

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

November 18, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on November 18, 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. Commissioner-elect Pat Wade was also in attendance.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge business. He addressed road and equipment conditions and the road agreement with ONEOK. The revised signed contract with ONEOK omitted the clause regarding dust control on Divide Road. The Commissioners will ask the county attorney if there is any way to amend the contract to reinsert this clause.

The Commissioners then discussed the Consensus Block Grant program and asked Fred if he had any projects that might qualify. Fred would like to see some remote shops built throughout the county so he could store equipment out of the cold weather and have the equipment closer to distant locations to save wear and tear.

Roger Peterson met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the condition of the floor at fairgrounds and possible solutions to the problem.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and Foreman Thomas to discuss the contract with ONEOK and the fact that the dust control clause was left out. Richard inquired if there was any way to amend it and Doyle said he would look into it.

The Commissioners and Doyle then discussed the Long Term Care (LTC) nursing contract between the WY Dept. of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing and Niobrara County Public Health.

Doyle voiced concerns that it names the Commissioners as Niobrara County Public Health Nursing (contractor). Doyle thought the contract should be between the Dept. of Health and Niobrara County. He will contact the Division to visit with them about this.

The group also discussed Homeland Security Grants and bidding requirements for the old jail restoration project. Greg asked Doyle if it was appropriate for Spiegelberg Lumber and Construction to work as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) along with Dubbe Moulder on the restoration project. Doyle stated he would let them know.

Consensus Block Grant Meeting- Pat Smith, Mayor, Town of Lusk, Stewart Larson, Library Board member, Rick L. Zerbe, Sheriff, Lisa Shaw, Niobrara Conservation District, Todd Skrukud, Town of Lusk Public Works Director, and Rola Ross, Mayor, Town of Manville met with the Commissioners to discuss projects each entity would like to submit for the upcoming Consensus Block Grant meeting. After discussion on the matter, the group decided to meet again on December 2nd to prioritize projects and have the paperwork ready for submittal to the State Lands and Investment Program.

Consent agenda- Arlene moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Greg seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were Minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting and a tax roll supplement for Asher Associates, Inc. from the 2014 Tax Year for \$378.49.

Public Health Nursing Services- Long Term Care Contract- Arlene moved to approve the contract as submitted. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator- Greg moved to appoint James Santistevan as the interim Emergency Management Coordinator, pending a background check and final approval by the Governor. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

E911 Contract- Arlene moved to sign the E911 contract with Century Link. Greg seconded, motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

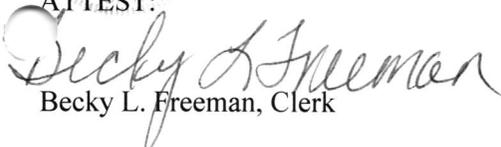
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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



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Becky L. Freeman, Clerk