

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA  
Held in December, 2013***

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on December 4, 11, 18, 31, 2013. Unless indicated, all Commissioners were present.

**APPROVED PAY REQUEST #4 FOR CONRAD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** – December 4, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved and Commissioner Broesder seconded to approve payment request #4 for FAA Grant AIP 3-30-0018-005-2013 (Conrad Airport Improvement Project) in the amount of \$26,244.87. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

**ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED** – December 4, 2013

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement requested by Rocky Mountain Contractors on behalf of CenturyLink to encroach upon the trench at 169 Airport Loop Rd, Conrad, to provide fiber to a cell site for AT&T Wireless. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMISSIONER NOMINATING DISTRICTS** – December 4, 2013

PONDERA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION # 25 - 2013/14

**ESTABLISHING COMMISSIONER NOMINATING DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS Section 7-4-2102, MCA, requires that, following each federal decennial census, the board of county commissioners shall divide their respective county into three commissioner districts, as compact and equal in population and area as possible; and

WHEREAS the statute requires that the district judge of the county shall review the action of the commissioners to determine whether or not such action meets the requirements of Section 7-4-2102, MCA; and

WHEREAS the Pondera County Commissioners have redrawn the boundaries to be as compact and equal in population and area as possible and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2013, in open court, the Honorable Robert G. Olson, District Court Judge of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, has reviewed and approved the districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pondera County that the Pondera County Commissioner Nominating Districts shall be as approved by the District Court Judge on December 2, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval letter, map and metes and bounds description be attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the districts adopted herein shall be the commissioner nominating districts for elections beginning January 1, 2014, until such time as they are amended pursuant to statute.

ADOPTED this 4 day of December, 2013 as moved by Commissioner Hoppes, seconded by Commissioner Broesder and passed on a 3-0 vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

PONDERA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Chairman

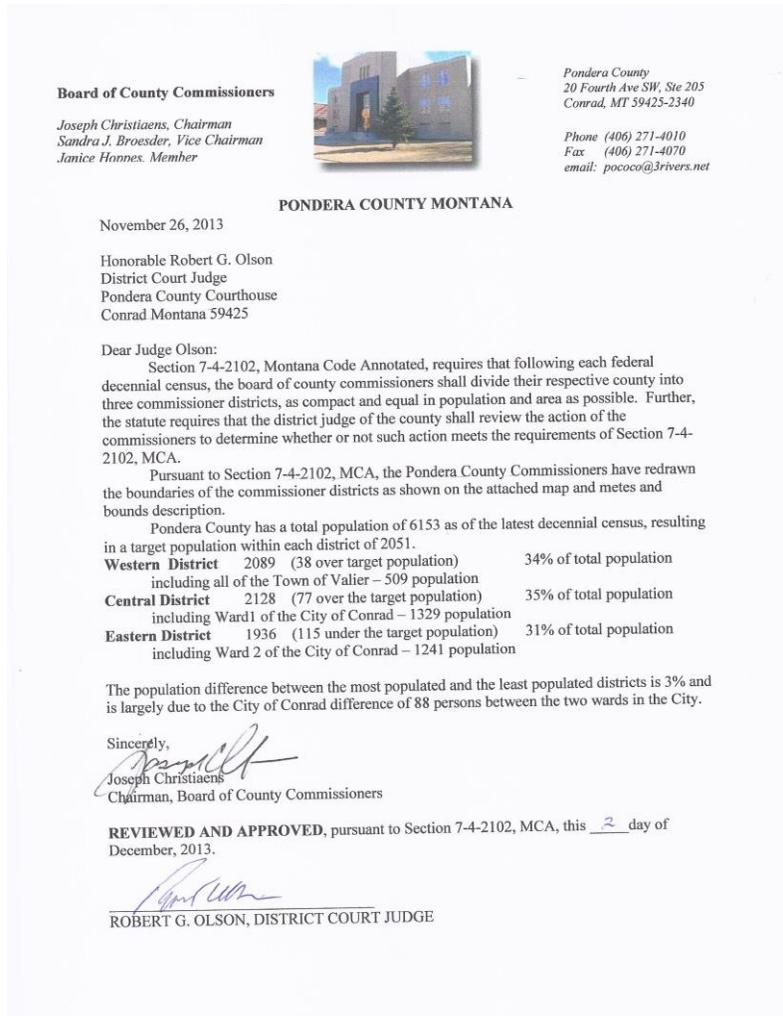
/s/ Sandra J. Broesder  
Sandra J. Broesder, Member

**December 2013**

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Member



MINUTES APPROVED – December 4, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the official Minutes of the Commission for November 2013. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent Observer

TAX ADD-ON APPROVED – December 11, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve tax add-on 946. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer.

