

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH SESSION (FIRST DAY)**  
**March 13, 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, March 13, 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 Norris led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Public Comment:**

Kim Hemker, director of the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence spoke and presented information about their upcoming events including the child abuse pinwheel placement, darkness to light, Walk a Mile in Their Shoes.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that approval is given for the Clerk to purchase the Election Night Reporting Software in the amount of \$5,500, through Election Source. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, that approval is given to accept the quote for 200 key fobs for \$910.00, from Safety Systems, Inc. MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given to hold the Vietnam Veteran's Remembrance at the Courthouse on Thursday, March 29th at 9am. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$188,257.22. MOTION CARRIED

8/ Commissioner Kolcz nominated Ericka Kruszka, Joe Scheid, Thomas Schmelzer and Carrie Stout to fill expiring positions on the Mental Health Board. The new term will begin on 04/01/2018.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the 2017 Register of Deeds annual report. MOTION CARRIED

**Committee/Liaison Reports:**

Norris – attended the SMART meeting where there was a presentation on opioids.

Hazelbaker – the Chamber recently held their community awards dinner, which was well attended.

Vrablic – attended the Parks Board meeting. They will be applying for a grant to add handicap accessible restrooms at Messenger Park.

Chairman's Remarks:

Gordon attended the Chamber Awards dinner and also attended the Department Head meeting.

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

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Chairman

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Clerk