

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in February 2018**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2018. Unless indicated, all Commissioners were present.

SUSPENSION OF SHERIFF CARL SUTA – February 7, 2018

The Commissioners were notified on January 29, 2018 that a District Court Judge granted leave to the Attorney General's Office to file criminal charges against Sheriff Carl Suta for official misconduct. MCA 45-7-401 states that a public servant who has been charged with official misconduct may be suspended from office without pay pending final judgement. Upon final judgement of conviction, the public servant shall permanently forfeit the public servant's office. Upon acquittal, the public servant must be reinstated in office and must receive all back pay.

Commissioner Hoppes opened the meeting up for public comment. Penelope Oteri commented to personal experience of Sheriff Suta sharing her personal information and felt it was difficult to trust Sheriff Suta to keep information confidential.

Being no further discussion, Commissioner Kuka moved to suspend Sheriff Carl Suta, pending outcome of official misconduct charges. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Seifert seconded for the suspension of Sheriff Carl Suta to be with pay. Motion carried.

There were 22 members of the public present.

LETTER TO NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL – February 7, 2018

Commissioner Seifert moved to approve a letter of commitment for the upcoming fiscal year to the Northern Transit Interlocal for coordination of public transportation and to name Commissioner Hoppes as the voting representative on the Board. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

DNRC COOPERATIVE FIRE CONTROL AGREEMENT & FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT-APPROVED – February 7, 2018

Commissioner Seifert moved to approve the DNRC Fire Control Agreement and Fire Control Equipment Agreement with DNRC. Commissioner Kuka seconded. The agreements allow the county and DNRC to provide fire assistance, equipment use for fires, and the county appointment of a Rural Fire Chief. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO PONDERA COUNTY BUDGET-ADOPTED – February 7, 2018

PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA
RESOLUTION #23 – 2017/18
**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:

Revenue Amount	Description	Prior Amount	New
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2390-351013	Concealed Weapon Permit	\$3,700	\$2,000
2300-323040	Concealed Weapon Permit	\$ 0	\$1,700
Expenditure	Description	Prior Amount	New
Amount			
2390-201-420144-219	Equipment	\$17,983	\$16,283
2300-201-420102-219	Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 1,700

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2018, as moved by Commissioner Kuka seconded by Commissioner Seifert, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Janice Hoppes
Janice Hoppes, Chair

/s/ Dale J Seifert
Dale J Seifert, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
Thomas A. Kuka, Member

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATERIALS “G” AGRICULTURAL COVENANT – February 7, 2018

Commissioner Kuka moved to allow an agricultural covenant to be placed on a tract of land in the South ½ of Section 29, Township 27N, Range 2W as permitted under the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act, 76-3-101 through 76-3-625, MCA. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

DECEMBER MINUTES-APPROVED – February 7, 2018

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the December 2017 minutes of the Commission. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO TIBER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD – February 14, 2018

Commissioner Kuka moved to appoint Patrick Wheeler to complete the term of Dan Keil (ending 2022) on the Tiber County Water District Board of Directors. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

NO BUSINESS TO BE VOTED ON CAME BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018

LETTER TO NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL – February 28, 2018

Commissioner Kuka moved to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Toole County for operation of the Pondera County Transit the 2018-19 fiscal year. Commissioner Seifert seconded. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) COUNTY CONTRIBUTION COMMITMENT- February 28, 2018

Commissioner Seifert moved to commit \$44,476 (50% match) for the FY2018-19 EMPG program period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT – February 28, 2018

<u>FUND</u>	
GENERAL	19,616.14
ROAD	15,549.34
BRIDGE	3,286.99
WEED	1,039.28
AIRPORT	7,570.49

AMBULANCE	220.90
EXTENSION SERVICE	5,463.91
COUNTY FAIR	238.46
PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	13,059.33
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	754.37
RECORDS PRESERVATION	44.00
BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	357.47
911 EMERGENCY	2,756.89
LAND USE PLANNING	200.00
NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	3,094.61
VICTIM & WITNESS ADVOCATE	504.00
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	302.06
ORAL HEALTH GRANT	117.88
WIC GRANT	226.25
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	178.31
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM	125.00
CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION GRANT	719.13
HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION GRANT	105.20
JUNK VEHICLE GRANT	13.15
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROV	37,689.26
REFUND FUND	127.42
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 113,359.84
TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>251,860.35</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS	<u><u>365,220.19</u></u>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2018.

Pondera County, Montana.

Janice Hoppes, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder