

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

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on September 3, 10, and 17, 2014. Unless indicated, all Commissioners were present.

**THIRD DRAWDOWN FOR MONTANA BOARD OF INVESTMENTS INTERCAP LOAN APPROVED – September 3, 2014**

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve drawdown #3 for the Montana Board of Investments Intercap Loan for PMC Refinancing & Equipment Purchases in the amount of \$100,214 for the purpose of purchasing computer software required to be in compliance with Affordable Care Act regulations. Commissioner Christiaens seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Broesder was absent.

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

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED OFFICE CLOSINGS ON THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING & DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

– September 3, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to set Wednesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners office as the date, time and place for a public hearing on the proposal to close the county offices on the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas. Commissioner Christiaens seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Broesder was absent.

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

**ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF JEANNE MOON AS TREASURER/ASSESSOR/SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – September 3, 2014**

Commissioner Hoppes moved to accept the resignation of Jeanne Moon as Treasurer/Assessor/Superintendent of Schools effective midnight on September 30, 2014. Commissioner Christiaens seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Broesder was absent.

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND DONATING – ADOPTED- September 10, 2014**

**PONDERA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION #6 – 2014/15  
DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND SETTING SALE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-8-2211, MCA, Authorization to sell and exchange county property, the Board of Pondera County Commissioners declares the following personal property belonging to the County as surplus property which is not necessary to the conduct of county business or the preservation of its property:

One (1) USS Pondera photograph

One (1) 48-star USA flag

One (1) transmittal letter to Pondera County for USS Pondera photograph and USA flag

and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined it is in the best interests of the County to donate the property to the Pondera County Transportation and Historical Museum

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners:

- 1) hereby declares the property listed above as surplus property which is not necessary to the conduct of county business or the preservation of its property,
- 2) agrees to donate the property to the Pondera County Transportation and Historical Museum

**September 2014**

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2014, as moved by Commissioner Hoppes, seconded by Commissioner Broesder, and passed on unanimous vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

PONDERA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Joseph Christiaens  
Joseph Christiaens, Chair

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Member

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

UPDATE ON CLEAN-UP AT PIERRE'S BAR IN DUPUYER – September 10, 2014  
September 8, 2014 was the deadline for property owner Peggy Utsler to respond to the County Attorney's request to clean up the property. No response was received from Mrs. Utsler. County Attorney Mary Ann Ries will need to advise the County Commissioners on how to proceed.

Also attending: DES Coordinator LeAnn Hermance, Undersheriff Jeff Pruttis, Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, Dennis and Nancy Williams, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUESTS BY DUPUYER RESIDENTS – September 10, 2014

Dennis Williams reported on a Dupuyer Community meeting where the residents agreed to ask the County for assistance with establishing a new entrance to the Jones Park in Dupuyer. The community has raised \$1,500 but estimate the cost to be \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Williams also requested assistance from the County with removing car bodies from Dupuyer Creek. The Commissioners agreed to contact Sanitarian Corrine Rose about using funds from the Junk Vehicle program.

Commissioner Christiaens stated he is working on a grant to help fund new restrooms in the Jones Park. The application is due in February 2015.

Also attending: DES Coordinator LeAnn Hermance, Undersheriff Jeff Pruttis, Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, Dennis and Nancy Williams, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

PURCHASE OF 9-1-1 CALL-TAKING EQUIPMENT APPROVED – September 10, 2014

DES LeAnn Hermance received four proposals for 9-1-1 call taking equipment. Proposals ranged from \$68,000 to \$173,000. Each proposal also had a monthly maintenance and service fee. Dispatchers were able to participate in a seminar on two systems. They felt the proposal by Grabar, located out of North Dakota, was the best system.

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the purchase of the Grabar call-taking system for \$68,000, with a \$950 monthly maintenance and services fee, plus a voice recording system for up to \$15,000. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried. Also attending: DES Coordinator LeAnn Hermance, Undersheriff Jeff Pruttis, Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

CERTIFIED MILLS APPROVED- September 10, 2014

Commissioner Hoppes moved to approve the certified mills for the county tax bills for fiscal year 2014-15. Commissioner Christiaens seconded. Motion carried. Also attending: Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

APPOINTMENT OF KRISTI ROBERTSON AS  
TREASURER/ASSESSOR/SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO COMPLETE THE  
UNEXPIRED TERM (3 MONTHS) OF JEANNE MOON – September 10, 2014

**September 2014**

Commissioners received a letter of interest for the appointment of Treasurer/Assessor/Superintendent of Schools from Kristine Robertson to complete the unexpired term (3 months) of Jeanne Moon. Commissioner Hoppes moved to appoint Kristine Robertson as Treasurer/Assessor/Superintendent of Schools beginning October 1, 2014. Commissioner Broesder seconded. Motion carried.

