

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
MAY 16, 2023

The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on May 16, 2023, at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Patrick H. Wade. Vice-Chairman John Midkiff, Commissioner Elaine Griffith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman were present. Members of the audience included Judy Lucas with *The Lusk Herald*, Sheriff Randy Starkey, and Undersheriff Kelly Dean.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas told the Commissioners that the 2023 Road Rehabilitation Project is completed but there were gravel overages, so a change order will be forthcoming.

He said there were three washouts on Indian Creek Road, and a loader is headed there now. He said they will install some pipe and millings on the road by the spillway to help alleviate further washouts.

Vice-Chairman Midkiff said landowners had contacted him and extended their thanks to the road and bridge department for keeping the roads open during the storms.

Sheriff Randy Starkey, Undersheriff Kelly Dean, and the Commissioners discussed the meeting with Fisher Roofing and ASG Engineers regarding the Justice Center Roof. Sheriff Starkey said that drainage needs to be addressed along with the installation of a rubber roof. The elevator currently has the same type of roofing as the justice center and it will need addressed also.

He also discussed redesigning the booking and kitchen areas during the construction.

Undersheriff Dean discussed switching from broadband internet to fiber with Visionary Broadband. Treasurer Keri Thompson and Chantry Filener were also in attendance.

Representatives from Oftedahl Construction and AVI Engineering met briefly with the Commissioners to update them on the upcoming road closure.

Temporary Internet- Commissioner Griffith moved to enter into a month to month contract with Visionary Broadband to provide internet services at the temporary Sheriff's office. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

County Attorney- Deputy County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the architect's agreement for the jail and the Wyoming Department of Health Contracts.

Old Business- There was nothing new to report on the old jail. Commissioner Griffith said that Michael Coon has begun work on the Public Health Nurse Building.

Lease and Rental Agreement- Commissioner Griffith moved to ratify the commercial lease agreement between Niobrara County and Skeeter and Carla Shoults to lease office space for the temporary Niobrara County Sheriff's Office, on a month-to-month basis, for \$550.00 per month beginning May 1, 2023. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded and the motion carried.

Agreement for Services- Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve the agreement for services between Max Masters dba Geographic Innovations and Niobrara County to provide GIS and professional mapping services for the assessor and dispatch departments. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

WYDOH Contracts- Commissioner Griffith moved to sign the contract between the Wyoming Department of Health and Niobrara County for the County Health Officer Salary. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried. The term of this contract is from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a total payment amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Griffith moved to sign the contract between the Wyoming Department of Health and Niobrara County for the Public Health Preparedness and Response Unit. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried. The term of this contract is from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a total payment not to exceed \$68,000.00.

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Resolution 23-05- Commissioner Griffith moved to sign resolution 23-05 authorizing Niobrara County to join as a participant with other Political Subdivisions to participate in the Wyoming Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Wyoming CLASS) to pool funds for investments. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

Justice Center Roof Replacement- Commissioner Griffith moved to accept the fee proposal from GSG Architecture for architectural and engineering services for the Niobrara County Criminal Justice Facility Roof Replacement Project for a cost of \$47,440.00 plus estimated travel expenses. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

2023 Tax Assessment Roll- Commissioner Griffith moved to accept the 2023 assessment roll and authorize the assessor to make necessary corrections, if any are found, until June 1, 2023. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve adding Deputy Treasurer Amber LaNae Smith as an authorized signer on all accounts, including those at Lusk State Bank/Banner, Wyoming Government Investment Fund, Wyo-Star, Wyoming CLASS, and Multi-Bank Securities. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

Renewal Agreement with Wyoming Community Gas- Commissioner Griffith moved to sign the renewal agreement with Wyoming Community Gas for natural gas services. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

Commissioners' Scholarships- The Commissioners received three applications and awarded the scholarships to the following individuals: Evelyn DesEnfants, Larkin Williams, and Lilian Krueger.

Consent Agenda-Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the May 2, 2023, meeting, and receipts for the month of April from the Sheriff for \$576.25.

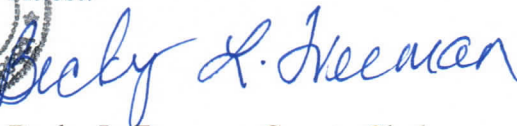
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Patrick Wade, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

