BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION (SECOND DAY)
August 22, 2017

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in
the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday August 22, 2017.

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

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

Commissioner Hazelbaker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the
agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the
minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on August 4, 2017. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the
minutes of the August 8, 2017 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to amend the
VELB policy regarding the conclusion of the VELB, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to allow for
employees to donate up to 40 hours of vacation and/or sick time to the Voluntary Leave Bank, as
presented. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to change the
time of the work meeting scheduled on September 21, 2017 to 10am. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz and seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to allow for 911
to purchase three new Dispatch Counsels in the amount of $395,000 not to exceed $429,000, as
presented. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to accept the
bid from Foulke Construction Company, not to exceed $25,000, to fix the underground duct at
the Burnside Center, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Bills
and Accounts in the amount of $408,268.50. MOTION CARRIED.
11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the County Clerk’s annual report and place it on file.  MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz – Fair Board met last night. They wrapped up the county fair. It was very successful. They were thankful for all who participated. Four applicants have submitted resumes to the County Clerk for the Airport Board of Appeals.

Vrablic – In July we had the clean sweep pesticide collection. There was 383 lbs. collected. It cost $574.00 which was covered by grant funds from the clean sweep grant.

Hazelbaker-The Coldwater Chamber is having their after business hours at the Lamplighter tonight.

Chairman’s Remarks:
Check your e-mail. You will receive an e-mail from Region 3. Don Vrablic is running for Director at the conference and would like your support.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss COAM union negotiations.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5
No – 0
MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:15 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 4:28 pm.

13/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 4:28 pm.  MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman                                     Clerk