

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
Sept. 22, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas and County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed road easements needed before Thomas can begin improvement work on county roads. Thomas asked Davies about the letter to the Women's Center for dirt and Pfister asked Davies about the status of the letter from the Town of Lusk regarding 28 Road.

Thomas also discussed Petz Road and the request from some landowners to change the layout of the road due to the inability to get cattle pots down the road when it is icy. Thomas will discuss some options with the landowners before any action is taken.

28 Road- Thomas noted there is still a 50' stretch of fence can't be put in until phone line is installed. Thomas has talked to Qwest about the county trenching in a line and is waiting to hear back from them on this matter. He also addressed finalizing 28 Road and the need to discuss this with the county's engineers.

Thomas also discussed a request he received to remove a bunch of dirt piled up on a lot that Phil Joss owned behind the state shop. Kaylene Joss is willing to give us the dirt if we are willing to push dirt into the hole that will exist from them removing the house. Ladwig stated he wants a signed agreement through the County Attorney before any work begins.

Thomas went on to discuss roads and equipment.

Ladwig updated the group on information he received at the WACO meeting regarding the County Road Fund and an initiative that was presented by WACERS to try to get the County Commissioners Association to back a motion to the legislature to change speed limits on county roads from 65 mph, if not posted, to 35 mph.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Shinmori met with the Commissioners and updated them on the prevention framework program. He noted that a part time coordinator in Lusk needs to be hired. Once that is done, the mentoring program will be turned over to this individual as well. It will be a full time; job-part time coordinator and part time mentor. The position was offered Jerry Fullmer but he declined the full time status but stated he would stay on as mentor until the position is filled.

Shinmori asked about extending a contract for Fullmer since his current contract will expire at the end of September. The Commissioners thought it would be appropriate to extend his contract. Shinmori will contact County Attorney Davies and draft a formal extension.

Steve Salvato with Employer Plan Services met with the Commissioners and discussed insurance services they provide. The Commissioners took this information under advisement.

Sandy Kellogg, representing Aflac, met with the Commissioners and answered questions about plans under Aflac. The Commissioners took this information under advisement.

Malt Beverage Permit-Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the malt beverage permit for Rod Nelson to give away malt beverages at the Andy & Gloria Nelson Anniversary party being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds, October 4, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Notice of Valuation Change-The Commissioners acknowledged a change of valuation for Sun Cementing, Inc. for the 2008 tax period resulting in an increase of \$643.76.

Petition for cancellation of taxes- The Commissioners acknowledged a petition for affidavit of cancellation of taxes from Hedges Oil Co. from the 2008 tax roll- cancellation number 735 for \$41.10.

Todd Bishop with Kaiser and Company and Mark Bruegger representing the Rural Fire District, met with the Commissioners to discuss the lease purchase agreements for equipment to be purchased with the 1% funds. Bishop stated he would work directly with the Fire District to assist them in setting up their funding.

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to accept the lease purchase option provided by Kaiser and Company, as well as Resolution 08-12, subject to legal review. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to retain the right to pay the vendor directly for the purchase of the CAT and reimburse ourselves for said payment from the proceeds for the lease. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Becky L. Freeman, Clerk