

Commissioners' Proceedings  
Niobrara County, Wyoming  
March 18, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting reconvened on March 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Chair, Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerst Rapp and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Jim Kremers, Clayton & Karen Sides, Ken Sides, Bobby Giesse, Janine Larson, and Ray Robb met with the Commissioners and Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss 28 Road. The landowners stated they were very pleased with the contractors and the Road & Bridge Department, however, there were concerns they would like addressed, in particular a dangerous curve in the road, the width of the road in some areas, and reseeding. Benchmark of Torrington engineers joined the meeting and addressed the concerns with regard to the road construction. They stated that by adding gravel to the road and installing a super elevation on the curve, this should solve the problems currently encountered. They further stated that with time, the road will naturally widen, in some cases up to 24' in width.

The Commissioners addressed the last concern of reseeding by stating that right of ways have not been reseeded in the past and to do so now would not only require a change order, but would be an expensive undertaking.

1% Option Tax- Todd Bishop of Kaiser & Associates, Richard Schroeder, Mayor of the Town of Manville, Doug Greenough, Lusk Town Council member, and Bob Brummond, Hospital Administrator met with the Commissioners to discuss possible projects that could be funded with a 1% Option Tax. After some discussion, it was decided that equipment would be the best choice for a project. A work session was scheduled for March 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. with the Commissioners, the Towns of Lusk, Van Tassell, and Manville, Road & Bridge, the Rural Fire District and the Hospital District to discuss requests and submit these requests to Bishop so the process of compiling resolutions could begin.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following statement of receipts from the Clerk of Court for the month of February for \$544.70.

Wyoming State Forestry Division- The Commissioners received notice that the FY2008 Emergency Fire Suppression Account premium of \$6,866.73 is due by July 15, 2008. The Commissioners forwarded this notice to the Rural Fire District for payment.

Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners received notification from the Department of Revenue that the Department has completed their review of governmental entities with the authority to levy a mill and Niobrara County has ten (10) Compliant Taxing Authorities and zero (0) Non-Compliant Taxing Authorities for Tax Year 2008.

Wyoming Child & Family Development- The Commissioners received a funding request from Wyoming Child & Family Development for \$500 + the property tax waiver previously granted by the Commissioners. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to grant the property tax waiver only. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and continued discussion regarding the access concerns in the Niobrara Park Addition.

Executive Session-The Commissioners and County Attorney entered into Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. to discuss legal matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m. with the following action taken:

Appointment of Special Prosecutor- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to appoint Patrick Correll as Special Prosecutor in a pending matter, which creates a conflict of interest within the Niobrara County Attorney's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lusk Ambulance Service Director Lori Hespe met with the Commissioners to request assistance with her salary and training expenses. The Commissioners took this request under advisement, but were unsure how they could assist in funding her salary, since she is employed by the Town of Lusk.

Resolution 08-06 - In an attempt to clarify ownership of a particular portion of US Highways 20/26 located near Manville, Wyoming, WYDOT requested that Niobrara County draft a Resolution stating that Niobrara County will assume all responsibility with regard to repair, service, and maintenance of a portion of the old US Highways 20/26 upon relinquishment of the parcel by the State Highway Commission to said county. The parcel is described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is 1,038.7 feet west of a point which is located at the center of the intersection of Ninth Avenue and Ninth Street in the Town of Manville, thence approximately 2,968 feet west along old Highway 20/26 to the intersection of said highway and the present Highway 20/26.

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve **Resolution 08-06. MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Temporary Part Time Custodial Applications- The Commissioners received two applications for the temporary part-time custodial position and after review, Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to hire Diane Canon to fill the position for the courthouse and detention center. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Fair Board Reappointment- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to reappoint Ron Nelson to the Niobrara County Fair Board with the term ending Dec. 31, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Niobrara County Commissioners

*Richard A. Ladwig*  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

