

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE SESSION (SECOND DAY)
June 23, 2020**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm via video conference call.

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Tom Matthew, Leonard Kolcz, Randall Hazelbaker, and Terri Norris via video conference call.

Chief Deputy Clerk Christine Ransbottom, Administrator Bud Norman and Treasurer Ann Vrablic were present in the Boardroom at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Matthew led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 Board meeting, along with the June 11, 2020 and the June 16, 2020 special meeting minutes.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Andy Weldon introduced himself to the Board; he is running for State House of Representatives. He is looking forward to being able to serve Branch County and to listen to ideas.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to authorize the County Administrator to contact the County's legal counsel, to make contact the POAM-911 union representative, to propose a negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding as soon as possible and request that the Administrator be allowed to take preliminary steps to initiate this immediately.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Mathew seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the request by the Veterans Affairs Office to sell the 2013 Dodge Caravan.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$251,970.83.

approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Norris that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, First Quarter Investment report.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to accept the Prosecutors 2019 Annual Report and place it on file.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to accept the Probate/Juvenile Courts 2019 Annual Report and place it on file.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED \

9/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the Parks Department's 2019 Annual Report and place it on file.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the Road Commission's 2019 Annual Report and place it on file.

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

11/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to accept the Veterans Affairs 2019 Annual Report and place it on file.

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

Public Comment: None

Committee/Liaison Reports:

- Matthew– MDHHS submitted an emergency order that required all nursing homes be tested for COVID. Commissioner Matthew said Maple Lawn is currently in the process of testing all staff and residents
- Kolcz- Veterans Affairs is open by Appointment Only- must wear a mask and have your temperature checked.
- Norris- Public Health meeting scheduled for 6/24/20 at 9:00am by Zoom.

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

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

The Board went into closed session at 4:28 pm and returned to open session at 4:41pm

13/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege letter dates June 20, 2020.

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

The Board went into closed session at 4:41 pm and returned to open session at 4:57pm

14/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege Letter dated July 19, 2017.

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

The Board went into closed session at 4:58 pm and returned to open session at 5:05 pm

15/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris to adjourned at 5:06pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk