

Commissioners' Proceedings
Niobrara County, Wyoming
February 5, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on February 5, 2008. Present were Commissioner Chair, Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioner Ronson B. Pfister, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Arlene Zerbst Rapp was out of town

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads, equipment, and repairs. Thomas also discussed the assistance provided by the National Guard to open roads.

Don McCart met with the Commissioners and discussed the maintenance contract. The Commissioners advised him that the contract is in effect until May and hasn't been officially advertised, but they were interested in his suggestions.

Doreena Brancacio met with the Commissioners to discuss the maintenance contract. She was advised that the contract hasn't been officially advertised, but were open to hearing her suggestions.

Nona Trudeau and Lori Doyle met with the Commissioners and said they will continue cleaning the courthouse and jail until the contract is let or until someone else is found. Until further notice, any outdoor problems will be taken care of by the Commissioners.

Kevin Baars stopped in to compliment Road & Bridge for the work they have done to keep his road opened. He also suggested doing some dirt work on the bad roads to prevent this in the future.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2008 Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 08-04- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to ratify **RESOLUTION 08-04**, declaring a snow emergency disaster in Niobrara County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Copier Contract-Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to renew the one year contract with Copier Connection to perform all required maintenance on the Savin copier model C2525 for \$40.00 per month plus copy costs of \$.015 per copy over 36,000 black copies per year and \$.069 per color copy monthly. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dee's Painting- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to accept Dee's bid to paint the judges chambers, court reporter room/law library and court waiting room, with repairs, for \$1,750.00. A deposit of \$800.00 is due upon agreement and the balance is due upon completion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Juvenile Prevention Framework Program- Bob Shinmori with Solutions for Life met with the Commissioners and updated them on the status of the program. He stated that they have received four applicants for the mentor position and interviews should take place around February 14, 2008. He anticipates having someone on board by the end of the month.

Sheriff-Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners and discussed radios and other equipment. They then entered into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular session reconvened at 1:36 p.m. No action was taken.

Elected Officials and Dept. Head- The Elected Officials and Department Heads met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. The Commissioners advised the group that the current custodial contractor will be working on everything west of the courthouse and that a temporary crew is cleaning the courthouse, jail and detention center.

Pete Pier- Mayor Pete Pier met with the Commissioners to discuss the specific purpose excise tax that will be expiring soon and what project could benefit by continuing this tax. They also discussed the Dispatch budget.

Commissioner Ladwig adjourned the meeting at 3:05 to hold a public hearing on a change of zoning request.

Ladwig called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the change of zoning application from Larry Bone requesting a change of zoning from agriculture to industrial on land located in Sec. 26, T32N, R64W (Bone Quarry) to extend previously worked limestone quarry to the west. There was no one in attendance to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request. Ladwig adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Ladwig reconvened the regular meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Change of Zoning - Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the change of zoning request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Truck bid opening- The Commissioners received bids from seven operators to haul gravel on approximately nine miles county road. The bids are as follows:

Reed Trucking-	1 truck-	90.00/hr
MillIron 44 LLC- Greg Matney-	1 truck-	90.00/hr
54 Trucking-	1 truck	105.00/hr
Lucky Gate-	3 trucks	85.00/hr
Jeff Baker Trucking/ First Call	1 Truck	85.00/hr
Ben Lamp-	1 truck	100.00/hr
L. Brown Trucking	1 truck	105.00/hr

The Commissioners did not make a decision at this time.

Amendment #1 to Hat Creek Bridge Project-Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve amendment #1 to the Hat Creek Bridge project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of January from the County Clerk for \$4,243.00 and from the Sheriff for \$10,926.07.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment: January Payroll Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes- 18,884.78; Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 1,199.06; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.- 13,785.00; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, parts- 184.94; AlSCO- Shop towels & coveralls- 219.06; Anderson Carpet Sales, Inc.- Courthouse improvements- 2,251.32; Ann T. Schnelzer Law Office- GAL- 500.00; Aspen Publishers- Supplies- 277.31; Avaya Communications- Phones- 76.71; B.P.O. Does- Safety meeting meal- 907.93; Bartow Oil- Fuel- 7,438.25; Benchmark of Torrington- 28 Road Engineering fees- 506.00; Best Western Pioneer Court- Lodging for MSHAW trainer- 74.52; Birch Telecom- Phone-83.52; Black Hills Chemical- Supplies- 1,137.88; Black Hills Shooters Supply- Supplies- 155.10; Bloomers- TANF grant supplies and