REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA
Held in April 2026

The Board of Pondera County Commissioners met daily in informal session and in scheduled meetings on April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026.

APRIL 1, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:
NO MEETING DUE TO THE COMMISSIONERS AT A MACRS CONFERENCE IN GREAT FALLS

TREASURER'S SECURITIES AS OF MARCH 31, 2026
STIP $6,002,000.00 @ 3.8548570%

STOCKMAN BANK BALANCES $10,991,917.51

STOCKMAN BANK –Collateral Report

3133GDCV0	$ 909,491.78	FHLMC Pool	1.50%	05/01/2036
38384JWF7	$1,382,798.83	GNM24030 TD	4.50%	05/20/2051
3132D56U1	$1,459,851.42	FHLMC Pool #S	1.50%	01/01/2036
3142GS7M4	$ 832,312.89	FHLMC Pool #R	5.50%	10/01/2054
3140XJTX1	$ 347,878.56	FNMA POOL #F	1.50%	04/01/2036
31418D5C2	$ 116,241.36	FNMA POOL #	2.00%	10/01/2036
31418EUT5	$1,957,157.83	FNMA POOL #	5.00%	07/01/2038
3140NVW45	$2,000,000.00	FNMA POOL #B	4.99%	08/01/2029
3140M2CQ3	$1,343,732.08	FNMA POOL #B	2.00%	11/01/2051
3140J8LC5	$1,024,306.83	FNMA ARM PO	6.20%	03/01/2048
31418D2X9	$ 766,154.42	FNMA POOL #	1.50%	07/01/2031
3140HRN82	$3,000,000.00	FNMA POOL#B	3.89%	11/01/2030
3136BRJF5	$ 272,391.65	FNM24009 NP	5.50%	06/25/2044
3132CXDK5	$ 360,790.43	FHLMC POOL #S	4.00%	11/01/2038
3130AF4W4	$ 865,000.00	FED HOME LN	4.10%	10/24/2033

RAYMOND JAMES

07371AYT4	$250,000.00	2.05%	Due 02/24/2027(CD)
795451AN3	$250,000.00	1.05%	Due 08/18/2026 (CD)
3130AWC24	$250,000.00	4.00%	Due 06/09/2028
3134HCZG7	$250,000.00	4.10%	Due 03/17/2027
3136GCUC7	$250,000.00	4.00%	Due 03/17/2028
46659CPX2	$250,000.00	4.10%	Due 02/11/2031

INDEPENDENCE BANK

CDARS 1030487326	02/04/27	4.11445%	$ 500,000.00
CDARS 1030598284	02/11/27	3.63338%	$ 250,000.00
CDARS 1029621582	09/03/26	3.39197%	$ 250,000.00
CDARS 1029835442	10/14/27	2.59612%	$ 500,000.00
CDARS 1031761944	08/27/26	4.29662%	$1,000,000.00
CDARS 1027778727	09/10/26	4.08565%	$ 500,000.00

BUCHANAN CAPITAL

DISCOVER BANK	254673U46	10/05/26	4.30%	$250,000.00
FIRST FOUNDATION	32026UT22	07/14/26	4.65%	$250,000.00
SCHWAB-AMERICAN CO	02519ABT3	04/02/26	5.20%	$250,000.00
SCHWAB-SYNCHRONY	87165E3T2	11/03/26	5.10%	$250,000.00
SCHWAB-FIRST PREM	33610RUZ4	11/10/26	5.10%	$250,000.00
INTERNTNL BANK OF	45906AEC7	01/26/27	4.10%	$250,000.00
SAUK VALLEY BANK	804375EA7	01/29/27	4.15%	$250,000.00
MERRICK BANK	59013K3W4	01/31/28	4.25%	$250,000.00
MORGAN STANLEY B	61690DX29	03/20/28	4.15%	$250,000.00
FORBRIGHT BANK	34520LBK8	08/11/28	4.20%	$250,000.00
GOLDEN SACH BANK	38151PJV4	03/12/29	3.72%	$250,000.00
HADDON SAVINGS BANK	404730GD9	03/26/29	3.70%	$250,000.00
AMERANT BANK	02357QCT2	03/26/29	3.80%	$250,000.00
WELLS FARGO	949764US1	03/26/29	3.95%	$250,000.00
OPTUM BANK	68405VDC0	04/30/29	4.00%	$250,000.00
AMERICAN EXPRESS	02589AGA4	01/22/30	4.15%	$250,000.00

