The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

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

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.

Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Matt Smith, a local contractor, spoke about how construction costs and materials are expected to increase and is concerned about how these increases would affect the construction of a new jail. He also spoke about the current parking issues around the city and offered suggestions to help with the problem.

Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to change the September 20th work meeting to Friday, September 14th at 9am. MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff Pollack addressed the Board, responding to questions asked to him at the work meeting, regarding the increase in medical costs at the jail. He provided information on three inmates who’s combined medical costs totaled over $228,000.

Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to Veteran Affairs to sell the donated camper and monies received will be deposited into Veteran Affairs account. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $233,560.46. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, that approval is given to the Sheriff to spend no more than $11,200 out of his General Salaries line item, to purchase uniforms and equipment. Line item transfers will be based on amount spent on Uniforms to be transferred into that line item and amount spent on equipment will be transferred into the Law Equipment line. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Commissioner Kolcz – Airport Board met and they are working on their budget for next year, the Fair Board is gearing up for the 2018 fair which will be held August 4th – 7th.

Commissioner Hazelbaker- Applefest has a full slate of vendors who will participate; Music in the Park will be held tonight; a spaghetti dinner is being held at a local Church.
Chairman’s Remarks:
Commissioner Gordon stated that the COA is still working on the issues with the HVAC system.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client privileged letter dated 07/23/2018.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 5
NO – 0
MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:22pm and returned to open session at 4:40pm.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Norris and seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to adjourn at 4:41 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman                                                                 Clerk