

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

April 5, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 5, 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 discussed road and bridge business. He inquired about the pipeline right of way easement agreement between Cheyenne River and Niobrara County and the Commissioners advised that it is under review.

County Attorney – County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners and discussed the pipeline right of way easement agreement. The Commissioners asked her if the landowners have seen the new easement and she said she didn't think it was a necessity as they knew what was going to happen.

Pat asked about the easement staying in place for the life of the pipeline and whether or not this could be an issue in the future. Cally said that Cheyenne River is placing their easement within our easement and that if the County gives up our easement, then the pipeline easement is null and void. The likelihood that the County would abandon this is road is nonexistent at this point in time so the easement shouldn't be an issue.

The group then reviewed and discussed draft MOU's for the Public Health Nurse and said Cally didn't see any problem with them. Richard also said that the hospital administrator had a room that the county could use for a public health office.

Manville Spur – Cally said she will draft a quit claim deed from Niobrara County to the Town of Manville transferring ownership on a portion of the Manville Spur. She will also include language which includes a liability provision that the Town of Manville will take on any liability from the date of transfer thereby absolving Niobrara County of any problems.

She then discussed Title 25 (involuntary commitments) statutes and changes which will take place in July, criminal cases and other county business.

Elected Officials and Dept. Heads – Denise E. Smith, Extension Office Educator, Teri Stephens, Assessor, Keri Thompson, Treasurer, Kayla Courtright, Clerk of District Court met with the Commissioners and discussed county business.

Keri discussed low sales tax collections and said that her office is very busy with vehicle registrations; Kayla said the jury trial is done; Teri advised the group that Monday, April 11, Max Masters with Geographic Innovations will be here to do basic training on the GIS program; and Denise said the recent snow collapsed the high tunnel and that they are getting ready for the food expo.

Greg said floor is done at the fairgrounds and the consensus is to seal and polish it. There will also be an asbestos investigation conducted on the ceiling tiles before they are replaced. The Courthouse/Courtroom Security project is near completion and a walk through will be conducted.

The group then discussed the cleaning. It was noted that the snow removal had been kept up during the recent storms.

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

Diane Cannon then met with the Commissioners and discussed the cleaning contract. They asked how the cleaning was going and she said things were good. She will be shampooing carpets in the library this weekend.

Also talked about not cleaning the courtroom during a jury trial.

Emergency Management – Emergency Management Coordinator James Santistevan met with the Commissioners and discussed county business.