

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
AUGUST 2, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on August 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads, easements, and equipment. Foreman Thomas discussed selling the crusher on the internet through the company, Iron Planet. There is a minimum cost of \$270 to set up the process and Iron Planet will conduct a complete inspection and take pictures of the crusher. If the crusher sells, Iron Planet will receive 8% of the sale price. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to list the crusher with Iron Planet to sell on the internet with a minimum selling price of \$85,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Foreman Thomas also presented quotes for a new blade from Caterpillar and John Deere. County Attorney Doyle J. Davies joined the meeting and the group discussed easements.

Hospital District- Gary Poquette, Hospital Administrator and Joe Tully, Chairman, Hospital Board, met with the Commissioners to introduce Mr. Poquette and update the Commissioners on the hospital's status. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Poquette.

Minutes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Consensus Block Meeting- Todd Skrukud, Town of Lusk Public Works Supervisor and Pat Smith, Town of Lusk Mayor met with the Commissioners and continued their discussions on the consensus block grant funding requests.

Stephanie Reeves with Wyoming Community Gas met briefly with the commissioners.

Executive Director Cindy DeLancey of the Wyoming County Commissioners' Association (WCCA) met with the Commissioners and updated them on WCCA issues. Mrs. DeLancey also discussed how crucial it is for the Commissioners to be involved in state and federal processes.

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

2011 Mill Levies- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to set the 2011 Mill Levies. MOTION CARRIED.

Official Bond & Oath- Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve the corrected copy of the official bond and oath for Christine Groh as treasurer of the Niobrara County Library Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Petition to Cross County Roads- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve an order authorizing Bruegger Ranch Inc. and Geophysical Explorer, Ltd. to cross county roads to install a water line and lay seismic cable, respectively. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of July from the County Clerk for \$4,855.00, from the Sheriff for \$703.60, and from the Clerk of Court for \$563.70.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter from the University of Wyoming regarding changes to the Bucking Horse and Rider business use program.

Coroner's Office- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve Change Order #1, increasing the original bid amount by \$505.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Library Board Chairman Ted Holman met with the Commissioners and discussed the energy retrofit project and repairs for the library.

Executive Session- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to enter into Executive Session at 2:42 p.m. with Library Board member Ted Holman, to discuss personnel issues. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp to reconvene the regular session at 2:56 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve payment in the amount of \$450.00 to repair the bookshelves at the library. 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 Lingelbach/Hauf wedding reception on August 13, 2011 at the fairgrounds. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBARRA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk