

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION (SECOND DAY)
January 23, 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, January 23, 2018.

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

Present: Commissioners Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, and Ted Gordon, Deputy Clerk Christine Ransbottom, Administrator Bud Norman.

Commissioner Hazelbaker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Norris entered the meeting at 4:01pm.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to approve the request to transfer the current FOC receptionist to the vacant Enforcement Officer position at the Level 8 Enforcement Officer, 2 year rate of \$19.96/hour, effective 1/29/2018 .MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the hire of a Tier 2, Level 6, Secretary in the FOC office. The new hire rate will be \$12.51/hour, with the new hire Benefit package, if someone is not hired from within. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker and seconded by Commissioner Norris that approval is given to Veteran's Affairs for the purchase of the 2016 Ford Transit 15 passenger van, in the amount of \$25,138 from Stillwell Ford. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic and seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$152,866.59. MOTION CARRIED

Committee Liaison Reports:

Norris – attended the Township Supervisors meeting, there was no quorum and therefore no action was taken.

Kolcz – Pines meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 6:30pm.

Hazelbaker – Chamber of Commerce is holding a farewell party for the Director Nicole Steel on February 2, 2018 at 1:00pm. There has been some interest in the Director of Chamber position.

Gordon – COA is having Construction issues with their roof and heating unit.

9/ 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 – Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Kolcz, Gordon – 5

No – 0

MOTION CARRIED

The committee went into closed session at 4:10pm

Returned to open session at 4:18pm

10/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 4:18pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk