

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA  
Held in February, 2012**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on February 1, 8, 22 and 29, 2012. Unless indicated, all Commissioners were present.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM- February 1, 2012**

The Commissioners met with Allan Underdal, Commissioner from Toole County, and Deb Brandon, Coordinator of the Northern Transit Interlocal, Glacier County Transit and Toole County Transit systems under the Golden Triangle Transit. Brandon outlined the services of the transit system in place in Shelby, Glacier County and Toole County and invited Pondera County to also participate. The Transit System currently has a Shelby to Kalispell service, Browning to Great Falls service, a Shelby to Canadian border service and a Shelby to Great Falls service. Shelby serves as the dispatch center and main departure and arrival site with stops in Conrad on Monday and Thursday. Stops are made at medical facilities in both locations and transportation hubs in Great Falls. Brandon would write the grant if Pondera County were to participate.

Currently, the Pondera County Council on Aging runs the surrey program and that program would continue even if Pondera County were to participate in the Golden Triangle Transit system. Pondera County would need to purchase a bus, through the Montana Department of Transportation Grant Program, to use for the transit system program supplementing the surrey system. Costs and services were reviewed and discussed. Also Attending: Kyle Harlan, Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

**DATE, TIMES AND PLACES SET FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM – February 1, 2012**

The Commissioners decided to conduct two (2) public meetings for the purpose of establishing a transportation coordination plan for Pondera County, routes and scheduling.

Commissioner Broesder moved to set:

Friday, February 17, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the Pondera Center, Conrad, and

Friday, February 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Valier Civic Center, Valier,

as the date, times and places for said meetings. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Also Attending: Kyle Harlan, Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler.

**DISCUSSION WITH KYLE HARLAN REGARDING CONTRACT FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND STATE OF MONTANA- February 1, 2012**

Kyle Harlan met with the Commissioners regarding the response from the State of Montana concerning his contract with Pondera County for commercial building inspection services. Discussion centered on Harlan's lack of certification in plumbing and electrical inspections. Harlan will be testing for the certifications in the near future. Also, the County needs to name five people and their qualifications to sit on a Board of Appeals under the terms of the Contract. The Commissioners will name the members in the near future. A letter is being drafted by the Commissioners and Mr. Harlan addressing the State's concerns. Also Attending: Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CONRAD AIRPORT APPROVED – February 1, 2012**

The FAA has requested an updated capital improvement plan for the Conrad Airport. Projects undertaken for the capital improvement plan are funded by federal funding and county matching funds.

Commissioner Christiaens moved to approve the capital improvement plan projects as follows:

for federal fiscal year 2013	Credit Card Fuel System	\$ 50,000
for federal fiscal year 2014	rehabilitate runway, taxiway and apron	\$ 42, 150
for federal fiscal year 2015	no projects planned	

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for federal fiscal year 2016 no projects planned  
 for federal fiscal year 2017 wildlife perimeter fence \$283,000  
 Commissioner Broesder seconded; motion carried.

INVITATION ACCEPTED TO ATTEND TOWN OF VALIER PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED VALIER BASEBALL COMPLEX - February 1, 2012

The Commissioners received and accepted an invitation from the Mayor Graye of the Town of Valier to attend a public hearing in Valier on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Valier regarding the proposed baseball complex on county land by the Valier Airport.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GROUND LEASES AT VALIER AIRPORT – February 8, 2012

Jack Holden and Kevin Forbes met with the commissioners regarding the ground leases held by B&B and Buchanan at the Valier Airport. Holden is working with a potential purchaser of Buchanan's property in Valier, including the buildings on the county-owned Valier Airport. Forbes and Holden requested the current leases be updated. Discussed were terms and verbiage for the leases. The Commissioners will contact the County Attorney to have a new lease drafted. Also Attending: Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

AMENDMENT TO WIC PROGRAM SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT APPROVED – February 8, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Amendment To WIC Program Subcontractor Agreement between Pondera WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and the Teton County Health Department. The amendment amends the term of the agreement to the county fiscal year end of June 30, 2012 and the amount of consideration to be received by that date of \$14,474.48. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Also Attending: Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

MEMBERS NAMED TO THE PONDERA COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION CONTRACT BOARD OF APPEALS - February 8, 2012

Commissioner Christiaens moved to appoint the members and designate the initial terms of the County Building Inspection Board of Appeals, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Ted Kronebusch	12/31/2014
John McFarland	12/31/2014
Raymond Stoetzel	12/31/2016
Chad Rambo	12/31/2016
John Stokes	12/31/2016

Commissioner Broesder seconded; motion carried. Also Attending: Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

JANUARY MINUTES APPROVED - February 8, 2012

Commissioner Christiaens moved to approve the January Minutes of the Commission. Commissioner Broesder seconded; motion carried. Also Attending: Cheryl Gresczk and Buck Traxler

PAYMENT APPROVED FOR ATTORNEY FEES FOR CLERK OF COURT – February 8, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to pay the February 2, 2012 attorney fees of Burk, Lee & Bieler in the amount of \$2,031.56 for services rendered as defense counsel for Kara Thompson, Clerk of Court. The total paid to date is \$3,790.86. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried.

ABATEMENTS/ADD-ONS 915 THROUGH 919 APPROVED- February 8, 2012

The State of Montana Department of Revenue has calculated the proper assessment for 2011 for the MATL taxes and apportioned the levy district based on the mileage of lines that will be in place across each county. It includes all direct and indirect costs including engineering, site preparation, equipment, land, easements, pole yards, etc. With the correct calculation, the Department of Revenue has directed the abatement of taxes paid in error.

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve tax abatements 915-919 as follows:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>CANCEL</b>	<b>ADD</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>
915	Revised per informal review request of 9/23/11	8,942.32	0.00	661000
916	Revised per informal review request of 9/23/11	15,868.67	0.00	661100
917	Revised per informal review request of 9/23/11	5,289.56	0.00	661200
918	Revised per informal review request of 9/23/11	10,520.02	0.00	661300
919	Revised per informal review request of 9/23/11	3,382.25	0.00	661400

Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried.

NO MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2012 DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM;  
COMMISSIONERS JOHNSON AND BROESDER ATTENDING MONTANA  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES MID-WINTER MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – February 17, 2012

Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. at the Pondera Center with the following people in attendance:

Jim Bjelland, Jr.	Marjorie Jones	Deb Brandon	Alene Chewning
Joe Christiaens	Rita Christiaens	Sarah Converse	Sandra Broesder
Cheryl Curry	Cynthia Johnson		

Deb Brandon briefly explained the current Montana Department of Transportation Transit Program and provided a history of the project in North Central Montana. Pondera County is an active participant in the Golden Triangle Transit project and has been on board since its inception. Pondera County has no Coordinated Transportation Plan for the County and must complete one in order to update the vehicles now in use for Senior Citizen transportation around the county. Through a Pondera County Coordinated Transportation Plan, once accepted by the state and in place, the county would be able to update the vehicle we use by providing a 14% capital match.

Brandon proposed a regionalized coordination plan with a hub in Shelby, where she currently is employed by Toole County to direct both their transportation program, the Glacier County Transit program, and the Golden Triangle Transit program. Pondera County could also pay Toole County to direct Pondera County's transit program. Brandon felt the state would look more favorably upon those transportation plans which were regionalized and offered to assist in the development and incorporation of a Pondera County plan with the region.

Brandon then discussed the proposed schedule. Initially proposed were trips to Dupuyer and Valier each Monday morning to pick up folks for the trip to Great Falls that departs Conrad at 9:00 with return to Conrad at either 1:00 or 5:00 p.m. and a subsequent trip from Conrad to Valier and Dupuyer to return residents home again. Second proposed trip was a reservation only trip from Conrad to Shelby early each Tuesday, with a stop for pick up at the Valier/Interstate interchange, to catch the 7:00 a.m. bus from Shelby to Kalispell with a return to Conrad on Tuesday evening. Third proposed trip was a Thursday morning pickup in Brady to either go directly to Great Falls or come to Conrad and meet the bus going to Great Falls. Details will be hammered out later. The trips to Great Falls and Kalispell will provide delivery and pick up at the front door of medical providers; other riders may be delivered and picked up at public transportation facilities in both Great Falls and Kalispell. Brandon suggested that all coordination and dispatch be handled out of the Shelby dispatch center and Pondera County could reimburse Toole County for those expenses.

Brandon also reviewed the match requirements of the transportation program. The State of Montana, at this point, will pay for 80% of the maintenance expenses, 70% of the administrative expenses, and 54% of the operating expenses for local transportation provided under the Coordinated Transportation program. The match determination is mileage and driver based and the maximum local match for Pondera County will probably not exceed \$20,000.

Commissioners must adopt a Maintenance Plan, a Transportation Memorandum Or Understanding with Toole County, and approve the Coordination Plan for Pondera County before the grant proposal can move forward.

Commissioner Johnson then entertained questions from the public. Jim Bjelland inquired about the future funding and sustainability. Brandon responded that the regionalization of this plan, Golden Triangle Transit in partnership with Toole, Glacier, and Pondera Transit programs, gives us a huge advantage so when state and federal funding do grow short, GTT will rise to the top of the list in Montana. She indicated the state department of transportation is eyeing this program with a great deal of interest since it is the one truly successful and effective regional transportation programs in the state.

Questions were also asked about rider fares. Riders ride for free, regardless of age or purpose and that part of the program cannot be changed without jeopardizing funding.

There being no further questions, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING APPROVED FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – February 22, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Toole County and Pondera County, effective July 1, 2012, in which Toole County will be the Lead Agency of the transit system which will include Pondera County Transit, Glacier County Transit and Toole County Transit. The approval is required at this time in order to apply for grant funding. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Cheryl Gresczyk attending

TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE PLAN APPROVED – February 22, 2012

Commissioner Christiaens moved to approve the Transportation Maintenance Plan which provides a maintenance schedule for the bus to be purchased in order for Pondera County to participate in the regional transit system. The approval is required at this time in order to apply for grant funding. Commissioner Broesder seconded; motion carried. Cheryl Gresczyk attending

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SEAMLESS GUTTERS FOR PONDERA CENTER APPROVED – February 22, 2012

The commissioners requested proposals for the materials and installation of seamless rain gutters at the Pondera Center on Virginia Street. Proposals received were:

Morris Rain Gutters	\$343.75
Pete Hauer Construction	\$300.00

Commissioner Christiaens moved to accept the proposal of Peter Hauer Construction in the amount of \$300.00. . Commissioner Broesder seconded; motion carried. Cheryl Gresczyk attending

RESOLUTIONS #24 – 26 – ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUES TO LEVY TAXES TO BE ON JUNE 5, 2012 BALLOT – APPROVED- February 22, 2012

Cheryl Gresczyk attending

RESOLUTION #24 - 2011/12  
ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUE TO LEVY TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PONDERA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners has received a request from the Board of Directors of the Pondera Regional Port Authority to place a levy request on the June 5, 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS the deadline to submit ballot issue language to the County Election Administrator is March 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a ballot issue be placed on the June 5, 2012 ballot in order that the voters may approve or disapprove an additional mill levy to provide up to four (4) mills each year, beginning with tax year 2014, for ten (10) years for the purpose of funding the operations of the Pondera County Regional Port Authority in promoting economic development in Pondera County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Pondera County Clerk and Recorder and County Attorney, the form on the ballot shall be as follows:

PONDERA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY CONTINUING TAX LEVY  
Shall the Pondera County Board of Commissioners be authorized to continue to levy up to four (4) mills on all taxable property within Pondera County each year for ten years, beginning with tax year 2014? The impact in actual tax dollars that would be imposed on residences in the county is expected to be \$10.47 for a \$200,000 home, \$5.24 for a \$100,000 home and \$2.62 for a \$50,000 home. The purpose of these funds is to promote economic development in Pondera County.

\_\_\_\_ FOR continued levy.  
\_\_\_\_ AGAINST continued levy.

Adopted this 22nd day of February, 2012 as moved by Commissioner Christiaens, seconded by Commissioner Broesder, and passed on a unanimous vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_/s/ Cynthia A. Johnson\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia A. Johnson, Chairman

\_\_\_\_/s/ Sandra J. Broesder\_\_\_\_  
Sandra J. Broesder, Member

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_/s/ Janice Hoppes\_\_\_\_  
Janice Hoppes, Clerk & Recorder

\_\_\_\_/s/ Joseph Christiaens\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Christiaens, Member

RESOLUTION #25 - 2011/12  
ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUE TO LEVY  
TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY OWNERS  
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
FOR THE PONDERA COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners has received a request from the Board of Trustees of the Pondera County Rural Fire District to place a levy request on the June 5, 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS the deadline to submit ballot issue language to the County Election Administrator is March 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a ballot issue be placed on the June 5, 2012 ballot in order that the voters may approve or disapprove an additional mill levy to provide up to \$20,894 each year, beginning with tax year 2012, for ten (10) years for the purpose of funding the purchase of fire trucks and/or equipment by the Pondera County Rural Fire District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Pondera County Clerk and Recorder and County Attorney, the form on the ballot shall be as follows:

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT CONTINUING TAX LEVY

Shall the Pondera County Board of Commissioners be authorized to continue to levy sufficient additional mills on all rural taxable property within Pondera County to generate \$20,894 each year for the next ten years for the Pondera County Rural Fire District? The impact in actual tax dollars that would be imposed on residences in the District is expected to be \$5.41 for a \$200,000 home, \$2.71 for a \$100,000 home, and \$1.35 for a \$50,000 home. The purpose of these funds is to purchase fire trucks and/or equipment for increased safety and protection of all Pondera County rural residents and their property.

\_\_\_\_ FOR continued levy.  
\_\_\_\_ AGAINST continued levy.

Adopted this 22nd day of February, 2012 as moved by Commissioner Christiaens, seconded by Commissioner Broesder, and passed on a unanimous vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Cynthia A. Johnson  
Cynthia A. Johnson, Chairman

/s/ Sandra J. Broesder  
Sandra J. Broesder, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Member

RESOLUTION #26 - 2011/12  
ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUE TO LEVY  
TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY OWNERS  
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
FOR THE VALIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners has received a request from the Board of Trustees of the Valier Public Library to place a levy request on the June 5, 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS the deadline to submit ballot issue language to the County Election Administrator is March 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a ballot issue be placed on the June 5, 2012 ballot in order that the voters may approve or disapprove an additional mill levy to provide \$69,500 each year, plus an inflationary factor allowed by Montana law, beginning with tax year 2014, for eight (8) years for the purpose of funding the operations of the Valier Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Pondera County Clerk and Recorder and County Attorney, the form on the ballot shall be as follows:

VALIER PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX LEVY

Shall the Pondera County Commissioners be authorized to levy sufficient additional mills on all taxable property within Pondera County to generate \$69,500, plus an inflationary factor allowed by Montana law, each year for eight years, beginning with tax year 2014, to provide funding to maintain library services at the Valier Public Library? The financial impact on a home having a market value of \$50,000 is estimated to be \$3.27 each year of the levy, \$6.55 for a home having a market value of \$100,000 and \$13.10 for a home having a market value of \$200,000.

- FOR continued levy.
- AGAINST continued levy.

Adopted this 22nd day of February, 2012 as moved by Commissioner Christiaens, seconded by Commissioner Broesder, and passed on a unanimous vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Cynthia A. Johnson  
Cynthia A. Johnson, Chairman

/s/ Sandra J. Broesder  
Sandra J. Broesder, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Member

COUNTY BOARD CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS- February 22, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to re-appoint Joel Johns and to appoint Kory Thomas to the County Weed District Board. Johns will serve until December 31, 2014 and Thomas will complete the term of Mark Taliaferro ending December 31, 2012. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Cheryl Gresczyk attending

MEETING WITH DAVID DORAN OF PONDERA MEDICAL CENTER – February 29, 2012

David Doran, CFO of the Pondera Medical Center, met with the commissioners regarding the preliminary Medicaid match agreement survey for this fiscal year. The County participates with the Pondera Medical Center each year to obtain this funding for the medical center and, in an administrative action, Commissioner Christiaens signed the preliminary survey for the County. Also attending: Monica Taylor, Kyle and Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczyk

DISCUSSION WITH KYLE HARLAN – February 29, 2012

Kyle Harlan was in attendance, along with Alex Harlan, and discussion was of the not yet issued Certificate of Occupancy and the approval of the County's contract with Harland for commercial building inspection services in the County. Both items have been requested of the State and yet neither has been responded to. Harlan provided contact information of the Division Administrator at the State. Commissioner Johnson said a phone call would be made after the adjournment of the meeting. Also attending: Monica Taylor, Kyle and Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczyk, Jay Taylor

EXCAVATION AGREEMENTS APPROVED- February 29, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Excavation Agreements requested by 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative to engage in excavation on and under Rock City Rd & Beaverhead Rd Sec 10 & 15, T30N, R5W  
Buena Vista Road Sec 16 & 21, T30N, R5W  
Beaverhead Rd & Swanson Rd Sec 10 & 11, T30N, R5 W  
Bullhead Rd Sec 11, T30N, R5W  
Bullhead Rd & Sullivan Bridge Rd Sec 11 & 12, T30N, R5 W  
for the purpose of installing fiber optic telephone cable for service area sp-grades. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Also attending: Monica Taylor, Jay Taylor, Kyle and Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczyk, Wendy Judisch, Jay Taylor

VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING NAMED – February 29, 2012

Commissioner Broesder moved to name Cynthia A Johnson as the voting representative for Pondera County at the annual meeting of the 3 Rivers Cooperative Board. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Also attending: Monica Taylor, Jay Taylor, Kyle and Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczyk, Wendy Judisch

RESOLUTION #27 – ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUE TO LEVY TAXES FOR CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY ON JUNE 5, 2012 BALLOT – ADOPTED – February 29, 2012

Commissioner Christiaens moved to adopt the resolution; Commissioner Broesder seconded. Prior to the vote, question was called.

Discussion: Mayor Judisch asked if the term of the requested levy and is the same term as that of the Valier Public Library. Response: yes, both are 8 years  
Commissioner Broesder mentioned that the recommendation of the Montana Association of Counties is that the Commissioners can approve the individual requests of the two libraries but to combine the two on the ballot.  
Clerk and Recorder Hoppes also stated that she has been in discussions with MACo regarding adding explanatory language to the ballot issues. Final wording can be adopted at the commission meeting next week. Commission Chair Johnson stated that the meeting next week will need to be moved to Thursday, March 8, as Commissioners Johnson and Broesder will be attending the National Association of Counties conference. No further questions forthcoming, the motion was voted and adopted.  
Also attending: Monica Taylor, Jay Taylor, Kyle and Alex Harlan, Cheryl Gresczyk, Wendy Judisch

RESOLUTION #27 - 2011/12  
ALLOWING BALLOT ISSUE TO LEVY  
TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY OWNERS  
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
FOR THE CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners has received a request from the Board of Trustees of the Conrad Public Library to place a levy request on the June 5, 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS the deadline to submit ballot issue language to the County Election Administrator is March 1, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a ballot issue be placed on the June 5, 2012 ballot in order that the voters may approve or disapprove an additional mill levy to provide \$125,000 each year, plus an inflationary factor allowed by Montana law, beginning with tax year 2014, for eight (8) years for the purpose of funding the operations of the Conrad Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Pondera County Clerk and Recorder and County Attorney, the form on the ballot shall be as follows:

**CONRAD PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX LEVY**

Shall the Pondera County Commissioners be authorized to levy sufficient additional mills on all taxable property within Pondera County to generate \$125, plus an inflationary factor allowed by Montana law, each year for eight years, beginning with tax year 2014, to provide funding to operate and maintain library services at the Conrad Public Library? The financial impact on a home having a market value of \$50,000 is estimated to be \$5.89 each year of the levy, \$11.78 for a home having a market value of \$100,000 and \$23.56 for a home having a market value of \$200,000.

\_\_\_\_ FOR ~~continued~~ levy.  
 \_\_\_\_ AGAINST ~~continued~~ levy.

Adopted this 29th day of February, 2012 as moved by Commissioner Christiaens, seconded by Commissioner Broesder and passed on a unanimous vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_/s/ Cynthia A. Johnson\_\_\_\_\_  
 Cynthia A. Johnson, Chairman

\_\_\_\_/s/ Sandra J. Broesder\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sandra J. Broesder, Member

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_/s/ Janice Hoppes\_\_\_\_\_  
 Janice Hoppes, Clerk & Recorder

\_\_\_\_/s/ Joseph Christiaens\_\_\_\_\_  
 Joseph Christiaens, Member

**REIMBURSEMENT TO STATE ALLOCATED FEDERAL MINERAL ROYALTIES FUND APPROVED – February 29, 2012**

On October 19, 2011, the commissioners approved payment of the County’s prorated share of the deficiency in funding of the Hi-Line Recovery program (see copy of minutes of October 19, 2011 below) from the State Allocated Federal Mineral Royalties fund.

Excerpt from October 19, 2011 minutes  
 From July 1, 2008, Pondera County, along with several other counties in the area, contracted for alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation services with Hi-Line Recovery. Due to an error by Hi-Line Recovery, the contractor received duplicate Medicaid payments in error which had to be paid back. Due to the inability of the contractor to repay duplicate funds (which had been spent by the contractor), Toole County, one of the participating counties, paid the liability from their county funds with the expectation that they would be reimbursed a proportionate amount by the other participating counties. Commissioner Broesder moved to pay Pondera County’s prorated share in the amount of \$13,545 to Toole County from the County’s discretionary cash in the State Allocated Federal Mineral Royalties Fund. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried.

In December of 2011, the County received a payment for the fiscal year 2010-11 from the State of Montana, earmarked for alcohol rehabilitation services in place through June

2011. Two months earlier, Pondera County had made full payment of the amount billed as its proportionate share of the deficiency with the understanding that it was payment in full.

Commissioner Broesder moved to transfer \$2,577.00 of for the Pondera County payment for prorated share of unfunded expense to Fund 2800, Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, from Fund 2894, State Allocated Federal Mineral Royalties. Commissioner Christiaens seconded; motion carried. Also attending: Cheryl Gresczyk, Wendy Judisch

**CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** – February 29, 2012

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL	\$ 22,382.81
ROAD	85,333.42
BRIDGE	26,338.30
WEED	800.85
COUNTY FAIR	3.98
AIRPORT	3,723.89
AMBULANCE	209.52
EXTENSION SERVICE	5,026.61
PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	4,341.36
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	1,126.15
RECORDS PRESERVATION	2,829.25
BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	318.35
DUI PREVENTION	641.72
GAS APPORTIONMENT TAX	2,857.50
911 EMERGENCY	2,388.75
LAND USE PLANNING	600.00
BUCKLE UP MT	123.28
DES GRANTS	557.76
BREAST & CERVICAL SCREENING	33.00
WIC GRANT	1,058.05
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	10.43
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM	135.00
TOBACCO USE PREVENTION GRANT	427.79
NAPA GRANT	1,083.73
REFUND FUND	56,228.65
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 218,580.15</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>187,735.12</b>
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 406,315.27</b>

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA