

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING-STRATEGIC PLANNING**

August 4, 2017

1/ The Branch County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the airport, on Friday, August 4, 2017.

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Don Vrablic, Terri Norris, Leonard Kolcz, Randall Hazelbaker, Bud Norman, Deputy Clerk Lisa Metz, Sheriff John Pollack, Register of Deeds Nancy Hutchins, Don Reid-Daily Reporter, Jim Measel-WTVB.

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

The Administrator began the meeting with an introduction, the purpose and the process that will be used for the session, as well as the historical review.

Terri Boguth, Coldwater Community Schools Superintendent, gave presentation on the school district. She provided some background, facility assessments, information on community forums and the long range district vision. Boguth also discussed the school district millage proposal that will be on the November 2017 ballot.

The Administrator provided copies of the County's Mission Statement, Core Values and Vision Statement for review. There was a revision to the Safe Community paragraph in the Vision Statement.

The Administrator discussed the top 6 issues from budget hearings with the Elected Officials and Department Heads. They were: Equipment; Additional compensation benefits; Training; Appropriation increase; Reclassification; CPI (consumer price index)

The next item discussed was the Contingency Fund. The Administrator stated that there was approximately \$90,000 in the fund to date. Items that need to be addressed are as follows:

PBH Building (\$50,000); Jail infrastructure (\$150,000); ADA compliant microphone (\$500); Annex Building roof (\$20,000); Annex building windows (\$3,000); Annex service elevator (\$65,000); County Complex truck (\$27,500); Safety, Security issues (\$30,000); Courthouse entrance resurfacing (\$10,000)

The Administrator provided a list of nine items for the Board to look at to prioritize. The items were: **Technology; Pension; Jail; Road Patrol; Fund Balance; Appropriations; Benefits; Infrastructure; OPEB**

After discussion the Board prioritized the list as follows: Jail, Pensions, Road Patrol, Technology, Fund Balance, OPEB, Benefits, Infrastructure, and Appropriations

During the discussion regarding the jail the following options were presented: continue status quo; a millage; a bond; a regional facility; lease from a company that would build and pay for a facility; set aside funds over many years; renovate the current facility

A follow up meeting will be set up so more detailed information can be provided regarding the jail.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 2:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

County Clerk