

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
October 21, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Commissioner Candidate Greg Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads. He noted there is still more work that needs to be done on the railroad crossings.

Thomas also discussed the dirt pile at the prison. Thomas stated that the Women's Center wanted the agreement to state that if there is any long term effect to the Niobrara River as a result of the county's removal of any of this dirt, we would be responsible for any clean up. After some discussion, Thomas and the Commissioners decided to not use this dirt, as material from the roto mill projects will be available.

Thomas also noted that the Women's Center wanted to do equipment training for inmates that will soon be re-entering the work force. A grant from the McMurray Foundation has provided funding to WWC to purchase equipment and provide trainers, but they need projects on which to work.

Thomas also discussed the 28 Road Project wrap up letter everyone received from Benchmark of Torrington. After some discussion, the Commissioners authorized Benchmark of Torrington to submit the letter to Platte Valley Construction regarding payments and settlements.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and County Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and discussed the Resolution for the Priority Funding for the 1% Specific Purpose Excise Tax. Davies said that the resolution needs some language cleared up. Also, Thompson had questions about the treatment of funds, in particular, how she accounts for all the funds for the different accounts. She would like to have documentation that clarifies the actual amount that will go to each entity every month whether it is immediate distribution, a percentage given to each account, or a priority of which accounts are paid.

Thompson and Davies also discussed the Hospital O & M account and how the funds should be distributed to the Hospital District. Thompson stated that traditionally, the Commissioners have authorized the Treasurer to allow the Hospital District to draw down amounts as needed.

Davies' thought is that the money is county money, not district money, and he suggested that the Hospital District request the O & M money from the Commissioners.

County Assessor Elaine Griffith met with the Commissioners and County Attorney Davies to discuss the new subdivision statute, which allows the Commissioners, by resolution, to set a minimum subdivision acreage requirement. The Commission hasn't addressed the acreage issue under the new law as of yet.

Sheriff Rick Zerbe and Earl Bailey, branch manager with Cleary Building Corp., discussed the plans for the Sheriff's storage building. There were additions made to the plans which will include additional doors and adding double bubble insulation, which will help alleviate condensation. This would increase the bid to approximately \$82,000.

Lisa Mellott joined the meeting at 11:14 and discussed things she would need for an office in this storage building.

Bailey told the Commissioners that 20% payment is due at contract signing, 40% is due at delivery of the building and 20% due when trusses are up and balance due when done. Cleary is liable for the building while erecting the building, but the County is responsible for the site prep.