz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Vice-Chairman Norris read a statement in remembrance of the 911 attacks and asked for a moment of silence.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the request from Equalization to fill the Technician position at the GELC Level 6 Tier 2 rate of \$12.77 per hour, 40 hour per week with New hire benefit package, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$267,057.58. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to nominate and appoint Cody Johnson to fill the vacant Public Health position on the Branch County Planning Commission, with the term expiring on 12/31/19. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to nominate and appoint Victoria Scott to fill the vacant position on the Branch County Veterans Affairs Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/19. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Hazelbaker – Applefest is scheduled for September 21st in downtown Coldwater.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss union contract negotiations.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:10pm and returned to open session at 4:24pm.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:24pm and returned to open session at 4:35pm.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss attorney/client privileged letter dated 09/10/2019.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:35pm and returned to open session at 4:38pm.

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:39pm and returned to open session at 4:49pm.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to adjourn at 4:49pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk