

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in February 2024**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024.

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Jim Morren, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch

TASK ORDER FOR AMENDMENT IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM APPROVED

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the amendment Task Order 24-07-4-31-133-0 to the Master Contract that covers the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, Immunization Program with the State of Montana Department of Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve a letter of commitment for the upcoming fiscal year to the Northern Transit Interlocal's coordination plan with a \$5,000 commitment. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve an Encroachment Agreement for 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc on Conrad-Dupuyer Road. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2024 CANCELLED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to cancel the regular meeting of the Commissioners scheduled for February 28, 2024. Commissioners will be attending the MACO Annual Conference. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND SURVEY SERVICES

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the extension to February 28, 2024 on the Request for Qualifications for engineering services and survey services with Staley Engineering. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

JANUARY COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the January 2024 Minutes of the Commission. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ON CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA
RESOLUTION #29 – 2023/24
CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

WHEREAS Section 7-6-2607, Montana Code Annotated, directs the Board of County Commissioners to examine the county warrants and cancel all county warrants that have remained uncalled for one (1) year or more; and

WHEREAS upon examination of the warrants outstanding warrant register for claims and payroll warrants issued by Pondera County, there appears to be outstanding for more than one (1) year, the following warrants:

CLAIMS FUND

| Warrant No. | Claim No. | Date Issued | Amount | Payable To |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 70392 | 84987 | 07/26/21 | \$5.00 | First Data Merchant |
| 70700 | 85336 | 10/20/21 | \$150.00 | MPHA |
| 71697 | 86656 | 08/25/22 | \$403.78 | MT Assoc of Oil & Gas |
| 71808 | 86829 | 10/11/22 | \$150.00 | COLJ Conference |
| 71841 | 86867 | 10/11/22 | \$120.00 | SmartSense By Digi |

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County that the above warrants are hereby canceled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 7-6-2607(3), MCA, the Clerk and Recorder of Pondera County is directed to enter the cancellation of the above-referenced warrants and the date of said cancellation on the records of the Claims and Payroll Warrant Register, and, further, this resolution shall constitute the list of canceled warrants to be entered on the minutes of the Board.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2024, as moved by Commissioner Drishinski, seconded by Commissioner Kuka, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective upon passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY 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 and Recorder

Zane Drishinski
Zane Drishinski, Member

RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING SATELLITE ELECTION OFFICE ON
BLACKFEET RESERVATION IN HEART BUTTE FOR THE JUNE 4, 2024
FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA
RESOLUTION #30 – 2024/24

ESTABLISHING SATELLITE ELECTION OFFICE ON BLACKFEET
RESERVATION IN HEART BUTTE FOR THE JUNE 4, 2024 FEDERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Montana Secretary of State has issued Election Directive #01-2015 dated October 15, 2015, to all Counties in Montana with an American Indian reservation that includes voting-eligible residents to open satellite election offices on those reservations, if certain conditions are met;

WHEREAS, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has requested a Satellite Election Office on the Blackfeet Reservation in Heart Butte, Pondera County, Montana, and has agreed to provide an appropriate location for said office which meets the criteria for an appropriate office as detailed in the Election Directive #01-2015; and

WHEREAS, based on census data and current voter registration numbers for the Heart Butte Precinct, Pondera County officials agree to establish a Satellite Election Office on the Blackfeet Reservation in Heart Butte for the June 4, 2024 Federal Primary Election as follows:

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on census data and current voter registration numbers for the Heart Butte Precinct, Pondera County officials agree to establish a Satellite Election Office on the Blackfeet Reservation in Heart Butte for the June 4, 2024 Federal Primary Election as follows:

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 Thursday, May 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Satellite Election Office on the Blackfeet Reservation will be in place for the Federal Primary Election, the days and hours will be evaluated after the June 4, 2024 Federal Primary Election and adapted, if necessary, prior to setting days and hours for future elections.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2024, as moved by Commissioner Drishinski, seconded by Commissioner Kuka, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective upon passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Jim Morren
 Jim Morren, Chairman

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
 Thomas A Kuka, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Zane Drishinski
 Zane Drishinski, Member

/s/ Kody L Farkell
 Kody L. Farkell, Clerk and Recorder

DATE AND TIME SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON UPDATED COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to set a date, time, and place for a public hearing on the updated County Subdivision Regulations for March 6, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's office. Motion carried.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE TO CANVASS JUNE 4 ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to set June 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office as the date, time, and place for the Canvass of the 2024 Federal Primary Election. Motion carried.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE TO CANVASS NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to set November 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office as the date, time, and place for the Canvass of the 2024 Federal General Election. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$500-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the purchase of an extra software with Black Mountain for the Treasurer's office, in the amount of \$2,365.00. The software will give the public the ability to look at their property taxes. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment-

There was discussion on the waste water issue outside of Valier. Ms. Otero had questions for the commissioners, about a road agreement with Calumet. April 3, 2024 there will be a meeting with the EPA.

FEBRUARY 29, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Jim Morren, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Road/Bridge Superintendent Frosty DeBoo, County Attorney Shari Lennon, County DES Morgan Johnson, Paul Anderberg, Nathan Stortz with Montana Fluid, Daniel Carlson with Montana Renewables, Dave Gait with Calumet/Montana Renewables

Daniel Carlson started the discussion with how Calumet and Montana Renewables are connected. Montana Renewables is one branch of several of Calumet, that reports separately from Calumet. Calumet does have the final say on responsibilities and liabilities. Commissioners asked about a road agreement with Calumet/Montana Renewables. Calumet agreed to pay for a 3rd party assessment of the roads. Frosy DeBoo would like to meet with Nathan Stortz to go over the route of the trucks. A draft of a Road Agreement will be constructed, and County Attorney Shari will review it and negotiation will begin until everyone agrees on a final contract.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

| Fund | Fund Description | |
|------|--|-----------|
| 1000 | GENERAL | 28,087.24 |
| 2110 | ROAD | 18,721.71 |
| 2130 | BRIDGE | 220.41 |
| 2140 | WEED | 1,454.29 |
| 2170 | AIRPORT | 2,583.00 |
| 2230 | AMBULANCE | 378.89 |
| 2290 | EXTENSION SERVICE | 6,764.94 |
| 2300 | PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT) | 13,861.61 |
| 2371 | HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION | 67.99 |
| 2393 | RECORDS PRESERVATION | 115.82 |
| 2401 | BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE | 305.75 |
| 2811 | DUI PREVENTION | 562.00 |
| 2830 | JUNK VEHICLE | 1,412.89 |
| 2840 | NOXIOUS WEED GRANT | 300.00 |
| 2850 | 911 EMERGENCY | 4,313.46 |
| 2860 | LAND USE PLANNING | 800.00 |
| 2862 | PONDERA CO GROWTH POLICY | 2,116.50 |
| 2866 | NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL | 216.48 |
| 2958 | EP (DES) GRANTS | 305.95 |
| 2963 | ORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT | 524.23 |
| 2964 | ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH | 523.53 |
| 2971 | WIC GRANT | 75.52 |
| 2973 | MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH | 67.89 |
| 2976 | IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT | 545.32 |
| 2978 | CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT | 225.15 |
| 2996 | LATCF | 150.18 |
| 4012 | GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMP | 9,792.60 |
| 7920 | REFUND FUND | 6,303.91 |

TOTAL CLAIMS 100,797.26

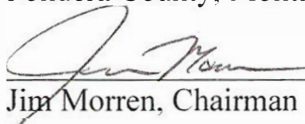
TOTAL PAYROLL \$ 295,127.03

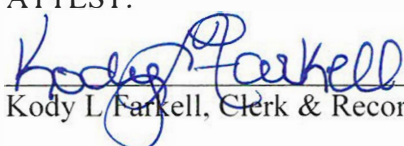
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS \$ 395,924.29

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024

Pondera County, Montana.


 Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:

 Kody L. Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

