

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
June 3, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on June 3, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

LaWanna Reese met with the Commissioners and inquired about highway signage for roads in Lusk. She would like to see signs designating directions to different cities and right hand turn only among others. Richard suggested talking to the state highway department as they are the ones who set up signs and maintain highways. Another suggestion was to discuss this matter with the Lusk Town Council and try to get their support as well.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed the 28 Road Reconstruction Project. Thomas addressed the culverts on that road that were completely plugged due to the recent heavy rains. He stated that he recommended to Benchmark Engineers that they leave the 36" pipe and extend on both sides.

Thomas went on to discuss additional roads that need maintenance because of the rains and the Lance Creek Bridge.

The Commissioners and Thomas also discussed a pay request from Platte Valley Construction. There were two bids submitted, one with \$2,000 additional for extra mobilization for fencing and one without. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to pay Platte Valley Construction \$244,553.08. This does not include the \$2,000 for additional mobilization.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** Discussion: Zerbst noted that the catering permit issued to Paleo Park for the Bebe Reed Memorial Roping needed to be corrected because they applied for the event in error. The catering permit should be issued for the Father's Day Roping to be held at the Niobrara Roping Arena on June 15, 2008.

County Attorney-County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the Joint Judiciary Committee meeting being held here. He also presented a revised contract between the Wyoming Dept. of Health, Niobrara County, and Niobrara County Public Health Nursing.

Davies also discussed Buck Creek Road and the telecommunications problems in the Judge's Chambers.

Dirk Wingard met with the Commissioners and discussed the landscaping of the Courthouse and Justice Facilities. Ron informed him that there is currently someone maintaining the lawns but they would take his information into consideration.

Niobrara Community Recreation Committee-Candy Dooper, Jackie Bredthauer, Ellen Cunningham, and Marcia Hanson, met with the Commissioners and updated them on the progress of this project. They discussed the demographics summary and survey summary, which is what they base their results on.

They also discussed the cost to build, operate, and potential annual revenues, of this project, should it go forward.

Dooper pointed out their main obstacle is getting someone to donate the land on which to build. The feeling is that if there are two (2) acres of land donated, then they can use that as a match for grants and other funding.

The group also discussed proposed sites, and inquired about any funding the County could foresee using to support the project or ideas the Commissioners might have as far as donation of any land the County has.

The group stated that in August, during Fair, the committee will let the public know what the status is.

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

Debbie inquired whether Brice Refrigeration was still handling the maintenance for air conditioners and furnaces.

Denise stated that the Fair Board received their first bid on building outdoor showers from Steve Coon Construction for \$54,000. They are waiting on an additional bid from another contractor. She also inquired about the status of the floor at the fairgrounds

Keri stated she is mostly busy with tax collections.

Linda discussed the need for air conditioners in the law library and the phone system. The judge has requested two dedicated phone lines for teleconferencing, and Linda presented a bid on a phone system.

Ron discussed the floor at the fairgrounds and noted there are some new products to try.

1% Option Tax- Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and updated them on the status of the tax collections.

Catering Permits- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Alumni Banquet to be held June 28, 2008 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.** Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve a catering permit for Paleo Park to sell alcoholic beverages at the Father's Day Roping to be held June 15, 2008 at the Niobrara Roping Arena. **MOTION CARRIED.** Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

Change of Zoning-The Commissioners received a change of zoning application from NEA requesting approximately 6.22 acres be changed from Class V Agriculture to Class III Commercial. According to the application, the land is located in the T32N, R64W, Sec. 13, W1/2, NE1/4 adjoining the current NEA facilities to the North. The application was sent back to Planning and Zoning for review as the legal description is in question.

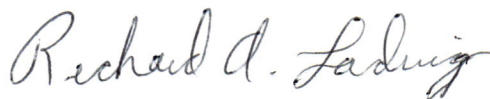
WY Dept. of Health-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp to sign the contract between the Wyoming Dept. of Health, Division on Aging, Niobrara County and Niobrara County Public Health Nursing to set forth terms and conditions is assisting the Division in conducting evaluations for assisted living and long term care. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of May from the County Clerk for \$3,170.67; from the Sheriff for \$17,574.80; and from the Clerk of District Court for \$714.00

Payroll and the following vouchers are approved for business:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until June 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk