

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIORRARA COUNTY, WYOMING**

December 16, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister and Arlene Zerbst Rapp, County Clerk Becky L. Freeman and Commissioner-elect Greg Starck.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed MSHAW training and the Sheriff's storage building.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed easements being sent out in order for the county to continue county road improvements. Davies also approved the contract with Beck Consulting for the Hazard Mitigation plan revision. Sheriff Rick L. Zerbe met with the Commissioners and Davies to discuss the Sheriff's storage building. Doyle informed the group of conversations he had with Lusk State Bank regarding an easement they have from the county for their water line. Davies stated that their concern was that they would not be able to access this easement if the storage building were installed. After some research, it appears that the easement is out of the construction area and will be accessible.

Zerbe went on to discuss WYOLink funding and the E911 system.

Richard Hawley, Projects/Grants Coordinator with Senator Mike Enzi's office, met with the County Commissioners and Sheriff Zerbe and discussed grants and coordinator projects. He informed the group that there is grant money available and that a grant writer could assist the county in obtaining these funds. Hawley also stated that training can be obtained at no cost, and, he can train the individual(s), but he said the biggest challenge will be to find someone who wants be a grant coordinator/administrator.

Cleary Building- Earl Bailey, Branch Manager with Cleary Building submitted a revised set of plans for the Sheriff's storage building for the Commissioners to sign.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Meeting and the Minutes of the December 3, 2008 Special Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged a Statement of Earnings report for the month of November from the Clerk of Court for \$385.45.

UW Car Agreement-Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve an agreement between the University of Wyoming, Cooperative Extension Service and Niobrara County for the use of a University of Wyoming car. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Stage Road Bridge-WYDOT presented Contract amendment No. 3 to the Commissioners for their consent, between WYDOT and Platte Valley Construction. The amendment extends the contract time by sixteen (16) working days as an administrative settlement as a result of a Contractor dispute. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to ratify the amendment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Schindler Elevator- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to rescind the motion made at the December 2, 2008 meeting approving the upgrade order agreement between Schindler Elevator and Niobrara County for the installation of a car-top railing system for the elevator. **MOTION CARRIED.**

State Board of Equalization- The Commissioners acknowledged an Order of Consolidation on Docket Nos. 2008-61 DirecTV, Inc. & 2008-125 DirecTV, Inc. due to a similar nature of the appeals.

Savin Copier Full Service Contract- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the contract between Niobrara County and Copier Connection to provide copier service. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from the Dept. of Audit informing the Board that the Hospital District has filed the required annual audit report.

Executive Session- The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 12:51 p.m. No action was taken.