

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER SESSION (FIRST DAY)  
December 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, December 10, 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to the Administrative Department to contract with Verna Winger to help with year-end close out, at a rate of \$29.98 per hour, effective December 10, 2019 through February 1, 2020, if necessary. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$210,543.50. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to nominate and appoint Tom King and Scott Morrison to fill vacant positions on the Building Inspection Board of Appeals, with the term expiring on 05/13/2024. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, that Michael Kelly be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Airport Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that Thomas Miller be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, that Dennis Hopkins and Victoria Scott be re-appointed to fill expiring positions on the Veteran Affairs Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/2023. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that Paul Meredith be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Board of Public Works, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that Kimberly Langworthy be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Branch District Library Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/2023. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that Cody Johnson, Kara Derrickson and Dean Walrack be re-appointed to fill expiring positions on the County Planning Commission, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

13/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that Ralph Strong and Debora Lounds-Bowers be re-appointed to fill expiring positions on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

14/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that Paul Meredith be re-appointed to fill an expiring position on the Commission on Aging Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/2022. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Aloha Miller, County citizen, spoke about the pay of the 911 dispatchers.

Jan Nighlinger, asked that Anna Keim be appointed to the Animal Control committee.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Matthew – attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for FOC.

Chairman’s Remarks:

Chairman Gordon noted, in response to Ms. Miller’s comments, that the County is working on negotiating contracts with all of the unions, including 911.

15/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, 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, Matthew, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:13pm and returned to open session at 5:32pm.

16/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to adjourn at 5:32pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman

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Clerk