

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on November 15, 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 updated them on his department, roads and easements.

He informed the Board that he has approximately 14.3 miles of road east and south of town ready to gravel.

Brad Sutherland, Project Manager, North East Wyoming Economic Development Coalition (NEWEDC) met briefly with the Commissioners to introduce himself and update them on services available through NEWEDC.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the abandoned vehicle statutes. Jim Jordan, with Jordan Auto, joined the meeting to discuss abandoned vehicle fees and storage fees.

Hospital O & M Account- Niobrara Health & Life Center (NHLC) Administrator Gary Poquette, NHLC CFO Sandi Lehman, and Niobrara County Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners to discuss NHLC's request for \$16,913.00 from the hospital's Operations & Maintenance (O & M) funds to purchase a John Deere Skid Steer for \$14,000 and replacement of the business office furnace for \$2,913.00. Treasurer Thompson advised the Board that there were funds available for these purchases. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve the request to purchase the above mentioned items. MOTION CARRIED.

Trucking Bid Openings- The Commissioners received five bids for the upcoming gravel hauling project. After discussion with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas, Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to hire the units at \$115.00/hr. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Receipts - The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the Clerk of Court for \$593.20 and a revised report of receipts for the month of October from the County Clerk for \$3,871.00. The previous report stated \$3,881.00.

Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a Notice of Valuation Change, 2011-0932, for Boggy Creek Production Co. for the 2011 tax year, resulting in an increase of tax revenue of \$144.40.

Homeland Security- The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Office of Homeland Security advising them about remaining grant funds which are available to Niobrara county to be used for training, equipment, exercises, planning and courtroom security enhancements.

County Attorney Doyle J. Davies joined the meeting to discuss a NACO Discount Drug Program contract.

Executive Session- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to enter into Executive Session with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies at 12:29 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. MOTION CARRIED.