

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING
November 18, 2019**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Monday, November 18, 2019.

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Commissioner Kolcz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to suspend board rules so action can be taken on filling a position in Juvenile Court. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that approval is given for Judge Kashian to fill the Juvenile Court Administrator position at the new hire rate of \$60,649.00 with new hire benefits, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

Judge Kashian stated that John Howard is willing to fill in as a contract employee until someone is hired for the position. He will be paid an hourly wage of \$30.00

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve for an independent contractor to be hired until the Juvenile Court Administrator position is filled. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to go into closed session to discuss COAM union negotiations.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Matthew, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:05pm and returned to open session at 4:34pm.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to go into closed session to discuss ongoing union negotiations.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Matthew, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:34pm and returned to open session at 5:18pm.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris to adjourn at 5:18pm. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk