The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

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


Commissioner Norris led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, that the request for the Airport Board Per Diem be increased from $35 to $50 be approved. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, that approval is given to the Administrative Department to extend the contract with Verna Winger through February 29, 2020, to help with year-end closeout. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to the Sheriff’s Department to hire a full time Correction Office at the POAM Tier 2 rate of $13.839 per hour, with the new hire benefit package. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $184,086.11. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to contract with Maner Costerisan for the county audit period of 2019 – 2021. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Matthew – attended the Maple Lawn meeting; Quincy Village have appointed a new Village Manager; Board of Health had their audit; SMSWC-will be looking at the tire recycling program.

Hazelbaker – Chamber is on the different Summer festivals

Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 07/19/2017.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Kolcz, Matthew, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5
No – 0
MOTION CARRIED
The Board went into closed session at 4:28 pm. The Board returned to open session at 4:42 pm.

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Kolcz, Matthew, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5
No – 0
MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:43 pm. The Board returned to open session at 5:04 pm

11/  Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 5:05 pm.  MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman                                      Clerk