

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 17, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on April 17, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed county road crossings and the fact that Qwest is trenching in lines down the middle of road without permits. Fred will meet with a Qwest representative to clarify the county requirements for crossing a county road. Ladwig suggested turning this matter over to the County Attorney if the problem continues or is not resolved at the meeting.

Thomas also informed the Commissioners that he met with the State Bridge Dept. in March and reviewed county bridges. The bridge at Manville was discussed and it was determined that it does not belong to the county. It appears to belong to the local landowners. Ladwig suggested approaching the Town of Manville and the landowners to discuss this matter further.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the Qwest road crossing issue, the bridge at Manville and Kirtley Road.

Courthouse Painting- The Commissioners received and opened two bids for painting the interior hallways and ceilings of the courthouse. The bids were from Morford Painting & Drywall and Dee's Painting. The Commissioners discussed the bids and decided to table awarding of the bids until references are obtained.

Clerk of Court- Clerk of Court Linda Fosher met with the Commissioners and discussed the condition of the carpet in her office. She asked the Commissioners to consider installing new carpet in her office because it is a hazard to people due to the disparity between the wood floor and the carpet. She said it would cost approximately \$1300-\$1400 to install the carpet and about \$800 to refinish the floor. The Commissioners asked her to obtain more bids before they proceed with this project.

Jon Mellott- New York Life- Jon Mellott met with the Commissioners and presented health insurance proposals for them to consider when budgeting. The Commissioners will consider this information.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2007 Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mel ZumBrunnen met with the Commissioners and discussed a Wyoming Community Development Block planning grant the hospital district would like the Commissioners to sponsor. The grant would allow for the evaluation of the existing campus, business office and other various activities. The Commissioners will discuss this further at their next meeting.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts from the Clerk of Court for the month of March for \$1,009.20.

Consensus Block Grant-Pfister moved, seconded by Arlene, to accept the consensus block grant list as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications/911/Dispatch Services- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to accept the Contract for Services for Communications/911/Dispatch Services between the Town of Lusk, the County Commissioners, and the Sheriff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cent\$ible Nutrition-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst to approve the letter of support for the continued in-kind match for the Cent\$ible Nutrition program. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming State Forestry Management Agreement- Zerbst moved, seconded by Pfister, to sign the blanket agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Shinmori with Solutions for Life coalition for suicide prevention met with the Commissioners and asked for their approval and support for the placement of signs for suicide prevention along the main entryways into Lusk. He presented two drafts of signs that might be used and a letter to landowners requesting their permission to place signs on their property. All Commissioners thought that it was a good idea. Solutions for Life will contact all utility companies for utility locates.

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