

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING**

December 15, 2009

The meeting of the Niobrara County Commissioners was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on December 15, 2009 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed easements, contracts, public meeting laws and juvenile detention.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment repairs, county road crossings, and pits.

Wasserburger Pit- Ladwig stated he had contacted George Ziemans from Torrington regarding costs to conduct the Class III archeological survey for the above mentioned pit. Mr. Ziemans stated he could do the survey for approximately \$2,000. Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve hiring George Ziemans to conduct the survey for an amount not to exceed \$2,500. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes- Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Library Roof- Discussion was held regarding a meeting Commissioner Ladwig attended with the Library Board concerning the library roof and which portions should be re-roofed.

Town of Lusk Councilwoman Pat Smith met with the Commissioners and discussed Wyoming Public Radio (WPR) and asked for the Commissioners support in requesting funding from the Governor and Joint Appropriations Committee for the construction of a major public radio station. If funded, the WPR station would serve a population of approximately 69,712 people and would provide critical emergency information. The University of Wyoming currently holds a construction permit from the FCC which will expire in December 2011. Smith stated that permits for large, regional 100,000 watt radio stations are becoming a rarity. The total cost of the project is approximately \$397,000 and the University has included funds in their budget request to the Governor for this session.

Smith also discussed the 2010 Census and stated that there were two counties in Wyoming that had no data reported for the 2000 Census. She stated that it is imperative that information be submitted as the distributions of federal funds are determined by these numbers. She asked the Commissioners if they would join in partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

Ed Buchanan met with the Commissioners and discussed the upcoming hearing on the report of the Viewers and Appraisers in the matter of Lamb Ranch, Inc.'s application for a private road, what action should be taken, and how to proceed in the matter.

Commissioner Ladwig adjourned the regular meeting at 1:07 p.m. to conduct the hearing to review the Viewers and Appraisers report in the matter of Lamb Ranch, Inc.'s application for a private road and determine what route should be ordered as the private road and the damages that should be assessed. The following parties appeared at the hearing: The Applicants for the private road, Lee Denny on behalf of Lamb Ranch, Inc and their Attorney Denny Meier; Ryan Temple, on behalf of Temptan, Inc., appearing without their attorney James Eddington; Arleen Jackson, Denzel Coffey and Tom Wasserburger, the Viewers and Appraisers; Edward A. Buchanan, the Deputy Niobrara County Attorney; Richard Ladwig, Arlene Zerbst Rapp and Greg Starck, Niobrara County