

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER SESSION (SECOND DAY)
October 27, 2020

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

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

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

Absent: Commissioners Tom Matthew, 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 3

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 3

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

At 4:08 pm a short recess was taken due to technical difficulties. Commissioner Norris entered the meeting at 4:09 pm via video conference call.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to increase the BOC chairman's salary to \$9000 per year; the other Board members salary to \$8000 per year with a per diem of \$50 per meeting up to two hours/\$100 per meeting over two hours with a maximum of \$200 per day.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 3

No – Kolcz -1

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve a 2.6% increase for the Elected Officials for 2021.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve a 2.6% increase for the Non-union and Management personnel for 2021.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the bid from Parrish Excavating to complete the water & sewer project at the Teen Share buildings, with the total cost not to exceed \$70,000.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to replace the HVAC unit at the Annex building at a cost of \$12,880 with the work to be done by Aker, Inc.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$260,911.99.

accept the 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the resolution for the Community Development Block Grant.

2020-08

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-36, makes available supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant ESG-CV funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDBG grant will provide flexibilities for grantees to expedite the use of grant funds to help address the challenges facing our nation during this historic public health crisis.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Counties to accept Community Development Block Grant Program funds to support **CDBG CARES Funding**; and

WHEREAS, the County of Branch will seek to receive up to \$311,902.00 in CDBG funds to reimburse for unexpected costs associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 15 percent of the residents of the County of Branch are considered below poverty persons as determined by the census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Branch hereby designates the Administrator as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG pre-agreement documents, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to nominate and appoint Elizabeth Donbrock to fill an expiring position on the Department of Human Services Board with the new term expiring on 10/31/2023.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman’s Remarks:

Gordon stated that his last day on the Board would be November 14, 2020. He is moving out of the district.

12/ The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chairman at 4:29 pm.

Chairman

Clerk