

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in July, 2014**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2014. Unless indicated, all Commissioners were present.

MEETING WITH DUPUYER COMMUNITY CITIZENS REGARDING DEBRIS – July 2, 2014

Nancy and Dennis Williams and Ali Newkirk met with the commissioners for an update on the county’s lawsuit for clean up of the fire debris in Dupuyer. Commissioner Broesder stated she had visited with the County Attorney and it is anticipated the suit will be filed by Friday of this week.

Also attending: County Sanitarian, Corrine Rose, and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer

REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF RESTROOMS AT WILLIAM JONES PARK IN DUPUYER – July 2, 2014

Nancy Williams presented a letter to the commissioners requesting replacement of the current dilapidated restrooms in the William Jones Memorial Park in Dupuyer. There was discussion of the current facility which Mrs. Williams states “...appears to be of original outhouse style built in the early 1900’s. It has his and hers accommodations. There are no doors and no ability to wash your hands. It was a sturdy log building. It is now an out dated eyesore and health hazard and located within 100 feet of Dupuyer Creek.” The Commissioners will look into options, including contacting the Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The County Sanitarian suggested locating any new restrooms in a better area to avoid flooding.

Also attending: Dennis Williams, Ali Newkirk, County Sanitarian, Corrine Rose, and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent-Observer

TAX ABATEMENTS APPROVED: July 2, 2014

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve tax abatements/add-ons #960-968.

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL #
960	Aggregate company; re-calculated by State		2.79	1342400
961	Aggregate company; re-calculated		.81	1395000
962	Bresnan/Charter Settlement	891.64		659900
963	Bresnan/Charter Settlement	986.07		659900
964	Bresnan/Charter Settlement	125.07		655000
965	Bresnan/Charter Settlement		4865.26	659900
966	Bresnan/Charter Settlement		2383.37	659900
967	Bresnan/Charter Settlement		2782.11	659900
968	Bresnan/Charter Settlement		2552.78	659900
	TOTAL	\$ 2002.78	\$12,587.12	

Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer

MAY MINUTES APPROVED - July 2, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the Commission Minutes for May, 2014. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried. Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer

HAYING AGREEMENT APPROVED – July 9, 2014

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the request of Midway Colony to hay the Healy Springs Road. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. motion carried.

Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer

TAX ABATEMENTS APPROVED: July 9, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve tax abatements/add-ons #969-975.

NUMBER	REASON	CANCEL	ADD	PARCEL #
969	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	\$9,221.86		652150
970	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	7,325.19		652150
971	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	6,202.28		652150
972	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	4,295.58		652150
973	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	1,744.26		652150
974	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	3,599.66		653160
975	Verizon Settlement with State Dept of Revenue	1,548.78		653150
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 33,937.61</u>		

Commissioner Broesder seconded. motion carried.

Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer

HAYING APPROVED – July 9, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the request of Duane Swanson to hay the County-owned lots 6-16, Block 13, Valier original townsite. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending: Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent-Observer

SECOND DRAWDOWN FOR MONTANA BOARD OF INVESTMENTS INTERCAP LOAN RESCINDED AND RE-APPROVED – July 16, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to rescind prior approval of Drawdown #2 on the Montana Board of Investments Intercap Loan for PMC Refinancing & Equipment Purchases, originally approved June 25, 2014, because it was not needed, and to re-approve drawdown #2 in the amount of \$5,913.09 for the purpose of purchasing a cardiac monitor. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending was Rita Christiaens, Pat Becker, and Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent Observer.

TREASURER'S SECURITIES REPORT – July 23, 2014

Pondera County Commissioners
20 4th Ave SW
Conrad, MT 59425

Dear Commissioners,

The following are the investments as of June 30, 2014

STIP \$2338.05 @ .1144219%
STOCKMAN BANK BALANCES \$11,268,333.31
STOCKMAN BANK –Collateral Report

3135G0AL7 \$6,895,000.00 FHLB 2000746 2.25% Matures 03/15/16
313381YP4 \$6,000,000.00 FHLB 2000687 .25% Matures 02/20/15

RBC WEALTH

313383HN4 450,000.00 1.000% Due 06/27/2018 (step up)
3134G3US7 180,000.00 1.100% Due 05/22/2017
02587DTY4 200,000.00 2.100% Due 09/26/2018 (CD)
3130A0PL8 500,000.00 1% Due 01/28/2019 (step up)

