

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
AUGUST 16, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on August 16, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Petition to Cross County Roads- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve an order authorizing QWEST Corp. to bore Kaan Road to install a six pair cable. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve payment to the Wyoming Association of County Officers (WACO) in the amount of \$525.00 for registration fees due by September 1, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

Catering Permit- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve a catering permit for Paleo Park to sell alcoholic beverages at the fairgrounds for the Frye/Swett wedding reception on September 3, 2011. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

Minutes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads and equipment. He advised the Board that the first lift on the Kaltenheuser Road was complete and that they have moved to the Kaan Road to begin the first lift on it.

He then discussed the bids he received on a road grader. Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to accept the bid from John Deere. MOTION CARRIED.

Bill Matthews, Mayor of Van Tassell, met with Commissioners to clear up Van Tassell's portion of the consensus block requests. They would like to put a new roof on the Community Center plus paint the exterior of the town hall. The money that was allocated for Van Tassell's share would remain the same.

The Commissioners advised they would have to discuss the change with the mayor of Lusk and would get back to him.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle Davies, met with the Commissioners to discuss the easement on the north end of the 28 Mile Road and the contract with the Beaudin Ganze Engineering Firm, regarding the Energy Retrofit Projects.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to authorize Chairman Ladwig to compose a letter to the BLM regarding putting aside more wilderness areas in Niobrara County. The Commissioners all agreed Niobrara County does not have any areas nor any need for wilderness area designation.

Museum- Rose Kremers, on behalf of the Museum Board, met with the Commissioners regarding liability insurance for the Museum. She stated there was mold in the basement that needs to be attended to.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Niobrara County Commissioners

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk