

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY SESSION (FIRST DAY)**  
**July 14, 2020**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

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

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

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

Commissioner Hazelbaker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, 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 Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment:

Julie Waterbury, who is a candidate for County Treasurer, introduced herself to the Board.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that the Courthouse be opened to the public on July 13, 2020, so long as it doesn't conflict with any new Executive Orders.

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 ratify the memorandum of Understanding with POAM-911 effective 07/12/2020.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

6/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to allow the Drain Commissioner to sell a 2008, F-150 truck, as presented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$407,423.84.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew to accept the 2019 Pines Behavioral Health 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 – met with two citizens regarding the biosolid storage in Alganssee Twp. The Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium and the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes & Energy were contacted. They have people out of Kalamazoo looking at the issue.

9/ 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 – Norris, Matthew, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:24pm

The Board returned to open session at 5:02pm

10/ The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chairman at 5:03pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk