

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL SESSION (SECOND DAY)
April 24, 2018

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday April 24, 2018.

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, and Terri Norris, Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Metz, Administrator Bud Norman.

Commissioner Kolcz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Norris referred to the public comment portion of the minutes stating that Alexia Rish spoke of her motion that was presented to the Board.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kolcz presented a certificate to Sgt. Terri Brewer for 20 years of service to the county.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the hiring of two part time road deputies, 56 hours each per pay period, at the new hire rate of \$16.219 per hour (POAM tier 2 rate), effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to approve the hiring of a corrections officer at the new hire rate of \$13.555 per hour (POAM tier 2 rate), with the new hire benefit package, effective immediately MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker that authorization is given for the Register of Deeds Chief Deputy and Deputy Register to travel to Davenport, Iowa, to attend the Fidler Educational Symposium from May 21-23, 2018. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz approve that a Jail Millage to be placed on the ballot for the August 2018 Primary Election , for up to 1.25 Mills for 20 years. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that approval is given to the Register of Deeds office to allow Fidler Technologies to provide hosting services for their office. The initial start- up fee of \$17,400, with the annual cost being \$12,400 for subsequent years, to be taken out of Register of Deeds Technology Fund. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker and seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to the Register of Deeds office to allow US Imaging to do media conversion for \$90,000, to be taken out of the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker and seconded by Commissioner that approval is given for the Commission on Aging to place an Operational Millage Renewal proposal on the August 2018 primary ballot. MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker and seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given for the Commission on Aging to continue cleaning services with 4 Star Cleaning. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$316,622.11.

to approve the Equalization L4024 Valuation Report.

to approve for the County to pay the E-Check fee of \$0.65 per check, for online or phone tax payments, to be paid for out of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.

to approve the per diem reimbursement for District Court jurors at the statutory minimum rates pursuant to MCL 600.1344, effective April 1, 2018.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic and seconded by Commissioner Norris that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, Equalization L-4024 Valuation Report, On-line Tax Payment Fee Increase-Treasurer and Juror Compensation Rate Increases-District Court. MOTION CARRIED

13/ Commissioner Hazelbaker nominated Ken Fickle to fill an expiring position on the Building Inspection Board of Appeals. The new term will begin on 05/14/2018

14/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris to accept the resignation of Tricia Rzepka from the Mental Health Board. MOTION CARRIED

15/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to nominate and appoint Karen Hargreave to fill the vacant position on the Mental Health Board, with the partial term expiring on 03/31/2019. MOTION CARRIED

16/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the resolution commemorating and honoring those who served in WWI.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANCH TO FORMALLY COMMEMORATE AND HONOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WHO SERVED OUR GREAT NATION DURING WORLD WAR I; TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY UNITS OF MICHIGAN WHO SERVED IN THIS GREAT WAR; AND TO PAY APPROPRIATE HOMAGE TO THE MANY MICHIGAN BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES THAT SUPPORTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO OUR NATION'S WAR EFFORT.

WHEREAS, World War I, “the War to End All Wars,” was a global conflict fought primarily in Europe during the period 1914 to 1918 with participation of the majority of the world’s then most prominent nations, to include the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, said Great War tragically resulted in the loss of more than nine million combatants and six million civilians and forever altered the course of world history; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Michigan signed into law Public Act 97 of 2017 on July 13, 2017 creating a World War I Centennial Commission, whose primary purpose is to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of WWI, and in particular to highlight and pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by Michigan citizens, private industry, and business organizations involved with or contributing to our nation’s efforts in said global war.

WHEREAS, the County of Branch Board of Commissioners deems that support of the work of said Centennial Commission is a tremendously important aspect of recognizing said contributions and sacrifices and in preserving the history of the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby offers its unequivocal support and endorsement of the efforts and work of Michigan’s World War I Centennial to highlight and pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by Michigan citizens, Michigan military units, private industry, and business organizations involved with or contributing to our nation’s involvement in World War I.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the participation, support, and involvement of its citizens, its business community, and its private and fraternal organizations in events, programs, projects, and activities which commemorate or pay tribute to the contributions made by Michigan citizenry, Michigan military units, private industry, and business organizations that supported or played a role to our nation’s efforts in World War I – and in particular Armistice Day activities which commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities in said Great War.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby designates the County of Branch as a Michigan World War I Commemorative County in tribute to the contributions made by Michigan’s citizens in support of our nation during said Great War and in recognition of said Centennial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in memoriam to all who lost their lives in said world conflict and in commemoration to the end of hostilities in World War I, the County of Branch encourages community participation in the national Armistice Bell Ringing Ceremony at 11am on November 11, 2018 to mark the cessation of said hostilities.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows.

YES – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon - 5

NO - 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Norris asked the Sheriff if there was a committee being formed that supports the Jail millage, if so, would they ask the Board for input on whatever propaganda will be put out there to support the millage.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Commissioner Kolcz – The Mental Health Board meets tonight.

Commissioner Hazelbaker – The Coldwater Area Chamber met. They gave the lineup for the Music in the park; the Farmers Market dates are set, the next festival will be the Strawberry Fest.

Commissioner Vrablic – The Solid Waste Consortium will be holding a scrap tire collection on August 18. It will be held at the Health Department Building. We will give more info as it becomes available.

17/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker and seconded by Commissioner Norris to adjourn at 4:20. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk