The Board of Commissioners of the County of Branch met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse, on Tuesday October 24, 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, Deputy County Clerk Lisa Metz, 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 Vrablic to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic that approval is given for the Prosecutor to hire a part time Secretary/Clerk, at the Tier II rate of pay of $11.94 per hour, at 28 hours per week with no benefits/insurance, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris that approval is given to send two officers to the dual certification training, to be paid for from the Sheriff's Correction Fund. MOTION CARRIED

Sheriff Pollack provided an Inmate Housing Summary, as requested by the committee at the previous work meeting. The summary showed the housing numbers at the jail from 2009 to current.

Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that approval is given for the Sheriff to sell three vehicles; 2-2008 Crown Victoria model cars and 1-2004 F-150 truck. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda:

- to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $95,721.04.
- to approve a 2.0% increase for the Elected Officials for 2018 based on the R2I plan.
- to approve the Treasurer’s 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Norris that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda; Bills & Accounts, Elected Official Salary-2018 and 3rd Quarter Investment Report Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED.
9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker to approve the L-4402 Millage Apportionment Report for 2018. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz that Branch County approve the proclamation designating Tuesday, November 28, 2017, as “Giving Tuesday”. MOTION CARRIED

**BRANCH COUNTY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday was established as a national day of giving on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is a celebration of philanthropy and volunteerism where people give whatever they are able to give; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is a day where citizens work together to share commitments, rally for favorite causes, build a stronger community, and think about other people; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper on Giving Tuesday, and on every day, to recognize the tremendous impact of philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service in the County of BRANCH; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to encourage citizens to serve others throughout this holiday season and during other times of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Branch County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 28, 2017 as “GIVING TUESDAY” in Branch County, and encourage all citizens to join together to give back to the community in any way that is personally meaningful.

11/ Motion by Commissioner Kolcz, seconded by Commissioner Norris, to accept the Sheriff’s 2016 annual report and place it on file. MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Norris, to unanimously re-appoint Elizabeth Donbrock to fill an expiring position on the Human Services Board. The new term will expire on 10/31/2020. MOTION CARRIED

Chairman’s Remarks:
The vent system at the Commission on Aging has been repaired and they are up and running.

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

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