

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

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February 18, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioner Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Also in attendance was John Midkiff. Commissioner Arlene Zerst Rapp was excused because she was out of town.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas and County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed a proposed road agreement to give to pipeline companies which would define requirements for road maintenance and repairs due to heavy truck traffic on Kirtley, Coffey, and Divide Roads during the installation of the ONEOK Bakken Pipeline.

The group then discussed an inquiry made by a landowner about obtaining an easement within the county's easement to run a water pipeline. The Commissioners took no action on the matter.

Fred updated the group on the status of roads and operations.

Public Health- Lisa Mellott, Niobrara County Public Health Nurse, Judy Stallman, State Public Health Supervisor, Karen Mahan, RN, PHH Chief Nursing Executive, and Doyle J. Davies, County Attorney met to review and discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and Niobrara County Public Health Nursing. This MOU details the scope of work expected on behalf of each party and spells out defined services which will be consistent throughout the state.

Brice Johnson met with the Commissioners to discuss Brice Refrigeration's letter of closure. Brice stated he hoped to be available for consultations. Richard extended his thanks on behalf of the Commissioners and Niobrara County for all of the years of service he has provided.

Public Health con't. - The group continued discussion on the MOU and then reviewed the amendments made to the Joint Powers Agreement for Public Health Emergency Preparedness between Converse County Board of Commissioners, and the Niobrara County Board of Commissioners. Greg moved to approve the JPA for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Richard seconded, motion carried.

Doug Chamberlain from KGOS/KGRM joined the meeting.

Richard discussed some legislative items of interest.

ONEOK- Representatives from ONEOK Bakken Pipeline met with the Commissioners and Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss the proposed pipeline being installed. ONEOK hopes to begin construction by May. The Commissioners and Fred discussed the impacts on county roads and possible solutions and assistance to alleviate and prevent further damage. Fred noted that dust control is a prime concern on Kirtley and Divide Roads and needs to be addressed. It was also noted that county road fund standards need to be adhered to. Richard gave the representatives the draft letter of agreement. They will take it back to their company for review and the group will meet again to further discuss the project.

Petitions to Cross County Roads- Greg moved to approve the Orders authorizing ONEOK Bakken Pipeline to cross under the following county roads: Stage Road, Divide Road, Gravel Pit Road and 28 Road. Richard seconded, motion carried.

Library Board- Kristine Groh, Library Board Member, and Debbie Sturman, Library Director met with the Commissioners to discuss the cleaning contract for the courthouse, library and jail and what ramifications would occur if the contract terms are not being completely met.

Resolution 14-06- Greg moved to approve Resolution 14-06, a resolution authorizing representatives of the Niobrara County Sheriff's Office to acquire surplus property from Wyoming Surplus Property. Richard seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk