

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
July 7, 2009

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2009 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge-Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads, equipment and pits. He noted a washout problem had occurred on Cheyenne River Road and that work had stopped on Meridian Road due to recent moisture.

Thomas also discussed quotes he has received for new pickups. The Commissioners authorized Thomas to move forward on this matter.

County Attorney-Doyle Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. Davies said he contacted Deputy County Attorney Ed Buchanan to see if he would send the Commissioners something regarding the private road issue with Lamb Ranch, Inc.

Fred Thomas called and asked the Commissioners and Davies about people haying the barrow pits on county roads. Davies said he didn't have a problem with it as long as the landowner only hays barrow pits adjoining their land. The Commissioners and Davies thought the person doing the haying needed to show proof of insurance with the county being named as an additional insured.

Ed Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss the condition of an ornamental crab apple tree located between the library and Lusk State Bank. He feels the tree is being neglected and offered suggestions on how to correct the problem. The Commissioners stated they would forward this information on to the Library Board.

Hospital Board members Chuck Bruch and Jim Tangney, Niobrara Health & Life C.F.O. Sandy Lehman and CPI representative Richard Thomas met with the Commissioners and gave them an update on the status of the hospital's healthcare plan and their plans for expanding the existing facility.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Elaine Griffith, Keri Thompson, Debbie Sturman, Linda Fosher, Rick Zerbe and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners and discussed county business.

Griffith noted she would be attending an Assessor's meeting in Saratoga. She also said she thought the county's valuation would come in at around \$91,000,000.00.

Thompson stated she was doing fiscal year end work, preparing for the auditors and the Treasurer's Tax Sale.

Sturman discussed the library's book reading program. When the Commissioners asked her about the tree that Mr. Cook had discussed earlier, she informed the Board that it actually belongs to Lusk State Bank. The Commissioners will forward this information on to Mr. Cook.

Fosher stated there was nothing new regarding the jury trial which is set for September.

Zerbe stated he had been busy with federal inmates.

Freeman stated she too, was preparing for the fiscal year end and auditors.

Fair Grounds Showers & Restrooms- Fair Board Chairman Corky Fosher met with the Commissioners and presented bids the fair board received from Jim Pontarolo Construction and Distinctive Homes regarding the restrooms and showers at the fairgrounds. Fosher also submitted a letter from the Fair Board recommending the Commissioners award the bid to Distinctive Homes. The Commissioners took this under advisement.