MORGAN STANLEY P	61776NLK7	02/12/30	4.25%	$250,000.00
EAGLEBANK	27002YHQ2	04/16/30	4.05%	$250,000.00
SALLIE MAE BANK	795451DX8	07/09/30	4.05%	$250,000.00
BMW BANK	05612LHW5	01/02/30	3.80%	$250,000.00

APRIL 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:
PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, DES Coordinator Ali Broesder, Montana DES Ed Greiberis

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING
Commissioners Morren and Drishinski attended the MACRS Conference in Great Falls, Montana.
The Sentinel Missile Town Hall meeting was well attended by the public on April 1st at the Conrad High School.

AGREEMENT WITH STAHLY ENGINEERING FOR SURVEY REVIEW SERVICES
Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve the annual Professional Services Agreement with Stahly Engineering for reviewing all Surveys and Subdivisions to be recorded in Pondera County. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLOSURES
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconed to approve the closure dates of April 14-15, 2026 of the Health Department. For training staff. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE SIDEWALKS
Commissioners received three bids for the replacement of sidewalks outside the Pondera County Courthouse.

1. Redi Mix/Salois Construction $17,510
2. Stokes Construction $17,210
3. Neil Weisgram Concrete & Construction $10,000

Commissioner Kuka moved to choose Neil Weisgram for the new sidewalks and Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

MONTANA DES UPDATE
Montana DES Coordinator Ed Greiberis updated the Commissioners on FEMA and the Sentinel Missile Project.

INVOICE WITH MaPS FOR MAPPING SERVICES
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the invoice from Mapping and Planning Specialists, Inc. (MaPS, Inc.) for E911 and GPS/GIS mapping services at a cost of $6,662.50. Motion carried. The funding for this project is a grant awarded to Pondera County from Montana Land Information Act.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF $1,500-APPROVED
Commissioner Kuka moved to approve the purchase of 6,480 tons of crushed gravel for the Hog Johnson Road from RMR Aggregate for the Road/Bridge Department in the amount of $71,280. Remainder of BARSAA fund $16,683.00 to go toward purchase. Commissioner Drishinski seconded. Motion carried.

APRIL 15, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:
PRESENT: Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Public- Paul Anderberg, McKenzie Graye

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING
Representative Troy Downing visited with the Commissioners on April 8th.

Pondera Conservation District expressed interest in assisting the county with the waste water dumping outside of Valier.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD
Commissioner Drishinski moved to re-appoint Chris Torgerson to the County Compensation Board for a 3-year term ending May 2029. Commissioner Morren seconded. Motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PART TIME SHORT-TERM DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded the approval of the job description for a Part Time Short-Term Clerk of Court. Motion carried.

UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PART TIME SANITARY WORKER-PARKS
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded the approval of the updated job description for a part time Sanitary Worker-Parks. Motion carried.

MARCH COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the March 2026 Minutes of the Commission. Motion carried.

APRIL 22, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:
PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Morren, Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Road/Bridge Superintendent Frosty DeBoo, Public- Paul Anderberg, Heidi Fowler, Ruth Erickson

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING
Commissioner Kuka attended the Conrad City Council meeting regarding the possible consolidation of the Pondera County Sheriff and City of Conrad Police.

Commissioner Morren attended the Board of Health meetings in Billings, MT.

CLAIM FOR INDIGENT BURIAL APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve payment of $750 for burial of an indigent resident of the county. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OF EXCESS VACATION
Commissioner Kuka moved and Commissioner Drishinski seconded to approve the request from the county sanitarian to extend excess vacation hours to September 30, 2026. Motion carried.

PONDERA COUNTY HISTORICAL REPRODUCTION COST VS STANDARD REPLACEMENT COST INSURANCE
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the Replacement Cost Insurance of $25,958,800 valuation vs. $49,967,500 for Historical Reproduction valuation for property insurance for the county courthouse. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ON CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

PONDERA COUNTY MONTANA
RESOLUTION #22 – 2025/26
CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

WHEREAS Section 7-6-2607, Montana Code Annotated, directs the Board of County Commissioners to examine the county warrants and cancel all county warrants that have remained uncalled for one (1) year or more; and

WHEREAS upon examination of the warrants outstanding warrant register for claims and payroll warrants issued by Pondera County, there appears to be outstanding for more than one (1) year, the following warrants:

