

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in July 2025***

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025.

JULY 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Public- Paul Anderberg

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioners had a phone meeting with Ian Wargo from Robert Peccia And Associates about the Conrad Airport Loop Road.

PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Wool Growers Association for predatory animal control in Pondera County. The County will pay \$738 for protection of sheep and \$8,596 for protection of cattle from predatory animals. Funding for these services comes from an assessment per head paid by the sheep and cattle owners. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

MDT NOXIOUS WEED CONTRACT

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the MDT (Montana Department of Transportation) Noxious Weed Contract for state roads in Pondera County 2025 as prepared by the Pondera County Weed District. At the cost of \$19,000.00 from MDT. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

JULY 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Nothing has changed for the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan for the Conrad Airport.

ZONING COMPLIANCE

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve a zoning compliance application for Ramsey Offerdahl, regarding to expand a gravel pit on Ramsey's property. Commissioner Morren seconded. Motion carried.

BRADY PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve a bid from Stokes Contracting LLC for the amount of \$10,000.00 to clean-up a property in Brady, Montana. Removal of a mobile home will be paid out of the junk vehicle program. Commissioner Morren seconded. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, four County funds,
Fund 2170, Airport (\$270,619.69)
Fund 2866, Northern Transit Interlocal (\$4,267.77)
Fund 2964, Alliance For Youth Grant (\$1,434.74)
Fund 2971, WIC Grant (\$4,450.39)

have negative cash balances as of June 30, 2025 due to the nature of the funds as reimbursable grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Pondera County General Fund has sufficient cash to loan the funds having negative cash balances on June 30, 2025 in order that the funds will not have a deficient cash balance; and

WHEREAS the funds shall repay the loan and interest at 0% per annum to the general fund from the revenue to be received, anticipated to be in July 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County that the Clerk and Recorder effect the loans to any and all funds having negative cash balances on June 30, 2025 from the county General funds and that the loans be repaid as stated above as soon as feasible.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2025 as moved by Commissioner Kuka, seconded by Commissioner Morren, and passed on a 2-0 vote of the board. Effective upon passage and approval.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Jim Morren
Jim Morren, Chairman

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
Thomas A Kuka, Member

Attest: /s/ Kody L Farkell
Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

Absent
Zane Drishinski, Member

JULY 16, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Public- Paul Anderberg

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioners separately met with Montana Renewables/Calumet and Representative Llew Jones about the dumping of waste water near Valier, Montana.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve an Encroachment Agreement for 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc on Coalmine Road for new fiber optic service. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENTS 1200

TREASURER'S SECURITIES REPORT JUNE 30, 2025

STIP \$6,002,000.00 @ 4.3567919%
STOCKMAN BANK BALANCES \$12,842,089.51

STOCKMAN BANK –Collateral Report

3133GDCV0	\$ 992,185.05	FHLMC Pool	1.50%	05/01/2036
38384JWF7	\$1,521,460.54	GNM24030 TD	4.50%	05/20/2051
3132D56U1	\$1,621,699.92	FHLMC Pool #S	1.50%	01/01/2036
3130AF4W4	\$ 865,000.00	FED HOME LN	4.10%	10/24/2033
3142GS7M4	\$ 989,576.85	FHLMC Pool #R	5.50%	10/01/2054
3140XJTX1	\$ 385,432.26	FNMA POOL #F	1.50%	04/01/2036
3132CXDK5	\$ 415,920.38	FHLMC POOL #S	4.00%	11/01/2038
3137FKWD4	\$ 392,206.87	FHMS KC03 A2	3.50%	01/25/2026
3136BRJF5	\$ 417,018.70	FNMA24009 NP	5.50%	06/25/2044
31418D5C2	\$ 129,254.88	FNMA POOL #	2.00%	10/01/2036
31418EUT5	\$2,346,718.00	FNMA POOL #	5.00%	07/01/2038
3140NVW45	\$2,000,000.00	FNMA POOL #B	4.99%	08/01/2029
3140M2CQ3	\$1,375,438.37	FNMA POOL #B	2.00%	11/01/2051
3140J8LC5	\$1,257,184.59	FNMA ARM PO	6.57%	03/01/2048

RAYMOND JAMES

07371AYT4	\$250,000.00	2.05%	Due 02/24/2027(CD)
795451AN3	\$250,000.00	1.05%	Due 08/18/2026 (CD)
3130B2FY6	\$250,000.00	4.50%	Due 08/21/2025

INDEPENDENCE BANK

CDARS 1030487326	02/04/27	4.11445%	\$ 500,000.00
CDARS 1030598284	02/11/27	3.63338%	\$ 250,000.00
CDARS 1029621582	09/03/26	3.39197%	\$ 250,000.00
CDARS 1029835442	10/14/27	2.59612%	\$ 500,000.00
CDARS 1027711673	08/28/25	4.36367%	\$1,000,000.00
CDARS 1027778727	09/10/26	4.08565%	\$ 500,000.00

BUCHANAN CAPITAL

FHLB	3130AQKB8	12/26/25	1.375%	\$250,000.00
WELLS FARGO	949764DA9	07/07/25	5.00%	\$250,000.00
DISCOVER BANK	254673U46	10/05/26	4.29%	\$250,000.00
FIRST FOUNDATION	32026UT22	07/14/26	4.64%	\$250,000.00
BARCLAYS BANK DEL	06740KSV0	02/27/26	4.10%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-AMER CO	02519ABT3	04/02/26	5.19%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-SYNCHRONY	87165E3T2	11/03/26	5.09%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-FIRST PREM	33610RUZ4	11/10/26	5.09%	\$250,000.00
INTERNTNL BANK OF	45906AEC7	01/26/27	4.09%	\$250,000.00
SAUK VALLEY BANK	804375EA7	01/29/27	4.14%	\$250,000.00
MERRICK BANK	59013K3W4	01/31/28	4.25%	\$250,000.00
MORGAN STANLEY B	61690DX29	03/20/28	4.15%	\$250,000.00
FORBRIGHT BANK	34520LBK8	08/11/28	4.20%	\$250,000.00
OPTUM BANK	68405VDC0	04/30/29	4.00%	\$250,000.00
AMERICAN EXPRESS	02589AGA4	01/22/30	4.15%	\$250,000.00
MORGAN STANLEY P	61776NLK7	02/12/30	4.25%	\$250,000.00
EAGLEBANK	27002YHQ2	04/16/30	4.05%	\$250,000.00

JULY 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner
 Zena Drishinski, Clerk & Recorder Kedy Earlell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY CODY MARTINY

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve an Encroachment Agreement for Cody Martiny located at 3rd Ave. South, Brady for a new driveway and culvert. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURES APPROVED FOR DUPUYER GRIZZLY DAY, AUGUST 9

Dupuyer Community Club requested temporary street closure of Morton Avenue between Teton Street and Dupuyer Street for the Grizzly Day Celebration on Saturday August 9, 2025. They will contact the Department of Transportation for usual permits and the Pondera County Sheriff's Office requesting Law Enforcement to stop and or reroute traffic for the Parade down Highway 89 from 11AM for approximately 30/45 minutes. Commissioner Drishinski moved, Commissioner Kuka seconded, to approve the road closure request.

REQUEST FROM DUPUYER COMMUNITY CLUB

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded the request from Dupuyer Community Club for use of Pondera County's water truck to spray down roads during Grizzly Day on August 9, 2025. Motion carried.

JULY 30, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Public- Paul Anderberg, Laremy Young

Public Comment –

Laremy Young has concerns about a waterline construction on Blazen Road. Commissioners will be in contact with the County Attorney.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET FOR MEDICAL PERMISSIVE LEVY & SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM PERMISSIVE LEVY

Commissioner Kuka moved to set a public hearing to discuss the Medical Permissive Levy and the Sheriff's Retirement System Permissive Levy for Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10:00am in the Commissioners' office. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Kuka moved to set a public hearing for the county's preliminary budget for Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10:00am in the Commissioners' office. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENTS 1201

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the following abatement:

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL NO
1201	Clear tax payer from tax rolls.	199.50		35800

Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

CONRAD AIRPORT FUEL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve a new construction for the Conrad Airport control panel for the fuel system in the amount of \$27,390.00. Pondera County has received a grant from Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division for the amount of \$20,000.00. The remainder of the amount to be paid from the Capital

2140	WEED	2,359.20
2160	COUNTY FAIR	301.75
2170	AIRPORT	16,366.34
2190	COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE	191,031.54
2230	AMBULANCE	204.12
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	8,231.67
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	14,311.32
2371	HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	169.05
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	359.27
2800	ALCOHOL REHABILITATION	5,334.64
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	2,531.55
2850	911 EMERGENCY	4,716.11
2860	LAND USE PLANNING	2,827.96
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	2,138.89
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	250.71
2961	PERFORMANCE MTG GRANT	76.95
2964	ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH	106.25
2965	INNOVATION BEH HEALTH	7,812.50
2971	WIC GRANT	74.88
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	118.80
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	212.26
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT	241.63
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	2,083.00
4012	GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMP	7481.00
7920	REFUND FUND	8.69

TOTAL CLAIMS \$341,621.98

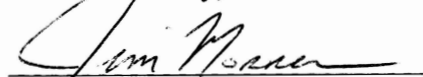
TOTAL PAYROLL \$364,325.76

TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS \$705,947.74

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2025

Pondera County, Montana.



Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

