

BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION (FIRST DAY)
January 9, 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 9, 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 Gordon led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Clerk's Reclassification requests.

Commissioner Gordon called for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – 0

No – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5

6/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Prosecutor's Reclassification request.

Commissioner Gordon called for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – 0

No – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the Treasurer's Reclassification request.

Commissioner Gordon called for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – 0

No – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Norris, Gordon – 5

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Circuit Court Reclassification request.

Commissioner Gordon called for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Norris - 1

No – Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the request to hire an Airport Manager. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the Commission on Aging's request to increase the Bookkeeper position from 35 to 40 hours per week, effective immediately through December 31,2018, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the amended Criminal Background and Driving History Check Policy for the Commission on Aging. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to approve the 2018 Standing Board Rules. MOTION CARRIED

13/ Sheriff gave a brief update on the water leak at the jail and the repair of the cell where the leak was found.

14/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$251,930.24. MOTION CARRIED

15/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to accept the resignation of Robert Walter from the Commission on Aging Board, effective December 31, 2017. MOTION CARRIED

16/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to nominate and appoint Paul Meredith to fill a vacant position on the Commission on Aging Board, with his term expiring 12/31/2019. MOTION CARRIED

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Norris – Attended the Substance Abuse Task Force meeting. She noted that while Meth production is down in the county; the numbers are increasing for Meth being brought in to the county.

Hazelbaker – Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital.

Vrablic – commended all road crews for the job they are doing clearing the snow.

Chairman's Remarks:

Gordon thanked the board for appointing him to serve as chairman.

17/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 01/09/2018.

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 4:20 pm. The Board returned to open session at 4:40 pm.

18/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to adjourn at 4:40 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk