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 28, 2017.

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

   Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic and Randall Hazelbaker; County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak and Administrator Bud Norman.

   Absent: Commissioner Terri Norris,

   Commissioner Kolcz 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 Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

4/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given for District Court to purchase the Assisted Listening System from BIS, Inc. in the amount of $2,200, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the Bills & Accounts in the amount of $102,722.29. MOTION CARRIED.

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to continue the Hard Cap insurance option for 2018 and look at the 5 year approach to get to the 80/20. MOTION CARRIED

7/ Commissioner Kolcz nominated Charles Dwight Green to fill an expiring position on the Veterans Affairs Board; Joseph Best and Jon Van Dam to fill expiring positions on the Airport Board; James Bilsborrow, Duane Clover and Tom Fisher to fill expiring positions on the Airport Board of Appeals. All of these terms would begin on 01/01/2018.

8/ Commissioner Hazelbaker nominated Betty Kurtz and Stephen O’Donnell to fill expiring positions on the Commission on Aging Board; Tom Lowande and Margaret Clemens to fill expiring positions on the Library Board; Larry Parks and James Gordon to fill expiring positions on the Building Authority. All of these terms would begin on 01/01/2018.

9/ Commissioner Vrablic nominated Cheryl Downs to fill an expiring position on the Board of Public Works. The term would begin on 01/01/2018.
Committee/Liaison Reports:
Kolcz – attended the MSUE meeting and met the new educators.
Vrablic – would like to recommend to MAC that the opioid presentation be part of the next conference.
Gordon – COA is working on taking care of the food issue and the remodel issue.

10/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to go into closed session to discuss COAM union negotiations.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Vrablic, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4
No – 0
Absent - Norris
MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:17pm

The Board returned to open session at 4:27pm.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to go into closed session to discuss an attorney/client privileged letter dated 08/25/2017.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:
Yes – Vrablic, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Gordon – 4
No – 0
Absent - Norris
MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into closed session at 4:27pm

The Board returned to open session at 4:32pm.

12/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to adjourn at 4:32 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman                                      Clerk