

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

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

APRIL 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Drishinski and Commissioner Kuka attended the Valier Council meeting. Commissioners also attended the Montana Association of County Road Supervisors.

GRANT FROM MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve a grant from Montana Department of Transportation for the construction and improvement on the Conrad Airport fuel system for the amount of \$20,000, and to rehabilitate the airport runway for the amount of \$14,700. Motion carried.

CONRAD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ADDENDUM

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the addendum for the Conrad Airport Improvement Project, be increased from \$4,784,937.00 to \$4,804,099.00; an increase of \$19, 162.00. Motion carried.

ZONING COMPLIANCE WITH KINGSBURY COLONY

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the zoning compliance with Kingsbury Colony for a Standard Opencut Mining Permit. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH STAHLY ENGINEERING FOR SURVEY REVIEW SERVICES

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Stahly Engineering for reviewing all Surveys and Subdivisions to be recorded in Pondera County. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

WARRANTY ON SERVICE WITH DIS TECHNOLOGIES

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded on a contract with DIS Technologies for three (3) years for the amount of \$1,785.00 for services. Motion carried.

APRIL 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL GRANT FOR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Kuka moved to support the Cascade County Juvenile Detention Center grant through the Montana Board of Crime Control. The grant, totaling \$130,209 will allow the Detention Center to operate the fiscal year 2025-2026 without raising the daily bed fee to counties. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

STATE OF MONTANA LEASE CONTRACT

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded the lease contract with the State of Montana. Department of Motor Vehicle Division will be leasing a space in the Pondera County Courthouse for a term of five (5) years, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. The rent will be an annual payment of \$2,115.00. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the purchase of a 2025 RAM 1500 from Billion DCJR for Pondera County Sheriff Department in the amount of \$44,539.00. The funds for this purchase will come out of the Public Safety Capital Improvement. Bids came in from Billion DCJR, and Courtesy Ford (2025 Ford ½ ton for \$50,000.00). Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve overhead doors repair for the Valier Road Department building, with safety chains and one opener from KG Building LLC for the amount of \$3,180. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

APRIL 16, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

TREASURERS SECURITIES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

STIP \$6,002,000.00 @ 4.3818755%

STOCKMAN BANK BALANCES \$9,307,410.84**STOCKMAN BANK –Collateral Report**

3133GDCV0	\$1,019,603.22	FHLMC Pool	1.50%	05/01/2036
38384JWF7	\$1,552,211.70	GNM24030 TD	4.50%	05/20/2051
3132D56U1	\$1,679,435.07	FHLMC Pool #S	1.50%	01/01/2036
3130AF4W4	\$ 865,000.00	FED HOME LN	4.10%	10/24/2033
3142GS7M4	\$ 993,770.36	FHLMC Pool #R	5.50%	10/01/2054
3140XJTX1	\$ 395,245.14	FNMA POOL #F	1.50%	04/01/2036
3132CXDK5	\$ 429,360.83	FHLMC POOL# S	4.00%	11/01/2038
3137FKWD4	\$ 393,871.40	FHMS KC03 A2	3.50%	01/25/2026
3136BRJF5	\$ 448,168.32	FNM24009 NP	5.50%	06/25/2044
31418D5C2	\$ 133,590.48	FNMA POOL #	2.00%	10/01/2036
31418EUT5	\$2,466,837.40	FNMA POOL #	5.00%	07/01/2038
3140NVW45	\$2,000,000.00	FNMA POOL #B	4.99%	08/01/2029
3140M2CQ3	\$1,385,566.37	FNMA POOL #B	2.00%	11/01/2051
3140J8LC5	\$1,292,121.99	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

JBMORGAN CHASE & FHLB	48128WFM2	04/17/25	0.95%	\$250,000.00
WELLS FARGO	3130AQKB8	12/26/25	1.375%	\$250,000.00
DISCOVER BANK	949764DA9	07/07/25	5.00%	\$250,000.00
FIRST FOUNDATION	254673U46	10/05/26	4.29%	\$250,000.00
BARCLAYS BANK DEL	32026UT22	07/14/26	4.64%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-AMERICAN CO	06740KSV0	02/27/26	4.10%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-SYNCHRONY	02519ABT3	04/02/26	5.19%	\$250,000.00
SCHWAB-FIRST PREM	87165E3T2	11/03/26	5.09%	\$250,000.00
INTERNTNL BANK OF	33610RUZ4	11/10/26	5.09%	\$250,000.00
	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
AMERICAN EXPRESS	02589AGA4	01/22/30	4.15%	\$250,000.00
MORGAN STANLEY P	61776NLK7	02/12/30	4.25%	\$250,000.00

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioners met with the auditor on Monday the 14th, regarding overall status.

MANY RIVERS WHOLE HEALTH DESIGNATED PROVIDER OF SERVICES FOR ALCOHOL REHABILITATION

Commissioner Drishinski moved to designate the Many Rivers Whole Health as the County's provider of services for alcohol rehabilitation. The funding for these services are earmarked funds paid to the County by the State of Montana. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve shampooing the carpets in the Pondera County Courthouse from K-D Cleaning for the amount of \$3,355.00. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of 40 tons of cold mix for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

APRIL 23, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL APPROVED

Renewal rates and the County's contribution toward premiums was discussed. Commissioner Kuka moved to renew the County's current plan with Joint Powers Trust committing to continue to offer four options to the employees, a traditional medical plan with a \$1,000 deductible, a traditional medical plan with a \$1,500 deductible, a high deductible option with \$3,300 first-pay option and a high deductible option with a \$3,500 first-pay option. The County contribution for employee-only coverage will be \$1,230.38 for full-time employees and a pro-rated portion of \$1,230.38 for part-time employees. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR CONRAD STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS FLOODPLAIN

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to submit an application for Conrad Storm Water Improvements Floodplain to the DNRC (Department of Natural Resources and Conservation). Motion carried.

CLAIM FOR INDIGENT BURIAL APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve payment of \$750 for a burial of indigent resident of the county. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of up to 40 tons of coal mix for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

APRIL 30, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL INNOVATIONS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the Local Innovations in Behavioral Health Near Term Initiative Grant contract with the Montana Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of \$250,000 for June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2027. Motion carried.

TASK ORDER CONTRACT FOR STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANT-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the fiscal year 2025 Strengthening Public Health Workforce task order contract with the Montana Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of \$40,000 for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY VERN WIDHALM

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve an Encroachment Agreement for Vern Widhalm on Bullhead Road for an approach for a home. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the revised job description for Noxious Weed Technician. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<u>FUND</u>		
Fund	Fund Description	
1000	GENERAL	63,380.45
2110	ROAD	31,757.74
2130	BRIDGE	87.64
2131	BRIDGE RAPID REPAIR	90.00
2140	WEED	1,102.83
2170	AIRPORT	4,625.43
2230	AMBULANCE	194.09
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	3,395.95
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	17,922.10
2390	DRUG FORFEITURE	3,195.10
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	296.35
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	12.55
2850	911 EMERGENCY	1,436.72
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	302.13
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	401.63
2961	PERFORMANCE MTG GRANT	79.43
2964	ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH	286.25
2971	WIC GRANT	825.72
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	118.80
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	558.25
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT	663.87
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	2,195.70
4013	ROAD/BRIDGE EQUIP PURCHASE	8,889.60
7920	REFUND FUND	2,710.61

TOTAL CLAIMS	\$144,528.94
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$355,822.58
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS	\$500,351.52

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2025

Pondera County, Montana.



Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kody L. Parkell, Clerk & Recorder

