

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on November 1, 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 discussed his department. He informed them that the blade is here and the radio has been installed. He updated them on the status of the crusher, trucking bid due dates and rail road crossing closures.

Minutes- Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Receipts- The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the County Clerk for \$3,881.00 and from the Sheriff for \$3,387.50.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the abandoned vehicle statutes, indigent burials and easements.

Stagecoach Museum- Ed Cook, Rose Kremers, Wallace Petrie, and Eleanor Aamodt met with the Commissioners to discuss liability insurance for the museum and whether or not the County could add the museum to their liability insurance policy. It is becoming cost prohibitive for the museum to carry liability insurance. The County's liability insurance carrier will be contacted to see if the museum could be added to the county's policy.

Weed & Pest- The Commissioners met with Weed & Pest District Supervisor Gail Mahnke and Tracy Mahnke to discuss a letter the Commissioners received from the Wyoming Department of Transportation regarding the Lusk Railroad Quiet Zone and issues with Griffith and Radium Streets. In order to utilize the median barriers at West Griffith St., the intersection of Radium Street must shift slightly to the east in order to fit a 60' median barrier. To make this barrier work, WYDOT must cut the corner on Radium which would adversely impact land on the west side of the Weed & Pest location. Gail had concerns about losing the landscaping they have and she would like to see that preserved. Chairman Ladwig suggested that the Town of Lusk, WYDOT, the Commissioners and Weed & Pest need to meet to discuss all possibilities.

Energy Retrofit Grant Bids- Commissioner Starck gave an overview of the meeting he had with library board members regarding the Energy Retrofit Bids and proposed cuts. He also presented a revised bid from H & H Electric for \$221,569.00, which reflects suggested cuts and revisions to get to down to the grant amount.

Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve the revised bid with H & H Electric, Inc. and to sign the contract and notice of award. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Sheriff Zerbe- Sheriff Rick L. Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss disposal procedures for the excess Sheriff's Office equipment and vehicles. He also discussed an inquiry he received from the FBI regarding a request to relocate their radio tower to the county's building located on 77 Hill. The Commissioners took this under advisement.

Diane Cannon met with the Commissioners and discussed cleaning of the courthouse.

Office of Homeland Security- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve a Grant Award Agreement between the Wyoming Office of Homeland

Security and Niobrara County for a Niobrara County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant with an award period of Sept. 30, 2011 through June 30, 2012, CFDA # 20.703, Federal Award amount- \$1,800.85 with a local match of \$450.21 for a total of \$2,251.06.

MOTION CARRIED.

Catering Permit-Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve a catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on November 12, 2011 for the NRA Banquet. MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Niobrara County Commissioners



Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk