

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
APRIL 19, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on April 19, 2011 at 9:02 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioner Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp was out of town.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road conditions and equipment. Thomas stated he would be removing the temporary bridge at the Lance Creek Crossing per the mutual understanding of all parties involved. He also stated he would try to go to Pinedale to look at the crusher being offered to us by Sublette County.

Chairman Ladwig discussed a county road meeting he attended that was held in Saratoga during the County Commissioners' Association meeting. He also noted that county road speed limit laws go into effect July 1, 2011. County roads will have a maximum speed limit of 55 mph. If the county wants the speed limit reduced, a study needs to be conducted, a resolution signed and speed limit signs posted.

County Attorney-County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business, the county website contract and indigent burials.

HD2 Representative Hans Hunt met with the Commissioners to get input for next year's budget session for the legislative session and to discuss current funding allocations for this fiscal year. The group discussed the county's budget and Representative Hunt stated he would like to attend some of the county's budget work sessions to gather information as well.

Minutes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Investment of Public Funds- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve the investment of public funds in the Insured Cash Sweep program through Lusk State Bank. MOTION CARRIED.

Dept of Revenue- The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a Notice of Valuation Change for Winter Ridge Energy, LLC, resulting in a decrease of \$33.29 for the 2010 Tax Year.

Petition of Affidavit for Rebate of Taxes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve the Petition of Affidavit for Rebate of Taxes for Winter Ridge Energy, LLC, from the 2010 Tax Rolls for \$33.29. MOTION CARRIED.

FY 2011 Audit - Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve the FY 2011 audit contract with Porter, Muirhead, Cornia, and Howard for \$39,500. MOTION CARRIED.

OrbitCom- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve the Customer Renewal form with OrbitCom for 36 months at the existing rate. MOTION CARRIED.

Railroad Quiet Zone Funding- Chairman Ladwig discussed a letter sent to the Mayor of Lusk, regarding railroad quiet zone funding. The crossings in our area that are eligible for train horn silencing treatments include those on the Union Pacific main line at 3rd Avenue and Griffith Street. Other crossings on the urban fringe include Gun Club Road and Airport Access, which could also be evaluated for improvements funded at the match rate. In addition to local match, communities will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance costs associated with these improvements. The local government match is 5% of the improvement costs. The Wyoming Department of Transportation requests a response within 60 days of receipt of the letter as to whether or not our communities would like to participate in this program.

Transportation Enhancement Activities-Local (TEAL)- The Commissioners received the 2012 TEAL application packet from the Wyoming Dept. of Transportation. This program must benefit the traveling public and helps communities to increase their transportation choices and access. Currently, Niobrara County has no projects that would qualify for this program under the TEAL guidelines.