

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
November 7, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those in attendance were, Commission Chair Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister and Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. He also presented an Extension of Employment Contract between Niobrara County and Jerry Fullmer. Fullmer currently is involved in the Niobrara County Mentor/Community Service Project and the original contract expired on the 30th day of September. This contract extends the term of the Employment contract to November 17, 2008.

Davies also presented an agreement between Niobrara County, Niobrara Health & Life Center and the Niobrara County Rural Fire District, which details the method by which the County Treasurer shall distribute the 2008 Tax Receipts to the County for the Dept. of Roads & Bridges, the Niobrara Health & Life Center, and the Niobrara County Rural Fire District to fund the projects.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads and equipment. Thomas also discussed the Lance Creek Bridge. The Natural Resources Conservation Services allocates money to the ASCS offices to assist in erosion control. The Lance Creek Bridge is being corrected under this program. After some discussion, the Commissioners contacted Ed Rapp with the ASCS Office to discuss the project further. Rapp suggested trying to schedule a meeting with the engineers and inform them that the plan they suggested is insufficient to correct the problem and that the project needs to be upgraded.

Chairman Ladwig recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. to conduct an LEPC meeting.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Tammie Jensen, Elaine Griffith, Keri Thompson, Rick Zerbe and Becky Freeman all discussed office operations and ongoing county issues.

Jon Mellott met with the group and discussed the insurance program that the County is implementing with UNUM. He detailed some of the plans which will be available to employees and discussed the enrollment procedure.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of Homeland Security-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the grant award for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant. The award period is from October 1, 2007- June 30, 2010 and the award amount is \$115,215.67 with a local match of \$28,803.92 and allocating 5% of the training funds to the State for Statewide Interoperable Training. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the HMEP grant for the LEPC program. The award amount is \$2,339.23 with a local match of \$259.91. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Board of Equalization- The Commissioners acknowledged a notice of Order of Dismissal without Prejudice regarding Asher Associates, Inc.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the County Clerk for \$2,802.25, from the Sheriff for \$8,505.51, and from the Clerk of Court for \$1,346.60.

Resolution 08-15- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve Resolution 08-15, a Priority Resolution detailing the allocation of 2008 tax receipts to the participating agencies pursuant to the terms of this priority resolution. **MOTION CARRIED.** The distribution formula is as follows: County Projects – County, Niobrara Health & Life and Niobrara Rural Fire District: 70.70195%; Lusk Project-Town of Lusk: 28.93465%; and the Manville Project: .36341%.