

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
October 20, 2009**

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on October 20, 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 trucking costs accumulated thus far for the abutment work being done on the Lance Creek Bridge project. He also discussed reclamation procedures for the bridge project, cleaning up at the fairgrounds from the removal of rock and costs associated with mowing rights of way.

Sheriff- Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss animal control in the Niobrara Park Addition. Sheriff Zerbe had been approached by Sean Dreesen, in his capacity as the animal control officer, to inquire about the possibility of entering into a contract with the county for animal control services in the Niobrara Park Addition, Town of Manville, and a 10 mile radius outside of the city limits.

Commissioner Ladwig inquired about fees and what would happen if Dreesen was on duty and the county had a call. He felt that the sheriff had the authority to control animals outside of the city limits. No action was taken on this matter until questions about costs, legalities and conflicts with Dreesen being on duty could be answered.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the Assessor's proposed fees and policies for the release of mass data. He also discussed the client service agreement with Utilisolv and obligations the county is required to meet when accepting Homeland Security or other grant funds.

Assessor Elaine Griffith met with the Commissioners and Davies and discussed her proposed fees and policies regarding the release of mass data. She stated that she had added specifications under the disclaimer paragraph and increased fees for some services. Davies will draft a resolution for the next meeting.

Dan Ritter met with the Commissioners and Davies and continued discussion on his application for a private road. The Commissioners chose to wait until Nov. 3, 2009 to set the public hearing date if necessary. This will allow all parties involved to get everything in order.

Starck moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to approve a final payroll voucher for Sarah Kimes and the voucher for Fleetcor for fuel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners acknowledged a Notice of Valuation Change for O'Brien Energy Resources Corp., resulting in an increase of tax revenue of \$1,419.25. They also acknowledged a Notice of Valuation Change for Three Forks Resources LLC., resulting in a decrease of tax revenue of \$1,133.33.

Petition of Affidavit for Reduction of Taxes-The Commissioners approved the Petition of Affidavit for Reduction of Taxes for Three Forks Resources, LLC., # 10-2009, cancellation # 754 for \$1,133.33.

Minutes- Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2009 Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners chose not to enter into the service agreement with Utilisolv at this time.

The Commission discussed the Library roof and leaks which are occurring on the newer portion of the roof. Peterson Construction was authorized to seal the seams where it is leaking. Peterson said he wouldn't charge anything for the repairs but did point out that the heat tapes that are installed in the gutters are installed improperly. He suggested that we contact an electrician to install the right kind of heat tapes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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



Attest

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