

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
November 12, 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, November 12, 2019.

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Leonard Kolcz, Randall Hazelbaker, and Terri Norris, County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, Administrator Bud Norman.

The Board held a Public Hearing regarding the amendments to the E911 Service Plan.

1/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to suspend board rules to change the public comment period to 2 minutes per person. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Gordon opened the public hearing at 3:31pm

Several members of the public, which included members of the local police agencies; members of the local fire departments; members of local governments; former 911 dispatch personnel and citizens of the county, voiced their concerns with the County's amendments to the 911 Service Plan.

Concerns were: the rate of pay of a new dispatcher hired by Branch County compared to the pay received in surrounding counties; the Board of Commissioners (BOC) having control over the budget for 911 rather than the 911 Board; concern over the 911 personnel reporting to the BOC rather than the 911 Board; the equal representation by law enforcement and fire agencies on the 911 Board.

The public hearing was closed at 4:01pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk