The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, February 27, 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.

Commissioner Kolcz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hazelbaker stated that he had two additional motions to address under the House section of the agenda.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Branch County resident Stephen Rish, provided an update on the possible recall of the County Prosecutor.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the request to fill the COA part time MMAP Coordinator position; 18 hours per week at the non-union level 2 starting rate of $11.39 per hour, effective April 1, 2018. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to Veteran’s Affairs to sell the 1999 Chevy Express Van. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic. that approval is given to sell Ray Park. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris that we allow the booths in the rotunda for Crimes Victims Week, April 9, 10, 11. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris to allow the pinwheel garden on the west side of the building to represent child abuse month in April. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $93,816.64. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to have the Administrator make arrangements for a presentation on the Opioid Litigation. MOTION CARRIED
11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the resignation of Delores Huffman from the Library Board, effective December 31, 2017. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to nominate and appoint Kimberly Langworthy to fill a vacant position on the Library Board, with the term expiring 12/31/2019. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Kolcz – the Fair Board met last week. The 2018 fair will be held August 5 – 11.

Hazelbaker – officially met the new Chamber director. His name is Kaden Sparks who is originally from Quincy.

Vrablic – stated that the Governor is proposing changes to the Indigent Defense Statute, wanting to assess a $7.25 per capita cost per county, plus take 90% of any funds that the indigent defendants are able to pay. Our cost would be $326,250.

Chairman’s Remarks:
Commissioner Gordon requested to move the work meeting scheduled for March 20th back to March 16th at 9am.

13/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to move the March 20th work meeting back to March 16th as requested. MOTION CARRIED

14/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:18 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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