

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY SESSION (FIRST DAY)
February 13, 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, February 13, 2018.

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

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

Sheriff Pollack led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kolcz presented a Certificate to Corrections Officer Jimmy Rodgers for 20 years of service.

Commissioner Norris presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Howard for 39 years and 7 months of service to the county.

Cisco Ortiz spoke to the Board on behalf of a citizens committee concerned about the jail. This committee will be presenting a plan to the Board for constructing a new jail and are asking for Board support.

Branch County resident Stephen Rish spoke to the Board about the approved petition to recall the County Prosecutor.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve the Resolution to adopt the 5-Year Recreation Plan, as presented.

**2018-01
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Branch County Parks Trustees have undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022 and,

WHEREAS, the Recreation Plan was completed according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans, and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunity was provided via an online survey during the summer of 2017 and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from January 10, 2018 to February 11, 2018, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on February 12, 2018, at 10:00 am at the Branch County Parks, 23 E Garfield Ave., Coldwater MI to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Branch County has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, the Branch County Parks Trustees have passed a resolution recommending adoption of the plan at its meeting held on February 12, 2018 at 23 E Garfield Ave., Coldwater, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Branch County Board of Commissioners adopt said Recreation Plan.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

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

No - 0

MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the letter to be presented to the construction manager, regarding the HVAC system and roof issues at the Burnside Center. MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$256,634.57.

to approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Hazelbaker that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and the 4th Quarter 2017 Investment Report. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to nominate and appoint Corbin Grimes & Jim Sobeske to fill vacant positions on the Brownfield Authority, with the term expiring 12/31/2020. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to accept the 2017 Public Works annual report. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the 2017 Drain Commission annual report. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the 2017 E-911 annual report. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Hazelbaker – the Chamber has hired a new director. The announcement will be made soon.

Kolcz – a few applications have been received for the Airport Manager position.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 4:17 pm. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman

Clerk