

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

March 4, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on March 4, 2014 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. Also in attendance was John Midkiff.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge operations. He also noted that he is waiting for ONEOK representatives to contact him to conduct a walk through on the roads that will be affected by the pipeline.

Richard discussed legislative topics of interest to counties.

Executive Session- Arlene moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:41 a.m. to discuss personnel issues as authorized by Wyoming Statute 16-4-405. Greg seconded, motion carried. Arlene moved to reconvene the regular session. Greg seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the Fairgrounds maintenance contract and questions which have arisen during the course of the bidding process. One question asked was background checks for the contractor and their employees and whether or not the Sheriff's Office could perform them. They also discussed what equipment or tools the County would provide and what the contractor would provide. Lawn fertilizing and weed spraying were also addressed.

Sheriff Zerbe joined the meeting and Arlene moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:39 a.m. to discuss personnel issues as authorized by Wyoming Statute 16-4-405. Greg seconded, motion carried. Arlene moved to reconvene the regular session. Greg seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Lisa Mellott, Public Health Nurse/Coroner, Rick L. Zerbe, Sheriff, Kayla Carter, Clerk of Court, Elaine Griffith, Assessor and Denise E. Smith, Extension Office met with the Commissioners to discuss county business and office operations.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda: February 18, 2014 Minutes; 24-Hour Malt Beverage Permit for Friends for Fireworks being held April 26, 2014 at the Fairgrounds; 24-Hour Catering Permit for 3 Sisters for the Cardwell Reception being held March 6, 2014 at the fairgrounds; a letter from the Assessor addressed to Wyoming Child and Family Development regarding tax exempt status for the Lusk Early Childhood Center; and a Change Notice on the Official Bond & Oath for the Treasurer of the Niobrara County Predatory Animal Control changing the treasurer's name from Ed Perry to Kitson Boldon.

Doug Chamberlain with KGOS/KERM radio joined the meeting.

Tom Whitford, District Ranger, met with the Commissioners to discuss prairie dog management and other topics of interest pertinent to Niobrara County.

The Commissioners then discussed the furnace at fairgrounds. There are two options that can be implemented during this process which involves the lighting. Option 1 is to use existing lighting and option 2 is to use a fire rated suspended grid ceiling.

Greg moved to hire West Plains Engineering, Inc. to develop a set of specs and plans to put out a bid for duct work in the meeting room areas of the fairgrounds office. Greg amended this previous motion as follows: Hire WPE for the Lusk HVAC upgrade in the meeting room of the Niobrara County Fairgrounds using option one (1) using the original lighting. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

Remit Name	Amount	Description
Allbright's True Value Hardware Total	\$ 415.82	MAINTENANCE, PARTS, SUPPLIES
Alsco Total	\$ 247.20	PARTS
Becky L. Freeman Total	\$ 161.84	TRAVEL EXPENSE