

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

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025.

**MARCH 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:**

PRESENT: Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Road/Bridge Superintendent Frosty DeBoo, Public – Paul Anderberg, Agnes Fowler, Jim Wingerter (Montana Department of Transportation), John Haffy (MDT), Jody Bachini (MDT), Ian Wargo (Robert Peccia Associates), Jonathan Ries (MDT), Jean Riley (MDT), LeRoy Wosoba (MDT), Stan Brelin (MDT), Dan Block (MDT), Bill Levine (Byron Bokma's legal)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Agnes Fowler brought concerns to the Commissioners about the parking of RVs on Granite Road during 2 large baseball tournaments during the summer. Fowler's concerns are the safety and traffic issues on a narrow road. She is asking to post signs of no parking on north side of the road. Commissioners will take all concerns and suggestions into consideration.

Commissioners listened to much discussion on the approach to Byron Bokma's property on Airport Loop Road. Bokma sent an application for a new approach onto the Conrad-Dupuyer Road and was denied by the Montana Department of Transportation due to safety issues. FAA will not allow any non-aviation traffic on the Airport Loop Road due to FAA grant restrictions. Pondera County usage is the exemption.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PONDERA COUNTY ATTORNEY VICTIM ADVOCATE

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the job description for a part-time time Attorney Victim Advocate for the County Attorney Office. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of road signs for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$2,737.35. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of cold mix for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of engine oil for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$3,950.00. Motion carried.

**MARCH 12, 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

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Kuka and Commissioner Drishinski attended a Town of Valier meeting. Hearing complaints about ordinances not being enforced within the Town of Valier.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the purchase of hydraulic oil for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$4,257.59. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2025 CANCELLED

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to cancel the regular meeting of the Commissioners scheduled for March 26, 2025. Commissioners will be attending the MACRS Annual Conference in Great Falls. Motion carried.

**MARCH 19, 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

CONRAD AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve the Conrad Airport Hangar Lease with Dennis Lonnevik for the amount of \$135.00 per year. The term of the lease shall be for the period of January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve the Abatement Region 2 Governance Committee for the Opioid Abatement Trust appointing Amy Shaw, Pondera County Health Department Coordinator, to represent Pondera County. Motion carried.

TASK ORDER AMENDMENT CONTRACT FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC) GRANT

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve an amendment for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) task order contract with the Montana Department of Health & Human Services. Motion carried.

BRIDGE REMOVAL ADDENDUM WITH MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDT)

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve a Project Specific Agreement Addendum with MDT. The addendum adds to the agreement to remove bridge and replace with culverts on Swanson Road. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the purchase of 9 new computers from DIS Technologies, at a total cost of \$16,795.00 which includes installation of all computers. Commissioner Morren seconded. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve the February 2025 Minutes of the Commission. Motion carried.

**MARCH 26, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:**

NO MEETING DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS AT A MACRS CONFERENCE IN GREAT FALLS

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENTFUND

Fund	Fund Description	
1000	GENERAL	28,364.73
2110	ROAD	28,841.32
2130	BRIDGE	91.47
2131	BRIDGE RAPID REPAIR	7,157.15

2140	WEED	586.32
2170	AIRPORT	5,509.24
2230	AMBULANCE	274.23
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	3,453.19
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	16,313.85
2390	DRUG FORFEITURE	150.00
2393	RECORDS PRESERVATION	77.63
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	296.35
2800	ALCOHOL REHABILITATION	5,335.00
2811	DUI PREVENTION	1,155.25
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	12.55
2850	911 EMERGENCY	4,954.65
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	266.55
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	532.10
2963	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT	1,490.90
2964	ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH	806.25
2971	WIC GRANT	49.10
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	118.80
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	4,914.34
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT	318.57
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	2,083.00
7920	REFUND FUND	111.30

TOTAL CLAIMS \$113,263.84

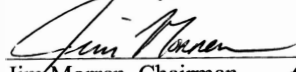
TOTAL PAYROLL \$309,311.69

TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS \$422,575.53

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Pondera County, Montana.

  
Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Kody L. Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

