

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
DECEMBER 20, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on December 20, 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 & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and informed them that the temporary bridge had been installed. He also updated them on the gravel hauling projects.

Homeland Security Grant-The Commissioners received a grant from the Office of Homeland Security for \$49,346.73. Action on this was tabled pending review by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve manual check # 8939 to Security First Bank for \$36,163.37 for the lease purchase payment on the Caterpillar D6T Tractor. MOTION CARRIED.

Wyoming Community Gas-The Commissioners received a contract from Wyoming Community Gas for Natural Gas Management Services for the upcoming fiscal year. This was tabled pending review by the County Attorney.

Change of Zoning Application- The Commissioners set a public hearing for January 17, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. to receive public comment on the change of zoning application submitted by Larry Bone requesting a change of zoning from agriculture to industrial for the purpose of limited mining operation.

Railroad Quiet Zone Agreement- The Commissioners received an agreement between the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the Town of Lusk and Niobrara County for the Railroad Quiet Zone installations. This was tabled pending review by the County Attorney.

Catering Permit- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Chairman Ladwig, to approve a catering permit for Paleo Park to sell alcoholic beverages at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on December 31, 2011 for the New Year's Eve Dance. MOTION CARRIED. Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

The Commissioners congratulated Clerk of District Court Linda Fosher on her appointment to the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Fosher explained that this committee investigates the unauthorized practice of law.

Minutes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and submitted an agreement between the Niobrara County Library Foundation and Niobrara County for lighting and ceiling resurfacing cost sharing. He also reviewed the Homeland Security Grant and the Wyoming Community Gas agreement.

Homeland Security Grant- Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve a grant award for the US Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate, State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Fiscal Year 2011 between the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security & Niobrara County, with an award period of 9/1/11-3/31/14 for \$49,346.73, CFDA# 97.067. MOTION CARRIED.