

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY SESSION (SECOND DAY)
July 27, 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 27, 2021.

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

Present: Commissioners Randall Hazelbaker, Tom Matthew and Leonard Kolcz; County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak and Administrator Bud Norman. Commissioner Jon Houtz via video conference call.

Commissioner Matthew led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Matthew, Houtz, Kolcz, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Kolcz, Matthew, Houtz, Hazelbaker – 4

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Tim Stoll arrived at 4:05pm

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hazelbaker presented a certificate to Administrative Assistant Bethany Garman for 18 years, 8 months of service to the county. Garman will be retiring on July 30, 2021.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to change the Work meeting scheduled for Thursday, 09/23/21 to Wednesday, 09/22/21 at 9am.

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 change the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 08/24/21 to Thursday, 08/26/21 at 2pm.

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 \$176,012.59, Payroll in the amount of \$669,373.67 and Taxes in the amount of \$174,550.79.

adopt the proposed within budget transfers to amend Special Fund budget #273-282, Indigent Defense Budget, as presented

approve for the auditors to review the Broadband plan proposal, not to exceed \$10,000.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, Budget Amendment-Special Fund #273-282, County Broadband.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew seconded by Commissioner Stoll by to approve for Branch County to be the fiduciary for the recycling center project, so a Grant can be applied for, without committing County funds.

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 15th Circuit 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

9/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll to accept the 2020 County Clerk 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:

Houtz – CDC putting out new guidelines about wearing masks.

Stoll – COA will start meeting in person. Would like to have further discussions on a millage for the Sheriff's Department.

Matthew – the Ovid Twp. Supervisor resigned, they are accepting applications. The Kinderhook Twp. Treasurer resigned, one of the trustees will take the position, so they will be looking for a trustee.

Hazelbaker – The Community Awards will be held on 8/26/21 at The Ponds

10/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to go into closed session to discuss a Union contract.

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 4:22 pm and returned to open session at 4:44 pm.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk