

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

January 7, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on January 7, 2014 at 9:01 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp and Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Election of Officers- Greg moved to keep the officers the same as 2013, with Richard serving as Chairman and Arlene as Vice-Chair. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Road & Bridge-Landowners and citizens from the Hat Creek area met with the Commissioners and Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss the condition of S Bar Road and to request a waiver to access the road or have the County make improvements to surrounding roads.

Arlene moved to proceed with improvements to Hat Creek and Tollman Roads because of the S Bar Road closure. Greg seconded, motion carried.

2005 Gravel Crushing Contract- Fred said that after reviewing faxes from Mobile Concrete, it appears that all gravel has been crushed. Pursuant to W. S. 16-6-116, Greg moved to begin the advertisement of the 40 day notice for the final payment to Mobile Concrete. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the notice he received from the State Land and Investment Board noting that Niobrara County does not have legal easement across State lands along the east border of Sec. 16, T32N, R62W, shown as County Road 80. The county will contact Benchmark of Torrington for mapping assistance to comply with the required easement application.

Public Health- Public Health Nurse Lisa Mellott joined the meeting and the group discussed upcoming changes in the Public Health Nursing contracts. She stated that Judy Stallman, RN, BSN, State Public Health Supervisor Division of Public Health/Public Health Nursing Section would like to have a work session with the Commissioners to review the options for the contracts. A meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2014.

Lisa then went on to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement for Public Health Emergency Preparedness between Converse and Niobrara Counties. Doyle voiced concerns over some language and signature requirements. Lisa will address the concerns and submit to the Attorney General's office for approval as to form and then bring to the Commissioners for their signatures.

Elected Officials and Dept. Heads- Rick Zerbe, Keri Thompson, Elaine Griffith, Tammie Jensen and Kayla Carter met with the Commissioners and gave monthly reports on their offices.

E-911- Sheriff Zerbe remained at the meeting to discuss the E-911 system. He provided information from TriTech Software Systems, who currently provides telephone and emergency support for the system, that they will no longer be able to provide feature enhancements, telephone equipment or other hardware additions/changes, hot fixes, etc. associated to the QuickLink system. They will continue to provide telephone support to assist in resolving issues on a best efforts basis until October 31, 2014. Rick will investigate other support providers to get quotes for replacement of the outdated system.

Minutes - Greg moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Richard discussed implementing a consent agenda. All were in agreement.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for December from the following entities:

County Clerk:	\$5,754.00
Sheriff:	\$6,465.00
Clerk of Court:	\$ 654.70