Also attending: Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

**PRESENTATION BY CHERYL CURRY ON PONDERA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY** – September 10, 2014

Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority Director, gave a presentation on the Port Authority's activities over the last year.

Also attending: Cheryl Curry, Pondera Regional Port Authority, John Shevlin, Harold Olson, and Buck Traxler, Editor of the Independent Observer.

**NINTH DRAWDOWN FOR BRADY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT CDBG APPROVED** – September 17, 2014

Commissioner Broesder moved to approve the Drawdown #9 on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #MT-CDBG-11PF-07 for the Brady County Water & Sewer District in the amount of \$29,889.08. Commissioner Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CDBG APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NON-COMPETITIVE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANT – ADOPTED** – September 17, 2014

**PONDERA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION #7 2014-15  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CDBG APPLICATION  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NON-COMPETITIVE HOUSING  
REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Pondera County is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for assistance to those citizens of Pondera County meeting the eligibility criteria as described in the non-competitive housing rehabilitation program application, for:

1. rehabilitation of occupied homes and residential properties determined to have critical health and safety deficiencies;
2. construction of vacant infill development residential properties and
3. demolition activities resulting in the redevelopment of residential properties as the direct activity pursuant to the established one-to-one replacement guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, Pondera County conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2014, in conformance with CDBG requirements to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs, and on the proposed activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pondera County has the legal jurisdiction and authority to manage the proposed activities and will arrange for project administration by the Pondera Regional Port Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Pondera County agrees to conform to the regulations, statutes, terms and conditions described in the CDBG Certifications for Application, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Pondera County Commissioners, that Joseph Christiaens, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be authorized to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce on behalf of Pondera County; engage Pondera Regional Port Authority for administrative services of this grant, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 as moved by Commissioner Hoppes, seconded by Commissioner Broesder, 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 & Recorder

/s/ Janice Hoppes  
Janice Hoppes, Member

**CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT – September 30, 2014**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL	\$ 23,974.13
ROAD	38,701.23
BRIDGE	5,880.79
WEED	5,936.80
AIRPORT	433.77
PREDATORY ANIMAL	0.00
COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE	0.00
AMBULANCE	86.65
LIBRARY	0.00
COUNTY HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME	100,214.00
EXTENSION SERVICE	5,168.81
SENIOR CITIZENS	0.00
COUNTY FAIR	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	15,412.37
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	225.00
DRUG FORFEITURE	0.00
RECORDS PRESERVATION	0.00
BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	334.79
911 EMERGENCY	4,805.68
LAND USE PLANNING	1,150.00
GAS APPORTIONMENT TAX	0.00
NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	14,760.61
STATE ALLOCATED FEDERAL MINERAL	2,014.95
VICTIM & WITNESS ADVOCATE	0.00
NEIGHBORHOOD STABIL. GRANT	7,217.51
DUI PREVENTION	0.00
BUCKLE UP MT	9,989.41
NOXIOUS WEED GRANT	1,098.00
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	3,310.91
PERFORMANCE MGT GRANT	11.94
HEALTHY CHILD (LEAD POISONING) GRANT	0.00
BREAST & CERVICAL SCREENING	11.94
IMMUNIZATION BILLING GRANT	266.37
WIC GRANT	1,088.83
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	171.35
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM	11.94
TOBACCO USE PREVENTION GRANT	0.00
NAPA GRANT	0.00
JUNK VEHICLE GRANT	734.34
HOSPITAL DEBT SERVICE 95	0.00
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROV	0.00
ROAD/BRIDGE EQUIP PURCHASE	39,125.00
PUBLIC SAFETY CAP IMPROV	0.00
REFUND FUND	3,751.95

PAYROLL FUND		0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	285,889.07
TOTAL PAYROLL		<u>231,074.32</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS		<u><u>516,963.39</u></u>

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2014. Pondera County,  
Montana

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Joseph Christiaens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kody Farkell, Clerk & Recorder