

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
October 6, 2009

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on October 6, 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 county road crossings. He also informed the Board that the loads of roto mill have been hauled to the Gunn Ranch, trucks are lined up for hauling rock for the Lance Creek Bridge project and that after reviewing the rock at the Bone Pit, he determined it would be more feasible to use the Manville Pit.

Minutes- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Starck, to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of September from the County Clerk for \$3,285.01, from the Sheriff for \$9,438.04, and from the Clerk of Court for \$826.70.

Sheriff- Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners and presented a Homeland Security Grant his office was awarded for \$8,128.82 project ID: 09-GPD-NIO-LS-HLE9 from August 1, 2009 - April 30, 2012. He also discussed information he received from the Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission regarding Portable Radio Coverage Enhancement Grants. The grant package includes information for portable radio equipment building specifications, specifications for the construction of a tower, and a listing of tower and shelter manufacturers. These grants are being provided to local jurisdictions to improve the portable radio coverage for WyoLink if necessary. The Commissioners took this information under advisement.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to enter into executive Session at 10:40 a.m. with the Sheriff to discuss personnel matters. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The regular session reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Landowner Dan Ritter met with the Commissioners and submitted a petition requesting the establishment of a private road on land located in T33N, R60W, Sec. 6. Ritter is seeking temporary access until the application can be processed and finalized. According to the application, the land is situated where the only access is through three different landowners, two of which have granted easements to Ritter. Ritter has demonstrated that he has no legal access to his property since the third party and he have not reached an agreement on an easement. After reviewing the application, the Commissioners agreed that it has met the conditions of W.S.S. 24-9-101 (a) (i-vi). The Commissioners asked Ritter if he could come back to the meeting later in the afternoon as they would like to consult with legal counsel before making a decision.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- The Commissioners met with the Elected Officials and Department Heads and discussed county business and office operations.

Assessor- Assessor Elaine Griffith met with the Commissioners to discuss policies and fees she would like to implement regarding requests she has received for the release of mass data. She stated a resolution needed to be drafted and approved by the Commissioners. This release of mass data would apply to real property information only; no personal, oil & gas or state assessed information would be released.