

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in November 2024**

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024.

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Public – Paul Anderberg, McKenzie Graye

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Kuka and Tammy Bartsch went to Heart Butte October 30, 2024 for the Satellite Office for the General Election for registration.

RENEWAL OF INMATE EXCESS MEDICAL INSURANCE

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to renew the Inmate Excess Medical Insurance with Correctional Risk Services, Inc. at the rate of \$1.13 per inmate per day for medical coverage, mental/nervous disorder treatment, substance abuse treatment, pregnancy, and AIDS/ARD/HIV treatment. Effective dates of coverage: November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. Motion carried.

DEED RESTRICTION ON AIRPORT LOOP ROAD

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded the deed restriction on properties along the Conrad Airport Loop Road. This restriction is a requirement for the FAA road reconstruction grant that restricts vehicle usage on the road except for county and aeronautical use. Motion carried.

SIGNATORY FOR CONRAD AIRPORT LAND ACQUISITION

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to nominate and elect Commissioner Jim Morren to be the signatory for the Conrad Airport Land Acquisition. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve the request from the Road/Bridge Department to purchase cold mix for paving the south end of Price Road for the amount of \$3,500.00. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the request from the Road/Bridge Department to purchase injectors for the John Deere Cat Loader for the amount of \$7,097.67. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Public – Paul Anderberg, McKenzie Graye, Byron Bokma

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment and questions about the access and easement on the approach to the Conrad Airport Loop Road. In order to obtain the FAA grant, access is limited to county and airport related traffic.

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Kuka reported on the meeting with Valier's town council regarding the sheriff's office contract.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the job description for a Chaplain for the Pondera County Sheriff's department. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 19, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Jim Morren, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke

CANVASS OF FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the November 19, 2024 Canvass of the November 5, 2024 General Election conducted by Commissioner Drishinski, Commissioner Kuka, and Commissioner Morren to direct the Clerk and Recorder to enter the official results in the records of the County. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Public-McKenzie Graye

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500-APPROVED

An estimate of \$2,000 was received from DIS Technologies for renewal of the Sheriff Department's sonic firewall subscription for three years. Commissioner Drishinski moved to renew the sonic firewall subscription for a three-year period. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO MARIAS FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to appoint Heather Erickson as Pondera County representative to the Marias Fair Board. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 27, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Dalayne VanDyke, Road/Bridge Superintendent Frosty DeBoo, Public-McKenzie Graye

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Drishinski reported on the land sale of 3 lots for delinquent taxes, within the City of Conrad. The land sold for \$9,500.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING INTO OFFICE

Commissioner Drishinski moved to set the date, time and place for elected officials swearing into office. December 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Pondera County Courthouse is the set time and place. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

OCTOBER COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the October 2024 Minutes of the Commission. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 25, 2024 CANCELLED; REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 1, 2025 MOVED

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to cancel the regular meeting of the Commissioners scheduled for December 25, 2024, and move the regular meeting of the Commissioners scheduled January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500

Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the purchase of two barrels of hydraulic oil for the Road/Bridge Department for the amount of \$2,310.00. Motion carried.

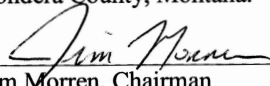
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<u>FUND</u>		
Fund	Fund Description	
1000	GENERAL	124,845.44
2110	ROAD	27,674.25
2130	BRIDGE	531.38
2140	WEED	1,159.18
2170	AIRPORT	17,685.43
2230	AMBULANCE	158.43
2235	COUNTY HOSPITAL	20,254.04
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	3,611.08
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	14,370.07
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	304.98
2811	DUI PREVENTION	1,533.00
2820	GAS APORTIONMENT TAX	23,832.00
2821	ENHANCED GAS TAX (BARSAR)	5,669.58
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	12.55
2850	911 EMERGENCY	7,778.09
2860	LAND USE PLANNING	1,272.50
2862	PONDERA CO GROWTH POLICY	1,001.27
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	121.14
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	442.65
2963	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT	1,204.36
2964	ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH	106.25
2971	WIC GRANT	470.26
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	118.80
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	475.21
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT	873.34
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	72.00
4009	PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL IMP	1,935.00
4012	GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMP	52996.05
7920	REFUND FUND	2,993.19
TOTAL CLAIMS		\$313,501.52
TOTAL PAYROLL		\$334,004.81
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS		\$647,506.33

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2024

Pondera County, Montana.



 Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:



 Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

