

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY SESSION (SECOND DAY)
May 25, 2021

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, via video conference call, on Tuesday, May 25, 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 Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, 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 May 11, 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 approve the request from Administration to fill the Account Clerk position at the non-union level 6 new hire rate of \$13.77 per hour, with full benefits, effective immediately.

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 Kolcz, to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule, as presented

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 Kolcz, to approve the addition to the Background Check Policy at the Commission on Aging, as presented.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve for Deputy Jaye and K-9 Chaos to travel to Ohio for training June 29 & 30.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$804,328.25, Payroll in the amount of \$687,137.58 and Taxes in the amount of \$177,555.49.

approve the transfer \$8000 from the Sheriff Department line item 101- 301-704.0000 Deputy Wages to the Training line item 101-301-957.0000 to pay for academy training for a new road deputy.

approve the extension of hazard pay for In-home aides at the Commission on Aging from March 2021 – September 2021.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, Line Item Transfer-Sheriff Department and Hazard Pay for In-home Aides-COA.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Matthew, to accept the 2020 3-A District Court 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

10/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to accept the 2020 Commission on Aging 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

Chairman's Remarks:

Hazelbaker – Chamber is working on Summer programs

11/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property.

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 4:17 pm and returned to open session at 4:53 pm.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to accept the agreement from Coldwater Community Schools for the purchase of the former Lakeland School property, 519 Otis Rd, for \$150,000, with part of the property being used to install a tower for the County-wide 911 system.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker, – 4

No – Stoll - 1

MOTION CARRIED

13/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to adjourn at 4:56 pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk