

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE SESSION (FIRST DAY)
June 9, 2020

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, June 9, 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.

County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak and Administrator Bud Norman were present in the Boardroom at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Norris led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions: Special Board meeting, COVID-19 Update for Courthouse

2/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the agenda as amended.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Board meeting and the May 29, 2020 Special Meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that the County holidays for 2021 be approved as presented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to eliminate the current COVID-19 travel policy, as presented

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to hold a special Board meeting on June 11, 2020 at 3:30pm to discuss autopsies,

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Administrator updated the Board on the status of fully opening the courthouse to the public. He stated that we are following the guidelines set by the Courts.

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of 1,747,895.95.

approve the 2002 L-4029 report as presented.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, L4029 report.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the recommended low bids for the jail construction project as presented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Matthew to accept the 2019 Equalization 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

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:19pm

The Board returned to open session at 5:41pm

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 5:41pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk