1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

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

   Commissioner Norris led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Andrew Fink of Hillsdale introduced himself to the Board. He is a candidate for the 58th District State Representative seat. Fink provided background information and explained why he is running for office.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given to the Drain Commissioner to purchase a 2020 F250 for no more than $35,000, with the County’s portion being no more than $7,000. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that approval is given to obtain one trailer for the Tire Recycling Program. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve for the County Clerk to purchase a refurbished Minolta Bizhub 364e/454e copier in the amount of $4200, with the funds coming from Capital Outlay. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

   approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $373,288.73.
   to approve the request to take the County’s portion of the truck purchase for the Drain Office out of Capital Outlay.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and Budget Request-Capital Outlay (Drain Truck). MOTION CARRIED
8/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, that Margie Carrington, Thomas Greenburg and Don Thrasher are put into nomination to fill the vacant position on the Commission on Aging Board and that a roll call vote is taken to appoint one person to the position. The term will expire on 12/31/2022.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Carrington – 0
Greenburg – Hazelbaker – 1
Thrasher – Norris, Kolcz, Matthew, Gordon – 4

Thereupon, Don Thrasher was appointed to the Commission on Aging Board.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Matthew – attended the Ovid Twp. meeting. Their board had questions about the proposed 800MHz radio system and how it would be paid for.

Hazelbaker – The Community Awards dinner will be held on March 5th at the Dearth Center.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:18 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman                                      Clerk