RAYMOND JAMES

795450QY4 \$250,000.00 1.3000% Due 10/31/2016 (CD)
3130A0ZV5 \$300,000.00 1.5000% Due 03/20/2019 (step up)
3130A1F29 \$300,000.00 1.000% Due 04/16/2019 (step up)
05573JVV3 \$250,000.00 1.000% Due 02/25/2019 (step up)
38147JL42 \$200,000.00 2.05% Due 6/25/2019 (CD)

Jeanne Moon, Treasurer

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY COUNTY ROAD (MORTON AVENUE IN DUPUYER) CLOSURE APPROVED – July 23, 2014

The Dupuyer Community Club has requested permission for temporary closures of the county road (Morton Avenue) for outdoor events on August 7. Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the request. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also in attendance Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW BRIDGE ON SWIFT DAM ROAD – July 23, 2014

A bridge over Sheep Creek on Swift Dam Road recently gave out when equipment owned by a private company was driving across it. John Stokes, Road Supervisor, estimates cost to replace the road will be between \$84,000 and \$85,000. The County will begin looking into options for design and replacement of the bridge.

Also in attendance Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

NATIONWIDE PRO-ADVISOR SERVICES – July 23, 2014

Nationwide currently offers 457 retirement plans to county employees. They now offer a Pro-Advisor option, which assigns a financial advisor to each account holder to assist with investment planning at no cost to the county or the employee.

Commissioner Hoppes moved to authorize Nationwide to market Pro-Advisor services to county employees. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also in attendance Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

SEVENTH DRAWDOWN FOR BRADY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT CDBG APPROVED – July 23, 2014

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Drawdown #7 on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #MT-CDBG-11PF-07 for the Brady County Water & Sewer District in the amount of \$26,492.66. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending was Buck Traxler, Editor of The Independent Observer.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF MONIES TO THE STATE – AMBULANCE PROVIDER IGT AGREEMENT – APPROVED – July 30, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the transfer of Monies to the State as match money for the Medicaid monies necessary for supplemental payments to ambulance providers that are county owned. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending was Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

RESCHEDULE COMMISSIONER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014 – July 30, 2014

Two Commissioners are scheduled to be out of the office on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Commissioner Hoppes moved to reschedule the regular commissioners meeting for Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending was Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 – July 30, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to set Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's office at the Pondera County Courthouse as the date, time and place for the public hearing of the County Budget for fiscal year 2014-15. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending was Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT – July 31, 2014

<i>FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
GENERAL	\$ 29,102.31

ROAD	1,029.81
BRIDGE	37.19
WEED	542.45
AIRPORT	181.88
PREDATORY ANIMAL	0.00
COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE	87,801.88
AMBULANCE	3,224.94
LIBRARY	0.00
COUNTY HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME	90,667.53
EXTENSION SERVICE	3,758.65
SENIOR CITIZENS	0.00
COUNTY FAIR	315.38
PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	10,901.67
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	770.82
RECORDS PRESERVATION	0.00
BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	327.00
911 EMERGENCY	2,073.18
LAND USE PLANNING	550.00
GAS APPORTIONMENT TAX	0.00
NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	0.00
VICTIM & WITNESS ADVOCATE	313.50
DUI PREVENTION	39.34
BUCKLE UP MT	1,459.15
NOXIOUS WEED GRANR	0.00
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	1,292.23
HEALTHY CHILD (LEAD POISONING) GRANT	9.81
BREAST & CERVICAL SCREENING	9.81
IMMUNIZATION BILLING GRANT	31.81
WIC GRANT	61.63
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	10.83
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM	9.81
TOBACCO USE PREVENTION GRANT	804.39
NAPA GRANT	570.68
JUNK VEHICLE GRANT	0.00
HOSPITAL DEBT SERVICE 95	145,477.50
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROV	0.00
ROAD/BRIDGE EQUIP PURCHASE	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY CAP IMPROV	0.00
REFUND FUND	30,666.05
PAYROLL FUND	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 412,041.23
TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>208,213.70</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS	<u><u>620,254.93</u></u>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2014. Pondera County, Montana

Joseph Christiaens, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kody Farkell, Clerk & Recorder