CLAIMS FUND

Warrant No.	Claim No.	Date Issued	Amount	Payable To
73195	88578	12/12/2023	$25.33	Casey Rasmussen
73813	89351	06/21/2024	$22.09	BTR Farms
74295	90056	12/26/2024	$380.53	Judith Onstad

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pondera County that the above warrants are hereby canceled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 7-6-2607(3), MCA, the Clerk and Recorder of Pondera County is directed to enter the cancellation of the above-referenced warrants and the date of said cancellation on the records of the Claims and Payroll Warrant Register, and, further, this resolution shall constitute the list of canceled warrants to be entered in the minutes of the Board.

Adopted this 22nd day of April, 2026, as moved by Commissioner Drishinski, seconded by Commissioner Kuka, and passed on a 3-0 vote of the board. Effective upon passage and approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Pondera County, Montana

/s/ Jim Morren
Jim Morren, Chairman

/s/ Thomas A Kuka
Thomas A Kuka, Member

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Zane Drishinski
Zane Drishinski, Member

APRIL 29, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION:
PRESENT: Commissioner Zane Drishinski, Commissioner Thomas Kuka, Clerk & Recorder Kody Farkell, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tammy Bartsch, Public- Paul Anderberg, Casey Drishinski

MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION OUTSIDE REGULAR MEETING
Commissioner Drishinski commented on the head cook training in Shelby for the Senior Center staff.

Commissioner Kuka commented on the Many Rivers meeting in Great Falls, MT.

MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL GRANT FOR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
Commissioner Drishinski moved to support the Cascade County Juvenile Detention Center grant through the Montana Board of Crime Control. The grant, totaling $132,252 will allow the Detention Center to operate the fiscal year 2026-2027 without raising the daily bed fee to counties. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

TASK ORDER CONTRACT FOR STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANT
Commissioner Drishinski moved and Commissioner Kuka seconded to approve the fiscal year 2026 Strengthening Public Health Workforce task order contract with the Montana Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of $40,000 for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Motion carried.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL APPROVED
Renewal rates and the County's contribution toward premiums was discussed. Commissioner Drishinski moved to renew the County's current plan with Joint Powers Trust committing to continue to offer four options to the employees, a traditional medical plan with a $1,000 deductible, a traditional medical plan with a $1,500 deductible, a high deductible option with $3,500 first-pay option and a high deductible option with a $4,500

first-pay option. The County contribution for employee-only coverage will be $1,335.00 for full-time employees and a pro-rated portion of $1,335.00 for part-time employees. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE SET FOR COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD
Commissioner Drishinski moved to set the County Compensation Board meeting for Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF $1,500-APPROVED
Commissioner Drishinski moved to approve the purchase of 2 carbide blade sets for the Road/Bridge Department in the amount of $3,500 each from NW Equipment. Commissioner Kuka seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND

Fund	Fund Description	
1000	GENERAL	47,383.31
2110	ROAD	28,993.28
2130	BRIDGE	102.65
2140	WEED	865.32
2170	AIRPORT	6,963.81
2230	AMBULANCE	218.36
2290	EXTENSION SERVICE	6,661.59
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT)	11,302.02
2401	BRADY LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	351.90
2821	ENHANCED GAS TAX (BARSAR)	8,985.50
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	11.92
2850	911 EMERGENCY	3,361.00
2860	LAND USE PLANNING	825.00
2866	NORTHERN TRANSIT INTERLOCAL	250.21
2919	STONEGARDEN GRANT	1,347.67
2958	EP (DES) GRANTS	362.54
2962	LOR FOUNDATION GRANT	3,232.19
2963	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT	331.25
2965	INNOVATION BEH HEALTH	3,459.85
2971	WIC GRANT	47.82
2973	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	118.17
2976	IMMUNIZATION ACTION GRANT	125.33
2978	CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT	612.81
2980	HEALTH CARE FOUND. GRANT	2,321.00
4012	GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMP	1657.00
7920	REFUND FUND	2,748.38

TOTAL CLAIMS	$132,639.88
TOTAL PAYROLL	$375,285.10
TOTAL CLAIMS AND PAYROLL FUNDS	$507,924.98

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026

Pondera County, Montana.

Jim Morren, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kody L Farkell, Clerk & Recorder

COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
SEAL
PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA