

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY SESSION (FIRST DAY)
July 13, 2021**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse on Tuesday, July 13, 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; County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak and Administrator Bud Norman

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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kolcz presented a certificate to Linda Force for 35 years of service to the County.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to approve to move forward and vote yes on the Opioid litigation regarding the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Stoll, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the resolution to contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for a reconstruction and expansion project at the airport.

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AIRPORT RESOLUTION

Resolution adopting and approving the execution of the sponsor contract by the Branch County Board of Commissioners, of Coldwater, Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation, for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligation of the parties in agreeing to the following undertaking at the Branch County Memorial Airport, whose associated city is Coldwater, Michigan, such undertaking hereinafter referred to as the “PROJECT”.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Reconstruct and Expand Apron-FBO/Fuel Access Apron and Rehabilitate Taxiway F West-Design as defined in:

Federal Project No B-26-0021-2419 – MDOT Contract Number 2021-0735

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan:

Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan shall enter into a Contract for the improvement of the Branch County Memorial Airport, and that such Sponsor Contract shall be as set forth herein below.

Section II. That the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor Contract on behalf of the County of Branch, Michigan and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Sponsor Contract referred to herein shall be as attached.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, by to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$1,165,365.51, payroll in the amount of \$1,155,389.80 and total taxes of \$304,045.61.

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 Stoll, to accept the 2020 Treasurer’s Office 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

8/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to accept the 2020 Pines Mental Health 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Houtz, to accept the 2020 Veterans Affairs 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 Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to accept the 2020 Maple Lawn 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:

Kolcz thanked the Administrator for his work on getting the communication towers set up.

Kolcz also stated that he had received some complaints about the lack of Marine Patrol on some of the lakes over the holiday weekend.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Stoll, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to adjourn at 4:23pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk