1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, July 25, 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, County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, Administrator Bud Norman.

Commissioner Hazelbaker 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 Norris, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Commissioner Norris noted that a strategic planning session is planned for August 4th. The Administrator is working on the time and location.

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the bid from Hobart Sales and Service in amount of $2,457.91 to replace the kitchen water softener at the Jail. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $300,549.48 MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:
Kolcz – Pines is working on signage for their new location.

Hazelbaker – the last Entertainment Under the Stars is tonight at 7pm; the Civil War Days held over Memorial Day weekend brought in 127 actors, 3000 spectators and 1000 school children.

Vrablic – the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium toured the Calhoun County Recycling Center.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to go into closed session to discuss 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 4:07 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 4:16 pm.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 4:16 pm. MOTION CARRIED