

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

January 21, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on January 21, 2014 at 9:01 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. John Midkiff was also in attendance.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and updated them on the status of repairs/improvements on Hat Creek and Kaan Roads. He also discussed equipment repairs.

Minutes- Arlene moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Petition of Affidavit for Rebate of Taxes- Arlene moved to approve the Petition of Affidavit for Rebate of Taxes for Robert O. and Joan C. Brummond for \$225.85 from the 2013 Tax Rolls. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Continuation Certificate- Greg moved to approve a Continuation Certificate of the Official Bond and Oath for Pam Parmely as Clerk of the Town of Manville. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners to discuss county business. Jim Jordan, owner of Jordan Automotive, and attorney Logan Heth were in attendance to discuss abandoned vehicles.

Doug Chamberlain with KGOS/KERM radio joined the meeting.

Discussion began with Jim submitting invoices he has for recovering abandoned vehicles. The group discussed the need for a contract to establish fees for towing abandoned vehicles. Jim asked for a reasonable rate for towing because economics have changed in comparison with what statutes state for fees. He would like be able to continue to charge his call out fee.

Doyle suggested that Logan compile a list of what Jim wants vs. what the statutes allow and go from there.

Jim said that until there is an agreement, he won't tow any more vehicles. Richard asked Jim what happens to his rotation status if he refuses to pick up an abandoned vehicle. Jim didn't know. Richard wants the matter taken care of in a fair and equitable manner and asked that something be drafted and forwarded to Doyle so work on a contract can begin.

Vacation of Teton Place- Doyle informed the Commissioners that he had recorded a deed vacating Teton Place, which is platted as a subdivision, and it was discovered that the Commissioners first needed to approve the vacation before any plat or portion thereof for which a subdivision permit has been obtained pursuant to W.S. 18-5-304 shall be vacated. Based on this information, Greg moved to vacate the plat of Teton Place pursuant to W.S. 34-12-106. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

WAM/WCCA Energy Lease Program- Richard asked Doyle to review the WAM-WCCA Energy Lease and Purchase Agreement between Niobrara County and WAM/WCCA Joint Oversight Board. The oversight board approved a \$60,000.00 two (2) year lease (to be amortized over ten (10) years at 0% interest) for the Niobrara County Library energy efficiency and building improvements. Doyle will review this document and hold discussion at the next meeting.

Wyoming State Energy Office Local Government Energy Improvement Retrofit Grant- Greg moved to approve and appoint Greg Starck as the responsible official for the above grant. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

SLIB Easement - CR 80- Richard noted that there is still the need to do further research.

Dubbe Moulder Architects- Greg moved to approve an agreement with Dubbe Moulder Architects to provide professional architectural services for selective repair and restoration of the Niobrara County Carnegie Library. Arlene seconded, motion carried.