

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST SESSION (FIRST DAY)  
August 11, 2020**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

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

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

Commissioner, 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.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, 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 July 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the change in expiration date of the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health agreement to 12/31/2023.

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 Kolcz, to approve to fill the two full time Road Deputy positions at the POAM starting wage of \$16.56 with new hire benefits.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the 2019 County Audit, 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 Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$183,496.89.

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 asphalt bid from the Branch County Road Commission in the amount of \$146,767.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to move forward with the First Responder Hazard Pay Program submission, with the non-certified employees removed.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to accept the 2019 Register of Deeds 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

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Norris – there is a 911 Board meeting tomorrow; there is paving work going on in downtown Union City.

11/ The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chairman at 4:26 pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk