

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 17, 2009

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 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 Deputy County Clerk Alisha A. Frye.

Commissioner Ladwig adjourned the regular meeting at 9:01 a.m. to conduct a public hearing. Those in attendance were Commissioners Ladwig, Zerbst Rapp, and Starck, Deputy County Clerk Alisha Frye, and Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas. The public hearing was held to receive public comment, if any, on the application for a change of zoning submitted by Jim Wasserburger. Wasserburger is requesting a change of zoning from agriculture to industrial on land located in the NE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 27, T38N, R63W, to stock pile pit run gravel for placement on county roads. There was no one in attendance to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Ladwig reconvened the regular meeting.

Change of Zoning Application- Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the request for a change of zoning from agriculture to industrial for Jim Wasserburger on land located in the NE1/4NW1/4 Sec, 27, T38N, R3W. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed the Wasserburger Bridge project. He discussed the costs estimates associated for repairs to this bridge. Thomas also noted that he has all of the paperwork ready to submit to the state to get the permit for the Wasserburger pit.

Sharlet Starck met with the Commissioners and submitted information regarding the development of a website for Niobrara County. More information is required before action is taken.

Consensus Block Funding- Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the request for \$45,000 from the Consensus Block Funds to assist the Town of Manville with their well monitoring project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes-Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2009 Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Joint Operating Agreements- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to sign the Joint Operating Agreements with Winter Ridge Energy to ratify the original agreement and current ownership in each well. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts from the Clerk of Court for the month of February for \$1,729. 70.

Department of Revenue- The Commissioners acknowledged a Notice of Valuation Change, # 2009-0256, in the matter of the assessment of SGGs Partnership for the 2007 tax year resulting in an increase of \$2,443.40.

Wyoming Child & Family Development, Inc.- The Commissioners received a funding request for the 2009-2010 Program Period from Wyoming Child & Family Development requesting \$750 and a property tax waiver for the upcoming budget year. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck to approve the request of the property tax waiver. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Official Bond & Oath- The Commissioners received an official bond and oath for Jim Tangney as treasurer of the Niobrara Health & Life Center. The Commissioners did not approve

this bond as written because it does not name Tangney as treasurer of the Niobrara County Hospital District.

Region 23 Emergency Mgmt Hazard Mitigation Plan Notification- The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a notification letter from the Region 23 Emergency Mgmt. Agency informing all neighboring jurisdictions of the Region 23 planning letter. The Commissioners forwarded this letter to Niobrara County Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Kester Akers.

Governor's Council on Impaired Driving- The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving requesting Niobrara County to nominate an individual or organization that has helped make Wyoming a safer place. All nominations are due by March 25, 2009.

1% Specific Purpose Excise Tax- Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and discussed the distribution of the Specific Purpose Excise Tax.

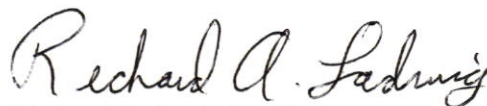
Todd Bishop, President/CEO of Kaiser and Company met with the Commissioners and the Treasurer to discuss tax collections for the above tax and presented scenarios of how the tax collections would change should the tax receipts come in lower than projected. He also explained and discussed Kaiser & Company's fees associated with preparing the ballot question and handling the resolutions.

Library Repair Funding The Commissioners received a letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation pledging \$2,500 from their Southwest Intervention Fund grant to assist the county with the costs associated with the replacement and repairs to the basement level interior walls at the library due to termite damage. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to sign the grant agreement between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Niobrara County for \$2,500. Upon completion of the project, the County will provide the National Trust with a written summary and a copy of the structural analysis. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of Homeland Security- Starck moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to sign the FY 2009 Emergency Mgmt. Performance Grant (EMPG) for \$14,521 with a county match of \$14,521. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk