

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

October 7, 2014

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on October, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Pat Wade joined the meeting.

Road and Bridge- Dennis Morgan, representing ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, met with the Commissioners and Foreman Fred Thomas to visit about the pipeline project and address any concerns. He noted that this would be his last meeting as he was being assigned to a new project.

2014 Roadway Rehabilitation Bid Openings- Brian Wakefield, representing BenchMark of Torrington and other interested parties met with the Commissioners and Foreman Thomas and opened bids for the above referenced project. There were seven bids received with the lowest bid being submitted by Barker Concrete and Construction, Inc. for \$843,991.48. covering approximately 21.55 miles of road. Benchmark wanted to review the bids to verify everything was in order before recommending awarding of the bid.

The Commissioners and Fred then reviewed a revised draft agreement between Cheyenne River, LLC., & Niobrara County. The previous contract was approved by the Commissioners in June and submitted to Cheyenne River for their approval; however, Cheyenne River was not satisfied with some language. The group discussed the changes, mainly clarifying language to make the contract more project specific.

Fred then discussed dust control, water permits and rock prices.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and Foreman Thomas to discuss the road contract between Cheyenne River, LLC., & Niobrara Co. They discussed the clause regarding "may" assign the contract vs "shall" assign the contract.

Brian Wakefield, from BenchMark of Torrington, joined the meeting and the group discussed the contracts for the roadwork.

Legal Shield- Ron Nealeigh, with Legal Shield, met with Commissioners to present information on services provided by Legal Shield.

Hospital Board- Interim CEO Chris Lorenzen and Board members Janae Poage, Mark S. Groh and Tom Dunlap met with the Commissioners to request \$38,000 from the Hospital O & M account to purchase an updated phone system as theirs has reached its "end of life" and is no longer supported for maintenance and repairs. The Commissioners took this under advisement.

2014 Roadway Rehabilitation Bid Award-Based on the recommendation by Benchmark of Torrington, Greg moved to award the bid to Barker Concrete and Construction for \$843,991.40. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator- Kester Akers and James Santistevan met with the Commissioners to discuss the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Kester gave a verbal resignation and will submit a letter of resignation.

Richard expressed his and the Commissioners appreciation for Kester's past 40 plus years of service.

E-911- Sheriff Rick Zerbe and Dispatch Supervisor L. D. Stone met with the Commissioners to review new quotes from Grabar and Experient for E-911 hardware and software services

Elected Officials- The elected officials and department heads met with the Commissioners to discuss county business and office operations.

Coroner Lisa Mellott stayed after the meeting to discuss the purchase of a new cell phone because hers was damaged on a coroner call. She asked the Commissioners to consider share in the cost of replacement since the damage occurred while on duty. The cost was \$700.

Consent agenda- Arlene moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Greg seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were Minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting, receipts for the month of September from the County Clerk for \$5,844.00; from the Sheriff for \$1,085.00; and from the Clerk of Court for \$ 1,816.85 a notice of LGLP Nominations for Board