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>CANCEL</b>	<b>ADD-ON</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>
946	Per Montana Supreme Court Decision		\$12,921.10	659900

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE COUNTY FUNDING (FROM EARMARKED FUNDS) FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CENTER SERVICES APPROVED – December 11, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with Department of Public Health and Human Services for Addictive and Mental Health Disorders in the amount of \$6,153 from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and \$6,153 from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to be paid from county earmarked funds and to name Sydney Blair as the County's liaison to the Department. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED – December 11, 2013

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement requested by Prewett Excavation & Construction, Inc. on behalf of Jerry Johns to install a

8” water mainline for irrigation. The location is 1308 feet from Ledger Road on Buffalo Road. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED – December 11, 2013

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement requested by 3 Rivers Cooperative to install fiber optic cables to replace copper cables in the Dupuyer area. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

RESOLUTION #26 – BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PONDERA COUNTY BUDGET – ADOPTED – December 11, 2013

**PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA  
RESOLUTION #26 - 2013/04**

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 the expenditure 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:

Expenditure	Description	Prior Amount	New Amount
2260-420-434020-210	Supplies & materials	\$0	\$14,741
2260-420-434020-229	Other operating supplies	\$2,256	\$0
2260-420-434020-350	Professional Services	\$5,416	\$0
4012-106-410601-947	Office equipment/machinery	\$13,820	\$22,575

Adopted 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013 as moved by Commissioner Broesder, seconded by Commissioner Hoppes, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective on passage and approval.

PONDERA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Member

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED – December 18, 2013

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement requested by CenturyLink to install a 1 ¼” conduit with fiber at Blazen Road & Eagle Drive, Conrad, to provide fiber to a cell site for AT&T Wireless. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
Also attending: Ken Wheeler and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED – December 18, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement requested by Herb and Sherri Oehlke to widen an agricultural approach on the east side of Golden

West Cemetery Road, 1 mile north of Sollid Road (T28N, R2E, Sect 9, SW1/4), to Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.  
 Also attending: Ken Wheeler and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS DESIGNATION** – December 18, 2013

The Commissioners discussed the designation of funding for Secure Rural Schools. In the past, since the total funding was less than \$100,000, Pondera County has designated the entire amount to Title I. Fiscal year 2014's total is \$79,151. The Secure Rural Schools funding program is the same as the Forest Reserve program but has been referred to as Secure Rural Schools as a result of the Federal legislation title of the bill. Commissioner Broesder moved to appropriate 100% of the funds to Title 1. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
 Also attending: Ken Wheeler and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

**RESIGNATION OF SHERON CURRY** – December 18, 2013

Sheron Curry has submitted her resignation from employment as County Extension Service Administrative Assistant, effective January 31, 2014. Commissioner Hoppes moved to accept the resignation. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.  
 Also attending: Ken Wheeler and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer.

**TAX ABATEMENT/AdDD-ONS APPROVED** – December 18, 2013

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve tax abatement/add-ons 947-950. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.  
 Also attending: Ken Wheeler and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer.

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>CANCEL</b>	<b>ADD-ON</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>
947	Per Montana Supreme Court Decision – some of value from #946 allocated to personal property record	\$361.94		659900
948	Per Montana Supreme Court (also from #946)		\$3,996.31	1030500
949	Buildings owned by Brady Water District and are exempt	\$239.93		465200
950	Buildings are owned by Brady Water District and are exempt	\$933.00		465200

**REVIEW OF DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTION** – December 31, 2013 **I indented first line**

Commissioners have received a draft job description for the County Extension Service Administrative Assistant position from County Extension Agent Wendy Wedum. The job description will be approved once all Commissioners have had an opportunity to review it.

**APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL** – December 31, 2013

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve Montana Board of Crime Control grant agreement 12-G01-91607 in the amount of \$5,396 plus \$600 county match for the Pondera County Sheriff's Department to purchase six tazers. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS** – December 31, 2013

Commissioners reviewed positions up ~~to~~ **for re-**appointment to County Boards. The public has through December 31 to submit letter of interest to the Commissioners. Discussion and appointments will continue until all positions are filled.

**CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** - December 31, 2013

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL	\$ 26,967.15
ROAD	7,857.59
BRIDGE	1,082.03
WEED	1,086.85

PPREDATORY ANIMAL	5,797.00
COUNTY FAIR	59.75
AIRPORT	27,623.35
AMBULANCE	249.92
COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE	2,000.00
COUNTY HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME	0.00
DEBT SERVICES HOSPITAL 95	0.00
EMERGENCY DISASTER	0.00
EXTENSION SERVICE	2,430.50
PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	8,421.56
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	699.63
RECORDS PRESERVATION	0.00
BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	330.80
NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	288.11
STATE ALLOCATED FEDERAL MATCH	0.00
LIBRARY	77,248.00
SENIOR CITIZENS	12,000.00
DUI PREVENTION	15,442.00
GAS APPORTIONMENT TAX	10,356.91
911 EMERGENCY	1,740.18
PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	29,389.19
LAND USE PLANNING	0.00
BUCKLE UP MT	75.00
NOXIOUS WEED GRANT	0.00
VICTIM & WITNESS ADVOCATE	0.00
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	6,717.98
BREAST & CERVICAL SCREENING	-202.35
WIC GRANT	59.34
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	36.01
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM	0.00
TOBACCO USE PREVENTION GRANT	35.46
NAPA GRANT	28.53
HEALTHY CHILD (LEAD POISONING) GRANT	195.65
IMMUNIZATION BILLING GRANT	0.00
JUNK VEHICLE GRANT	43.46
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROV	0.00
ROAD/BRIDGE EQUIP PURCHASE	0.00
REFUND FUND	<u>356.80</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 238,416.40
TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>154,475.67</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS	<u><u>392,892.07</u></u>

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013.

Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Kody L. Farkell  
Kody L. Farkell, Clerk & Recorder