

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 6, 2009

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 6, 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.

Appointment of Officers-Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to appoint Richard A. Ladwig, as Chairman of the Niobrara County Commissioners. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ladwig moved, seconded by Starck, to appoint Arlene Zerbst Rapp as Vice-Chair of the Niobrara County Commissioners. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hazard Mitigation Plan- Barb Beck, President of Beck Consulting, Inc. and Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Kester Akers met with the Commissioners and discussed the HazMit plan revisions. Beck gave a brief history of herself and her business. She detailed the process involved in updating the plan. Some issues she talked about at this meeting were what kind of hazards should be addressed, the public meeting schedules, and communication between everyone. She stated the major reasons for the importance of the updates are reducing the chance for loss of life and/or property, projects will be eligible for state and federal funding and if there were a major disaster which exceeds local and state funding capabilities, FEMA would come in and assist. She requested names of individuals who should be included in the plan revision process. Beck also stated that she would draft a brief article and send it to the paper.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed the gravel pit at Manville, equipment repairs, and the Lance Creek Bridge project.

Ted Ertman, former Weston County Commissioner, met with the Commissioners and asked them to consider submitting a letter of recommendation for his application to the Transportation Commission of Wyoming. Crook, Weston, and Niobrara Counties belong to District 6 and the current position filled by a representative from Crook County will expire on February 28, 2009. Ertman said that it is Weston County's turn for a representative to serve on the committee for a term of six (6) years.

Minutes- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts from the Sheriff's Office for the month of December for \$11,332.20.

Resolution 09-01- Federal Lands- Custom & Culture

Resolution 09-02- State Lands- Custom & Culture

Resolution 09-03- 911 Enhanced Surcharge

Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the above resolutions. **MOTION CARRIED.** Complete copies of the resolutions are on file in the clerk's office.

Appointment of Weed & Pest Directors- The Commissioners received petitions from Neil Holmes, Bill Greer, and Lee Lamb to serve as directors for their respective areas. Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to appoint Neil Holmes to serve as director for Area I, Bill Greer to serve as director for Area IV, and Lee Lamb to serve as director for Area II. All terms are four (4) year terms. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged a letter from the Library Board announcing the resignation of Liz Kaltenhauser from the Library Board.