

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: