

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
May 15, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting reconvened at 9:04 a.m. on May 15, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Ladwig recessed the Regular meeting at 9:05 a.m. to conduct a public hearing.

Public Hearing- Ladwig called a public hearing to order at 9:05 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comment on the county's application to the Wyoming Business Council for a \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant Planning only grant to evaluate the north end of the campus of the Niobrara Health & Life Center. Hospital Administrator Bob Brummond attended. There being no comments against the application, the meeting adjourned.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp to support the application of the planning grant.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Vi Hillman, Field Manager of the BLM Newcastle Field Office, met with the Commissioners and introduced herself. She gave a history of her service with the BLM and provided brochures for the Commissioners to review.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas and landowners Harry Krejci and Charlie Krejci met with the Commissioners and discussed the condition of Ridge Road. Heavy truck traffic has left the road in poor condition and Harry and Charlie are concerned about what will be done for gravel. Thomas and the Commissioners informed both parties that pit run gravel is being provided to build a good base for the road. Harry voiced concerns about unscreened rock and large rocks on the road. Thomas said pit run gravel has been used else where in the county and has been successful. It was also noted that the oilfield company is willing to assist in hauling gravel. Ladwig noted that it is the County's policy not to do a lot of upgrading without signed easements.

Thomas submitted pictures of debris piled up around the Lightning Creek Bridge, which was caused by the recent heavy rains. Thomas has a backhoe out there and additional help to clean up the debris before the bridge is lost.

Thomas also noted that 20 Mile Road and Greasewood Road were hit hard as well with road washouts and soft spots.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed his budget, fireworks, and easements.

Executive Session- The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Minutes- Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

USDA Drought Assistance- The Commissioners noted a letter from the USDA informing them of the steps required to declare a drought disaster in the county and listed contacts for county agencies.

Niobrara Senior Citizen's Service District- The Commissioners acknowledged a notice from the district stating their intent to apply for ½ mill levy for FY 2007-2008.

WYDOT- The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from the Department of Transportation informing them of a STIP Outreach meeting on May 24, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The meeting will explain WYDOT's funding process.

Solutions for Life- The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from Solutions for Life informing them of a Town Meeting to be held at the Town Council chambers on May 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss alcohol misuse in Niobrara County and try to identify priorities and develop a strategic plan for the county.

Governor's Natural Resource Tour Meeting- There was continued discussion on the upcoming tour. Pfister stated that he would like to meet with the local steering committee members before the next resource tour meeting. He will try to arrange a meeting to coincide with the June 5, 2007 Commissioner Meeting.

Petition to Cross County Road- Hat Creek Livestock, Inc. submitted a petition to cross Hat Creek Road to install a 2" water line. The location is more particularly described as follows: T34N, R62W, Section 13: NWNW. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the petition. **MOTION CARRIED.**

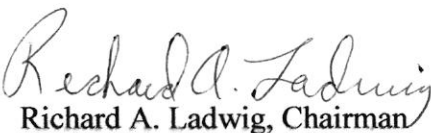
Commissioners Scholarships- The Commissioners received three eligible applications for the Commissioners Scholarships. After review, Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to award the scholarships to Clay Smith, Justine Swenson and Luke Frye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- The Commissioners met with Elected Officials and Department Heads and discussed county business.

Executive Session- The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 1:54 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman