1/ The Branch County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment in the Commissioner’s room in the Courthouse on Thursday, January 02, 2020.

Commissioner Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Present: Commissioners Leonard Kolcz, Tom Matthew, Ted Gordon, Randall Hazelbaker, Terri Norris (arrived at 9:33 am), County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, and Administrator Bud Norman.

Don Reid led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Gordon called for nominations for the 2020 Chairperson.

Commissioner Kolcz nominated Commissioner Gordon

4/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to close nominations and to elect Ted Gordon as Chairman. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Commissioner Gordon called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Matthew nominated Commissioner Norris.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to close nominations and to elect Terri Norris as Vice-Chair. MOTION CARRIED

7/ The 2020 meeting dates were reviewed. Board meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday at 4:00 pm. Work meetings will stay on the Thursday before the Tuesday Board meeting, at 9:00 am. There were a few exceptions that were noted.

8/ The Standing Board Rules were briefly discussed. Additional language was added to Part A- Rule VII (Page 5), items F & G.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew to approve the 2020 meeting dates and Standing Board Rules, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Committee and Liaison assignments stayed the same with the following exceptions: 911 Board representative - Gordon is the primary and Norris is the alternate; Fair Board – Matthew was assigned and Kolcz was removed; Gordon is the alternate on the Pines Mental Health Board; Community Corrections liaison was removed.
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BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ted Gordon, Chairman Terri Norris, Vice-Chairman

Areas of Responsibility

AoR No. 1  FINANCE:  Randall Hazelbaker Alternate: Terri Norris
AoR No. 2  PERSONNEL:  Terri Norris Alternate: Tom Matthew
AoR No. 3  SHERIFF/PUBLIC SAFETY:  Leonard Kolcz Alternate: Randall Hazelbaker
AoR No. 4  HOUSE:  Tom Matthew Alternate: Leonard Kolcz
AoR No. 5  LEGISLATIVE:  Ted Gordon Alternate: Terri Norris
(Normally Chair with Alt. Vice-Chair)

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

KOLCZ: Brownfield Authority; MSU Ext. Advisory Council; Pines Mental Health; Workforce Development; Community Liaison Board; Veterans Affairs; Airport Board.

MATTHEW: Coldwater/Marble Lake Board; Dept. of Human Service (FIA); Fair Board; Department of Public Works; Road Commission; Solid Waste Management Planning Committee; Maple Lawn; Public Health.

NORRIS: 911 (Alternate); Public Health; Workforce Development; Substance Abuse Task Force; Township Supervisors Association; Messenger & Hodunk Lake Boards (Alternate).

HAZELBAKER: BATA; Family Services Network; County Planning Commission; Chamber of Commerce; County Housing; Community Action Agency; Community Liaison Board (Alternate); Messenger & Hodunk Lake Boards.

GORDON: 911; BATA; Brownfield Authority; Pines Mental Health (Alternate); Medical Control Authority; Commission on Aging.

ADMINISTRATOR: BATA; SMART Point of Contact (POC).

Public Comment:

The Clerk asked for clarification of item F. that was added to Part A-Rule VII of the Standing Board Rules.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Norris, that the Board adjourn at 9:47 am. MOTION CARRIED.