

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER SESSION (SECOND DAY)  
October 23, 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, October 23, 2018.

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

Present: Commissioners Ted Gordon, Terri Norris Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, Chief Deputy Clerk Christine Ransbottom, Administrator Bud Norman.

Sheriff Pollack led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Vrablic asked that the motion for the Jail RFQ be moved from the Finance area to the P3 area.

3/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Public Comment:**

Undersheriff Keith Eichler said that a Prescription Take Back Day will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018, from 10am - 2pm. There will be a drop box at the Sheriff's Department and Shelter House.

Matt Smith a Branch County resident spoke to the Board regarding the bids for the jail and constructing a parking structure at the courthouse.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Resolution submitted by the Airport to renew the contract for the Weather Observation and Data Dissemination System

**2018-14  
RESOLUTION**

Resolution adopting and approving the execution of the sponsor contract by the Branch County Board of Commissioners, of Coldwater, Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation, for the purpose of setting forth the obligations and intent of MDOT and the AGENCY as they pertain to the continued operation and maintenance of a Weather Observation and Data Dissemination System (SYSTEM) at the Branch County Memorial Airport in Coldwater, Michigan.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Component subsystem, commonly known as (a) the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), (b) a system to collect the AWOS data for national dissemination (Data Collection System), and (c) a Weather Briefing System.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan:

**Section I.** That the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan shall enter into a Contract for the continuation of the AWOS system for a five (5) year period.

**Section II.** That the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Branch County, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor Contract, two (2) copies, on behalf of the County of Branch, Michigan and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest said execution;

**Section III.** That the Sponsor Contract referred to herein shall be as attached.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes: Norris, Kolcz, Vrablic, Hazelbaker, Gordon -5

NO - 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

5/ Motion by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given to request 5 of the 6 Companies who submitted RFQ's, to submit an RFP's for the new Jail construction. **MOTION CARRIED** Vrablic – No

6/ Motion by Commission Hazelbaker seconded by Commissioner Norris that approval is given to invite the Architect, the Engineer and Carrier to a Work Meeting, to discuss Burnside Center's HVAC issues and to find a resolution. **MOTION CARRIED**

Consent Agenda:

to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$313,467.59.

to approve the L-4402 Tax Rate Apportionment Report.

to approve the Non Union and Elections Officials Wage Scales for 2019.

to approve the Budget Amendment Special Fund #293-683 Veteran's Affairs-Soldiers.

7/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts, L-4402-Tax Rate Apportionment Report, Non Union and Elected Official Wage Scales for 2019 and Budget Amendment Special Fund #293-683 Veteran's Affairs-Soldiers. **MOTION CARRIED**

8/ Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to accept the resignation of Larry Parks from the Building Authority, effective October 16, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment:

Matt Smith a Branch County resident spoke about having the soil tested where the jail is to be built and spoke about the roof for the new jail.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Commissioner Vrablic – the next SMART meeting will be held Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in Three Rivers; attended the MAC Health & Human Services meeting where a legislative update was given in which they discussed the indigent defense funding.

Commissioner Hazelbaker – Chamber met. It was stated that December is there annual Meet and Greet, Ice Fest will be held in January and Community Awards will be held in March.

Commissioner Kolcz –Pines Meeting is postponed until next Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm.

Commissioner Norris – Board of Public Health to meet on Thursday at 9am.

9/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to adjourn at 4:30 pm. MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman

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Clerk