

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER SESSION (SECOND DAY)  
October 22, 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, October 22, 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 Christine Ransbottom, Administrator Bud Norman.

Commissioner Vrablic led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Hazelbaker presented a certificate to Commissioner Vrablic for 12 years and 10 months of service to the county.

Undersheriff Eicher stated that National Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 10am-2pm. Four locations will be collecting - Union City PD, Sheriff Department, Shelter House and Walmart-east side.

Mike Arnold introduced himself to the Board. He had submitted his resume for the District 3 seat that will be vacated on the Branch County Board of Commissioners.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given to Administrator Norman to travel out of state on October 25<sup>th</sup> to Bryon, Ohio and on a quarterly basis, to attend the OMI meetings. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to the Treasurer's Department to purchase a refurbished Minolta Bizhub 364E B/W Copier, in the amount of \$4,000, to be taken out of Contingencies. MOTION CARRIED

**Consent Agenda:**

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$236,796.82

approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report:

approve to include the request for an additional \$15,000, in the Airport's Special Fund budget for 2020.

approve to suspend board rules, for the delay in setting the Elected Official wage scale for 2020.

approve to setting the Non-Union and Elected Official wage scale for 2020, no later than December 17. 2019.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report-Treasurer, Special Fund Airport #295 Request for Funds and Non-Union and Elected Wage Scales for 2020. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that Robert Montgomery be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Human Services Board, with the term expiring on 10/31/2022.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz – Pines meeting 10/22/19.

Hazelbaker – Coldwater Chamber met. They have a couple more events happening this year but are getting calendar dates around for 2020.

Chairman’s Remarks:

Chairman Gordon thanked Commissioner Vrablic again for his service and said he will be missed.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go in to closed session to discuss POAM 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 4:18 pm. They returned to open session at 4:41 pm

9/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 4:41 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman

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Clerk