

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER SESSION (FIRST DAY)  
November 14, 2017**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Public Comment:**

Terry LaPratt, CHC employee, spoke to the Board regarding the employee retirement plan at CHC and how the sale to ProMedica will affect the plan.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the Branch County Indigent Defense Compliance Plan, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the quote from Safety Systems for security card readers for the Courthouse and Annex in the amount of \$5,165.00. MOTION CARRIED

**Consent Agenda:**

approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$457,726.04.

approve the Budget Amendments and Line Item transfers for the Sheriff's Department.

accept the quote from Digital Science, not to exceed \$13,000, to complete the Building Inspection scanning project.

approve a 2% wage increase for Non- union and Non-union Management employees for 2018.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris, that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, Line item transfer-Sheriff Department, Scanning project-Building inspection, Non-union employee and Non-union management employee wage increase for 2018. MOTION CARRIED

**Committee/Liaison Reports:**

Vrablic – attended the Michigan Assoc. of Local Public Health meeting. They had a very good presentation on the growing problems involving prescription drugs, opioid pain relievers and heroin.

Hazelbaker – attended the Chamber meeting and they discussed the 2018 event calendar.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation- case # 17-10-0567.

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 4:19 pm. The Board returned to open session at 4:35 pm.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:36 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Chairman

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Clerk