

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
MAY 15, 2012

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on May 15, 2012 at 9:05 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 roads. He informed them that the blades are shut down because it is so dry. He also said that Tom Bruegger had contacted him and wants to buy two auto gates and have road & bridge install them. Fred said he would go out there and see exactly where Tom wants them installed.

Chairman Ladwig discussed the Thunder Basin prairie dog management strategy meetings he has attended. He also discussed a letter received from the Campbell County Commissioners requesting that the Game & Fish commission support a request for a new record of decision with regards to prairie dogs.

Chairman Ladwig inquired if Fred had heard anything from Breitburn Operating and them providing assistance with maintaining Red Bird Road. Fred said he had not.

Emergency Management Coordinator Kester Akers sold the 1980 Chevrolet Emergency Management Bus-VIN-C16PAAV113939 for \$100 to David Thomas. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to accept the offer of \$100 for the emergency management bus. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting with the following corrections: Correct the Attorney General's name from George to Gregory and add the statement to the Manville Spur section "18-20 to the east cemetery entrance, therefore we could feasibly consider it a county road and maintain as we see fit. This matter was tabled pending further review." MOTION CARRIED.

Benzel Pest Control Contract Renewal- Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Commissioner Starck, to approve the 1-year contract renewal with Benzel Pest Control for termite control in the amount of \$1,317.00. 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 Gill wedding reception to be held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on June 1, 2012. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting.

Malt Beverage Permit - Bob Musfelt submitted an application for a 24-hour malt beverage permit to give away malt beverages at the Musfelt graduation reception to be held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. There was considerable discussion on this issue and whether or not there could be a liability issue to the county and whether or not adequate supervision of minors consuming alcohol would be provided. Commissioner Zerbst Rapp moved to approve the malt beverage permit. The motion failed for lack of a second and the license was not approved.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and continued discussion on Traphagan Road. Doyle's opinion is that it has been treated as a county road and we have maintained it as a county road, therefore we could consider it a county road.

Commissioner Scholarship Awards- The Commissioners reviewed applications and awarded three scholarships for FY 2012-13. The recipients are Joe Kinchen, Krista Hanson and Jace Musfelt.

Shooting Sports Complex- Commissioner Starck moved, seconded by Commissioner Zerbst Rapp, to award the bid of the shooting sports building phase #1 to H & H Electric, LLC in the amount of \$179,184.57. Discussion was held regarding whether or not a permit from the fire marshal's office would be required. Chairman Ladwig thought it would be and Commissioner Starck said he would look into the matter. There being no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED.

Wyoming Guardians Ad Litem Program Memorandum of Understanding- Action on this MOU was tabled until further information could be obtained.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Attest:

*Becky L. Freeman*

Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

NIOBARARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Richard A. Ladwig*

Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman