

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
MAY 6, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Those present were Chairman Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads. Thomas said they had seven roads they had to plow this weekend. He also discussed equipment problems.

28 Road- BenchMark Engineers Bob Taylor, Brian Wakefield, Scott Larson, and Tim Wilson met with the Commissioners and Fred to discuss the 28 Road project and the construction meetings. Scott handed out a topo map showing existing grades, grades that are higher than the plans allowed, and design lines. He voiced concerns about the amount of dirt being used and what is available and the roadway being much wider than called for.

Brian is worried that there might not be enough material in some places because the contractor is not following plans and is probably getting dirt from a place he is not supposed to.

Bob was concerned that the contractor is tearing up road. If there is really wet weather, the road will be a big mess.

Richard has been involved with both the Silver Springs Road Project and this project and has seen problems with subcontractors setting stakes. He wondered if it would have been better for Benchmark to have done the staking.

Ben Ryschon, Paul Reed Construction, Jason Falldorf, John Niedfelt, and Dennis Geiseman with Platte Valley Construction met with Benchmark, the Commissioners and Fred Thomas to discuss the 28 Road project. Scott handed out the same topo maps to the contractors and explained what they had found when Benchmark went out and checked the grade of the road.

Platte Valley knows they need to do some finishing and add shape to the road. John was concerned about topsoil quantities. In the plan, the quantities were identified as cubic yards and now Platte Valley is being told the quantities are in square yards. Benchmark noted that it was a mistake in the plans; the amounts should be total yards.

Platte Valley offered a suggestion for the county to consider. They suggested using the plan quantities, without an additional charge to the county, instead of trying to shape up the road and make everything fit using the square yard figures. They would work under Fred's discretion and this would allow them to get everything up to grade and begin laying gravel.

Scott was inclined to go along with the plan and appreciated the contractors making the offer. He feels it is a good offer but still had two concerns, one being that the side slopes are steep. He wants this issue taken care of so there isn't a safety problem. Secondly, there are some areas that need more compaction so there isn't an erosion problem.

Ladwig had two questions about topsoil and pipes. He wanted to know if there was enough topsoil to do the project. The contractors and Benchmark thought there was. He also wanted to know how the pipe over/under issue will be addressed. It was suggested that flared ends be used, but Fred stated there weren't supposed to be any flared ends on this project. The contractors will get back with them on this issue.

The contractors will provide a revised schedule for the road completion. They also discussed fence timeframes that need to be met with regards to landowners turning cows out on their pastures.

Consensus Block Funding- Town of Lusk Mayor Pete Pier, Town of Lusk Councilwoman Pat Smith, Town of Lusk Councilman Dave Hamaker and Lusk Herald reporter Kim O'Brien met with the Commissioners and discussed projects for the Consensus Block Grant program. After some discussion, everyone agreed to projects for the Consensus Block Grant.

RESOLUTION 08-09- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve **RESOLUTION 08-09**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COUNTYWIDE CONSENSUS LIST PURSUANT TO THE BLOCK GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE LANDS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 BIENNIUM LOCATION. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to hold an LEPC meeting. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- The elected officials and department heads met with the Commissioners and discussed county operations.

Richard updated the group on the consensus block grant and discussed the cleaning contract.

Executive Session- The Commissioners and Sheriff Zerbe entered into Executive Session at 2:22 p.m. and discussed personnel issues. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Aflac Insurance- Aflac associate Sandy Kellogg met with the Commissioners and inquired if the county was interested in purchasing Aflac insurance policies for the employees. She noted that Aflac is less expensive, but it is not a major medical plan. The Commissioners took this information under advisement.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of April from the County Clerk for \$3,721.05; from the Sheriff for \$1,107.42 and from the Clerk of Court for \$874.89

The Commissioners authorized the County Clerk to purchase an enclosed cargo trailer to transport election equipment to the polling places.

Mentor/Community Service Project-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the contract with Jerry Fullmer to provide services to the County for youth supervision under the Niobrara County Mentor/Community Service Project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Catering Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the catering permit for Paleo Park to sell alcoholic beverages at the Keller Wedding Reception to be held May 17, 2008 at the fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.** Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Clerk's request to void checks #2853-2900 due to printing errors resulting from low ink in the printer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TANF Grant- The Commissioners received a letter and application from the Wyoming Dept. of Family Services (DFS) for the continuation of the TANF/CPI grant. The due date for submission is July 31, 2008. The Commissioners tabled this until a completed application with budget detail has been submitted for approval to DFS.

Guardian ad Litem- The Commissioners received notification from the State Public Defender's Office that the GAL program has been moved from the Supreme Court Jurisdiction to the Public Defenders jurisdiction effective July 1, 2008.

Petition to Cross County Road- The Commissioners received a request from Wasserburger Ranch install 2" water line across Wasserburger Road located in T37N, E62W, sec. 19. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the petition to cross the county road. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from the Wyoming Business Council informing them of the availability of Community Development Block Grant funding.

The Commissioners acknowledged a quote from Fire Nebula Web Design for a new Emergency Mgmt. computer. The Commissioners will visit with Kester Akers to determine what he needs.

The Commissioners noted the proposal for Code Red high speed outbound notification services. CodeRED community Notification System is a high-speed telephone communication service available for community notifications.

Dept. of Health- The Commissioners received a contract for providing services for long term and acute care between the Wyoming Dept. of Health and the Niobrara County Public Health Nursing. This was referred to the County Attorney for his approval.

Bob Shinmori with Solutions for Life, met with the Commissioners to update them on the mentoring program. Shinmori stated he had met with Jerry Fullmer to discuss the mentoring program.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

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
COUNTY OF NIOBRARA
STATE OF WYOMING

April 2008 payroll-71,420.24; Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes- 19,550.35; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.-13,490.00; Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 1,064.25; District Court of Goshen County- Garnishment- 492.20; Niobrara County Circuit Court- Garnishment- 117.48; Alisha Frye-TANF Grant coordinator- 620.75; Allbright's True Value- Parts, supplies- 337.97; AlSCO- Shop towels, coveralls- 194.49; Ann T. Schnelzer- GAL- 500.00; Avaya Communications- Phones-76.71; Barry Matney- Gravel hauling- 6,840.00; Bartow Oil- Diesel- 5,725.11; Becky L. Freeman- Travel expense- 298.66; Ben Lamp- Gravel hauling- 7,362.50; Benchmark of Torrington- Engineering fees- 12,506.55; Best Western Douglas Inn- Travel expense- 70.00; Birch Telecom- Phones- 41.78; Bloomers, LLC.- Supplies- 85.70; Bob Barker Co., Inc.- Supplies- 516.20; Canon Financial Services- Copier- 199.70; CIT Technology- Copier- 122.00; Colorado CustomWare Users Group Inc.- Dues- 150.00; Computer Software Associates, Inc.- Computer expense- 187.50; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers- 320.00; Covered Wagon Motel- Schools- 195.00; Dave's Knothole- Equipment repair- 45.00; Decker's Foods- Supplies, meals, meds, schools - 608.10; Dee's Painting- Jury room painting- 480.00 ;Dell Marketing, L.P.- New equipment- 3,433.86; Denise Smith- Travel expense- 78.33; Dennis C. Meier- Office rent- 600.00; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 38.92; Diamond Mowers, Inc.- Equipment repairs- 2,905.39; Diane Tadewald- Travel expense- 192.05; Dillon Precision Products, Inc.- Supplies- 180.49; Dixie Blaney- Transcription fees- 67.50; Dolphin Capital Corp.- Postage meter lease payment-259.70; Doyle J. Davies- Office rent- 1,000.00; DXP Enterprises, Inc.- Supplies- 355.35; Ed Buchanan- Deputy County Attorney- 3,600.00; E S & S- Equipment repairs- 46.76; Fire Nebula Web Design- Computer expense, new equipment- 310.00; First Call- Gravel hauling- 7,505.00; Fleetcor- Fuel- 1,329.76; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel-3,313.61; GSSC- Ankle monitoring- 124.00; Harold Miller DBA 54 Trucking- Gravel hauling- 5,652.50; Honnen Equipment Co.- Equipment repairs, parts- 534.40; James Eddington, P.C.- Court appointed attorney- 41.25; Jeane Stratton- Mileage- 60.60; K D's Maintenance- Facilities contract- 7,159.38; Keri Thompson- Travel expense & reimbursement for meeting supplies- 60.34; Kester Akers- Phone- 33.50; Kinsco, LLC.- Uniforms- 720.00; Lawson Products, Inc.- Equipment repairs- 95.27; Lee Brown- Gravel hauling- 7,172.50; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; Lucky Gate Company- Gravel hauling- 13,537.50; Lusk Herald- Publications- 472.01; Neil Holmes- Reimburse for planning & zoning subscription fees- 50.00; Nine One One, Inc.- Shipping fees- 15.00; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% option tax- 13,167.03; Niobrara County Public Health- Flu Shots- 140.00; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Reimburse for supplies, postage, transport- 78.07; NEA- Radio tower-28.67; Niobrara Feed & Supply- Equipment repairs, uniforms- 62.27; Niobrara Health & Life Center- Inmate medical- 2,812.00; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment -1,774.90; Peterbilt of Wyoming- Equipment repairs- 57.02; Platte Valley Construction Co., LLC.- 28 Road reconstruction- 35,246.25; Qwest- Phones- 1,334.36; Qwest Business Service- Phones- 167.77; Rawhide Drug Company- Supplies, inmate medical- 59.79; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 190.00; Reed Trucking, Inc.- Gravel hauling- 4,465.00; Rex Groves- Gravel hauling- 6,887.50; Sean Dreesen- Vehicle repairs- 396.00; Source Gas- Utilities- 2,279.12; State Public Defender's Office- Co. share Public Defenders expense- 3,908.78; Stephens-Peck, Inc.- Supplies- 65.00; Tammie Jensen- Travel expense- 147.44; The Coffee Shoppe- Supplies- 75.90; The Home Health Agency, LLC.- Inmate medical- 204.00; The Rural Mental Health Clinic- Employee medical- 285.00; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies, new equipment- 422.14; Town of Lusk- Utilities-1,354.56; Tri-County Fire & Safety- bldg/equip. maintenance, new equipment- 1,095.00; Valley Motor- Vehicle repairs- 595.94; Verizon Wireless- Cell phones- 485.78; Visa- Supplies, postage, new equipment, travel expense, TANF grant expenses- 1,589.68; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Repairs- 640.91; WAM-WCCA Energy Lease Program-County Window project loan payment- 625.00; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier lease payment- 519.97; Whitaker Oil- Schools- 37.50; Wyoming Co. Assessors' Assoc.- Computer expense- 600.00; Wyoming Co. Clerks' Assoc.- Dues- 100.00; Wyoming Co. Treasurers' Assoc.- Dues- 100.00; WYDOT- Stage Road engineering fees- 903.04; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 1,776.60; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 383.96