

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 24, 2007**

The Niobrara County Commissioners Special Meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. on January 24, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister and Arlene Zerbst Rapp, County Clerk Becky L. Freeman and Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas. Benchmark of Torrington representatives were Scott Larson, Willie Fowler, Rachelle Thompson, Brian Wakefield, and Bob Taylor. Members of the audience included Ken Sides, Carrie Sides, Clayton Sides, Karen Sides, and Bobby Giesse of the Magoon Ranch, Jim Kremers of Kremers Ranch, and John A. Robb of the Robb Ranch.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the preliminary project plans for 28 Road and review the maintenance contract.

Bob Taylor informed the group that the plans have not changed much since the original designs were developed and Ladwig assured the group that there would be landowner meetings as the project progresses.

Questions were asked regarding traffic re-routing and road closures. Taylor said that a stipulation could be added to the contract limiting the amount of time roads are closed. Both Benchmark and the Commissioners wanted to emphasize that there would be ingress and egress for emergency vehicles.

Ladwig suggested appointing a landowner representative that could communicate between the contractor and landowners to inform the landowners of any upcoming road closures.


They also discussed gravel for the project, fencing, auto gates and reseeded after the project is completed.

Executive Session- The Commissioners and Thomas entered into executive session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m. No action was taken.

Maintenance Contract - The Commissioners continued discussion on the contract. They noted that a new project representative needed to be appointed. Pfister stated he would be the project representative for the time being.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:


Becky L. Freeman, Clerk