

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION (SECOND DAY)
August 26, 2021

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

Chairman Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Randall Hazelbaker, Tom Matthew, Tim Stoll, Jon Houtz and Leonard Kolcz via video conference call. 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll to approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

3/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Board meeting.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Sheriff Pollack asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Branch County Corrections Officer Kevin Kokinis. Commissioner Kolcz offered condolences to the family of Officer Kokinis on behalf of the County.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Stoll, seconded by Commissioner Houtz, to approve to purchase a new generator for the Courthouse from Wolverine Power Systems in the amount of \$40,800 to be taken out of Capital Outlay.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Matthew, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$50,960.70, Payroll totaled \$399,314.28 and total Taxes were \$105,957.04.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Committee/ Liaison Reports:

Houtz – Attended the Public Health meeting. Urged people to get the COVID vaccine.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Stoll, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 07/19/2017.

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 2:17 pm and returned to open session at 3:04 pm.

The Administrator reminded the Board of the Special meeting to conduct interviews for the 911 Director position. The meeting will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021 beginning at 1:30pm.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Houtz seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to adjourn at 3:08 pm.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk