

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 3, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. on April 3, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Mr. Leroy Krejci met with the Commissioners and Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and inquired about repairs to Ridge Road and the replacement of auto gates. Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas stated that due to extensive truck traffic and dry weather conditions, his department has left this road alone. Thomas did state that he would be installing more auto gates.

Thomas went on to discuss road & bridge issues. He updated the Commissioners on needed auto gate replacements and advised the board that he will be ordering more.

A phone conference was held with BenchMark of Torrington regarding the 28 Road Project and clarification of a date when the project will go out for bid. BenchMark said they were just putting the contract together because utility locates have held up the project. Bob Taylor estimated the project to go to bid in approximately 30-60 days.

State Land & Investment Board- Mayor Pete Pier met with the Commissioners and discussed funding that the State is allocating for the upcoming 2007-2008 FY.

County Attorney, County Treasurer, and County Assessor- Keri Thompson and Elaine Griffith met with the Commissioners and County Attorney Doyle Davies to obtain their input about requests they have received regarding purchase and/or release of mass data information.

Thompson and Griffith are concerned about providing this information to entities who can then sell the information for profit. They also addressed time constraints and liability concerns. Davies suggested disclaimers be included or posted and Ladwig said he would feel better stating that the Commissioners support the Elected Officials' position on how to provide this data instead of creating a policy that they must follow.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Denise Smith, Elaine Griffith, Linda Fosher, Keri Thompson and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners and discussed county business and office operations.

The Commissioners held a phone conference with State Land & Investment grants program manager Robert Tomkins. They discussed grant money being allocated from the state to be used for capital improvement projects.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of March from the County Clerk for \$3,280.45 and from the Sheriff for \$12,622.08.

Catering Permit- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve a 24- hour catering permit for 3 Sisters Truck Stop to sell alcoholic beverages at the fairgrounds for the Turkey Federation Banquet being held April 14, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming Childhood and Family Development, Inc.- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to provide a property tax waiver for FY 2007-2008 with no additional cash contribution. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from Baker & Associates that provides guidance on the path to take for repairs to the Courthouse steps.

The Commissioners acknowledged the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service 2006 Impact Statements.


State Lands Communications Lease- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to request a non-binding lease term of 25 years for the radio tower. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ladwig signed a Proclamation declaring April 22-28, 2007, National County Government Week.


Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:


Becky L. Freeman, Clerk