

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

April 19, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Vice-Chair Greg B. Starck, Commissioner Patrick H. Wade and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road and Bridge – Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and updated them on road and bridge business.

He said the road sign project is complete except for Cheyenne River Road.

He also said that he looked at a gravel pit at 4 Corners and while the rock is less expensive, the extra hour of drive/haul time would not make the pit economical.

He also discussed his need for a new work truck as his is wearing out.

Equipment Bid Openings- The Commissioners received bids for the Onan Generator from Harold Miller for \$405.00 and from Barker Construction for \$3,250.00; for the Century Mig Welder from Kirk Sturgeon for \$100.00 and for the 1999 Chevy pickup from Greg Starck for \$177.00.

Pat moved to award the generator to Barker Concrete for \$3,250.00, the generator to Kirk Sturgeon for \$100.00, and the pickup to Greg Starck for \$177.00. Richard seconded, motion carried. Greg abstained from voting on the issue.

Lisa Shaw met with the Commissioners to discuss Emergency Watershed Program funding. There are two participants interested in participating and the project total will be approximately \$200,000.

County Attorney- County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners and discussed criminal cases, some of which involve inmates from the Wyoming Women's Center.

The group also discussed junk cleanup in Niobrara Park Addition and what enforcement options the County might have regarding mandatory cleanup. She said if it isn't blocking our right of way, then there isn't really anything that can be done.

Also, there is group wanting to set up a booth at the fair to have a petitions signed supporting medical marijuana. She is saying that some other counties are saying no. She wants to see what other counties do prior to deciding what is best for Niobrara County.

Richard asked about the status of setting up a Joint Powers Association and he suggested that it should be done relatively soon.

Cleaning Contract Revisions- Teri Stephens, Assessor, Keri Thompson, Treasurer, Rick Zerbe, Sheriff and Becky Freeman, Clerk, met with the Commissioners and presented a revised cleaning contract, which clarified some of the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly requirements.

The group then discussed redundancy for computers and Pat said that Chantry Filener had said that he thought satellite was about as safe as it gets and that there is company called Visionary that would be willing to come and visit with the Commissioners about that.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Richard adjourned the regular meeting at 1:30 to hold a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. That meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:11 p.m.

Town of Manville Mayor Rola Ross met with the Commissioners and discussed the Manville Spur.

Commissioner Scholarships- Taten Gaukel, Mikayla Vandeberg and Alex Starkey were selected as recipients of the 2016-2017 Commissioners' Scholarships. Caysea Hart and Lexie Dockery were alternates.

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NEWEDC Board- Richard volunteered to serve on the NEWEDC board. Greg moved to appoint Richard to serve as a commissioner representative on the Northeast Wyoming Economic Development Committee board. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Meeting- Greg moved to reschedule the May 3rd meeting to May 4th due to a public notice publication timeline. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the April 9, 2016 meeting and receipts for the month of March from the Clerk of District Court for \$532.90.

Patrone's Landscaping- The group approved a quote from Patrone's Landscaping and Tree Care for tree stump removal at the fairgrounds for \$485.00.

Wyoming Choice Gas- Pat moved to approve Wyoming Community Gas as the county's natural gas manager. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Canon Copier Upgrade- The Commissioners authorized the upgrade to a new Canon Copier. The contract costs are the same as the existing contract.

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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk