

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING**  
**November 17, 2009**

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on November 17, 2009 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerst Rapp, Greg B. Starck and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge issues. He stated that he has visited with Larry Bone about obtaining reject fines from the Bone Pit for \$0.60/ton. The Commissioners will ask the County Attorney to draft an agreement stating such.

Thomas has also tried to contact the BLM regarding the Class III Archeological survey which is required when opening pits. Thomas stated that private surveyors are expensive and Ladwig suggested using the UW students if possible as he heard the project can be certified. Thomas will check into this option.

Lance Creek/Red Bird Road Bridge Project- Thomas informed the Board that before reimbursement for the project will be paid; he is required to wash the rocks to remove excessive dirt so that the engineers inspecting the project can see what has been done.

Minutes- Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Local Government Liability Pool- The Commissioners received a memorandum from LGLP regarding nominations for board vacancies for positions of one (1) Special District director and two (2) Municipal Elected Officials Positions. There were no nominations to be submitted.

T & M Lawn & Tree Maintenance- The Commissioners received notice of scheduled lawn services for the fairgrounds and library from T & M Lawn & Tree Maintenance. The Commissioners tabled this until discussion could be held with the boards to see if they were satisfied with the company's work.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. The Commissioners asked Davies what he thought would be required as far as notification, if Niobrara Avenue was closed for the winter. He said that we would need to advertise and ensure proper barricades are displayed on the road.

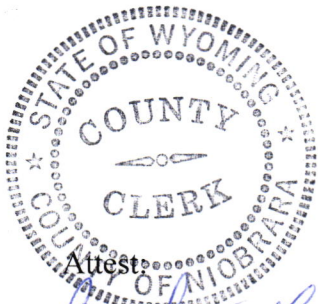
Ladwig discussed the S-Bar road and a request he received from a landowner to install guardrails because, in his opinion, the road is hazardous to travel during winter months. There were suggestions to put up a road closed sign or other signage to assist drivers. They also suggested using Hat Creek Road which is available and less hazardous to travel in the winter.

Starck moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to rescind the motion made at the July 21, 2009 meeting awarding employee bonuses in December and instead award the bonuses with the November paycheck.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Planning & Zoning- Neil Holmes met with the Commissioners and discussed updating the Planning and Zoning manual and costs associated with that project. They also discussed the possibility of sharing a Planner with Converse and Weston Counties if the opportunity presents itself.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Attest

*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Richard A. Ladwig*  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman