

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in February 2021**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021.

FEBRUARY 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

TAX ABATEMENT 1116 APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the following abatement:

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL NO
1116	Mobile home has been moved	121.74		2021100

Commissioner Morren seconded. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR A HEAVY HAUL TRUCK

Two bids were received for the purchase of one heavy haul truck for the Road department.

1. Bouma Truck Sales – 2006 International Paystar 5500 for \$57,500.00
2. Zomer Truck Company – 2007 Peterbilt 378 for \$49,500.00

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to accept the bid from Bouma Truck Sales for the 2006 International Paystar 5500 for in the amount of \$57,500.00. The purchase will be paid for from the Road/Bridge Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DPHHS APPROVED

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve a Cooperative Agreement with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to set a standard payment schedule for maximizing the disbursement of funds to the Board of Health in order to support inspections of licensed establishments. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL FOR LITIGATION GUARANTEES TO THE COUNTY ACCEPTED

The Clerk and Recorder had requested proposals for litigation guarantee services for delinquent tax parcels being pursued by the County. One proposal was received. Commissioner Morren moved to accept the bid proposal received from First American Title Company (Conrad office) in the amount \$200 per parcel, providing the tax delinquency is less than \$16,000 per parcel. A parcel with taxes delinquency over \$16,000 will be charged out at the filed rate for title insurance. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE PONDERA COUNTY BUDGET-ADOPTED

PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA
RESOLUTION #24 – 2020/21
AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO PONDERA COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS the Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-4006(4), grants the Board of County Commissioners the power and authority to amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS Pondera County Commissioners approved the appropriations budget for the Pondera County during its regular budget approval process and errors in revenues and expenditures budget have been identified; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County that the budget be corrected as follows:

Revenues	Description	Prior Amount	New Amount
2958-334990	COVID-19 - Disease Intervention Specialist	\$0	\$91,812
2860-341071	Subdivision Review Fees	\$2,500	\$10,000
2860-341072	Building Permit Fees	\$2,250	\$10,000
2371-362025	Unanticipated Revenue	\$0	\$3,289
2800-335005	Alcohol Rehab Apport.	\$13,000	\$20,000

Correction to Resolution #15-2020/21

2967-331993	COVID -19	\$90,520	\$45,261
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Expenditures	Description	Prior Amount	New Amount
2958-206-440150-110	Salaries	\$0	\$56,006
2958-206-440150-140	Benefits	\$0	\$35,806
2860-110-411045-314	Permits/Licenses/Fees	\$3,000	\$10,000
2800-405-440501-397	Contract Payments	\$13,000	\$20,000

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2021, as moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Kuka, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Dale J Seifert
Dale J Seifert, Chair

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
Thomas A Kuka, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
Jim Morren, Member

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

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to appoint the following to the County Advisory Boards: Weed Board – Casey Wheeler (2023) Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Dale Seifert, Commissioner Jim Morren, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, County Attorney Rosanne Balasabas

TAX ABATEMENT 1117 APPROVED

Commissioner Morren moved to approve the following abatement:

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL NO
1117	Mobile home has been moved	174.77		31800

Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried

JANUARY COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Morren seconded to approve the January 2021 Minutes of the Commission. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$500 APPROVED

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the purchase of GlobalSearch C2 Cloud Storage for Square 9, up to 100GB in the amount of \$3,280.00. Motion carried.

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR MOTOR GRADERS

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to reject the bids received from RDO Equipment Co and Tractor & Equipment Co for eight motor graders. Motion carried.

INVITATION TO BID FOR MOTOR GRADERS

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to advertise an Invitation To Bid for eight motor graders. The invitation will be advertised starting February 17th and the bid opening will begin 10:00 am March 3rd. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

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

TAX ABATEMENTS 1118-1119-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the following abatement:

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL NO
1118	Mobile home moved	101.92		2039900
1119	Mobile home replaced with new	237.74		2036000

Commissioner Morren seconded. 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 Morren seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$500 APPROVED

Commissioner Morren moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded the approval of a server purchase for the Health Department from DIS in the amount of \$7,135, due to the warranty expiring on the old server. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Dale Seifert, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch

APPROVED HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH PMC

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded the approval of the Hazardous Waste Disposal Agreement with Pondera Medical Center. The Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which Pondera County Health Department may utilize the hazardous waste vendor services of Pondera Medical Center. Motion carried pending on County Attorney's review.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$500 APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded the purchase of an alarm system in the Health Department office, installed by Mountain Alarm. Cost of the system is \$966.79 (with set-up), \$654.00 annually. Motion carried.

CLOSEOUT OF PDM PLAN FOR DES DEPARTMENT APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded to approve of the closeout for Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan for the DES Department. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Rural Fire District Board members are elected to their positions. Montana law provides that if the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the election administrator may cancel the election. In such case, the county governing body shall declare elected by acclamation each candidate who filed a nominating petition for a position. If a nomination is not made for one or more trustee offices, the county governing body shall appoint one or more trustees as necessary to fill those offices. A trustee taking office pursuant to this subsection serves the trustee term of office as if that trustee had been elected.

There were two candidate filings for two open positions. Commissioner Kuka moved to declare Ernie Bowmans and James Destaffany elected by acclamation. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

CONRAD AIRPORT HANGAR/LAND LEASE APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded to approve the Conrad Airport hangar lease for DNRC, Pondera Shooting Sports (Conrad Land), Don Bollinger, and Gary and Esther Arnst (Valier Land). Motion carried.

SETTING DATE, TIME, & PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded to set the public hearing for the MT AG LLC new or expanding industrial classification application for March 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm in the Commissioners' office. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Fund	Fund Description	
1000	GENERAL	23,087.99
2110	ROAD	20,773.57
2130	BRIDGE	1,450.82
2140	WEED	2,149.85
2170	AIRPORT	10,050.59
2190	COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE	988.09
2230	AMBULANCE	622.24
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	5,858.03
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	15,836.85
2371	HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	930.78
2393	RECORDS PRESERVATION	149.98
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	377.32
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	13.15
2850	911 EMERGENCY	46.97
2852	911 CONSOLE GRANT	32,502.15
2860	LAND USE PLANNING	742.50
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	172.50
2894	ST ALLOC FED MINERAL ROY	125.00
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	242.10
2963	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT	170.00
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	183.15
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	460.00
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE (FKA TOBACCO USE PREV)	284.95
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	170.00
4009	PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMP	655.20
4012	GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMP	10,172.00
4013	ROAD/BRIDGE EQUIP PURCHSE	68,005.55
7920	REFUND FUND	321.18
TOTAL CLAIMS		196,542.51
TOTAL PAYROLL		\$ 305,696.67
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS		\$ 502,239.18

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2021.

Pondera County, Montana.

Dale J Seifert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder