

**BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION (FIRST DAY)
September 11, 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, September 11, 2018.

Vice-Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Leonard Kolcz, Don Vrablic, Randall Hazelbaker, and Terri Norris, County Clerk Teresa Kubasiak, Administrator Bud Norman.

Absent: Commissioner Ted Gordon

Administrator Norman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which a moment of silence was held to remember the events of September 11, 2001 and the lives lost.

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 August 28, 2018 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Eddie Miller of Coldwater asked if there were term limits for commissioners.

Commissioner Norris presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Metz, who will be retiring after 22 years of working in the County Clerk's office.

4/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given for COA to hire two Regular Part-Time Aides with a starting wage of \$10.45 per hour; 20-29 hours per week, effective 9/12/2018. MOTION CARRIED

5/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, that approval is given for Juvenile Court to fill a vacant Youth Specialist position with a starting wage of \$14.64 per hour, 40 hours per week, with the new hire benefit package, effective 10/01/2018.
MOTION CARRIED

6/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker, to approve the By-Laws and Resolution to enter into this agreement for the purpose of identifying the Grant Recipient and Administrative Agent for the Michigan Works! (on file in the Clerk's office)

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Vrablic, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Norris – 4

No – 0

Absent: Gordon

MOTION CARRIED

7/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to approve the purchase of a new 2016 John Deere mower, with full warranty, for a cost of \$8,383.49, with the funds coming from the County Complex budget and Capital Outlay. MOTION CARRIED

During discussion of the motion the County Complex Manager stated that he should have enough money in his budget to cover the cost of the mower.

8/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to direct the Administrator to put together an RFP (Request for Proposal) to have an engineering firm come and assess the issues at the Jail and provide an estimate of the cost for the repairs. MOTION CARRIED

9/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$104,818.51. MOTION CARRIED

10/ Motion by Commissioner Vrablic, seconded by Commissioner Hazelbaker approve the Depository Resolution submitted by the Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12

DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION FOR BRANCH COUNTY

Whereas, under the laws of the State of Michigan, Act No. 20 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1932, 1st Extra Session, as amended (MCL 129.12), this Board is required to provide, by resolution, for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies, belonging to, or held for, the State, County or other political units coming into the hands of the County Treasurer, in one or more financial institutions within the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRANCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

1. The Branch County Board of Commissioners hereby provides for the designation and deposit of all public money including tax money by the Branch County Treasurer in the following financial institutions:

Century Bank and Trust
Chemical Bank
Citizens Bank
Comerica Bank
Fifth Third Bank
Flagstar Bank
Honor Credit Union
Huntington Bank
PNC Bank
Southern Michigan Bank & Trust
Sturgis Bank & Trust Co
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

2. The Branch County Treasurer is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the County any contracts with any bank or trust company for the safekeeping, or their party custodianship, of any of the County's securities as well as any contracts or repurchase agreements with any corporation for the purchase of any such securities which will be the subject of such safekeeping or third party custodianship arrangements, on such terms and conditions as the County Treasurer shall require, and

3. The County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this Resolution until amended or repealed by a subsequent resolution of this or a successor Board of Commissioners.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

Yes – Vrablic, Kolcz, Hazelbaker, Norris – 4

No – 0

Absent: Gordon

MOTION CARRIED

11/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Vrablic, to table the resolution opposing the legalization of marijuana for general use, to the next board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

12/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to nominate and appoint Susan Brooks to fill a vacant At-Large position on the Branch District Library Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/20. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment:

Eddie Miller of Coldwater noted that he will be waiting after executive session.

Dan Corwin of Coldwater spoke about road patrol being a requirement per the Michigan Constitution.

Eddie Miller of Coldwater noted that funding is needed for road patrol.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Hazelbaker – Applefest will be held this Saturday. reminder to get out and vote today and to vote yes for the Jail millage.

13/ Motion by Commissioner Hazelbaker, seconded by Commissioner Kolcz, to adjourn at 4:30 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman

Clerk