

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION (SECOND DAY)
January 26, 2021**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, via video conference call, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Chairman Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Randall Hazelbaker, Jon Houtz, Tim Stoll, Tom Matthew and Leonard Kolcz via video conference call.

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

Commissioner Matthew led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Matthew, Houtz, Kolcz, Hazelbaker – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to give approval to the District Court to hire a full time SEIU level 6 clerk at the starting wage of \$14.33 per hour with benefits.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to approve the transfer of the Child Coordinator position from the Prosecutor's office to the Friend of the Court.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to amend the 911 Service Plan to reflect a 10 member Board consistent with the previous plan, with the option of an 11th member from the Fire Chiefs Council, if fire services are not represented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 4

No – Kolcz 1

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Houtz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$116,093.50, Payroll in the amount of \$841,041.72 and Taxes in the amount of \$226,541.95.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Houtz to accept the Drain Commission 2020 Annual Report and place it on file.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to accept the Public Works 2020 Annual Report and place it on file.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Committee/ Liaison Reports:

Stoll – Commission on Aging started the small group activities on January 11th. They will add more once the restrictions are lifted.

Matthew – introduced John Rucker from the District Library. The library has reopened at 30% capacity.

Houtz – BATA buses are running. Rides are down. The Branch County Fair Board is holding a virtual raffle on Saturday, January 30th. There are still tickets available.

Hazelbaker – The Chamber discussed rescheduling the annual honors banquet; possibly to this summer.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll to go into closed session to discuss attorney/client privileged letter dated 01/26/2021.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:23pm and returned to open session at 4:54pm.

Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Houtz to adjourn at 4:55pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes –Stoll, Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk