

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

August 18, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2016. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Greg B. Starck, Patrick H. Wade and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Also in attendance was County Commissioner candidate Dustin Cushman.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge business. The group discussed gravel, equipment repairs, and road projects.

Fred said that there is approximately eight miles of road north of Lusk that could be engineered and put out for bid. He said there should be enough pit run material in the Wilson pit to cover the project. Fred said he would contact engineers from BenchMark of Torrington about this.

Fred also said that he had talked to DEQ and they said they could probably put the county on the permit as well as the Browns.

The group then discussed the tractor located at the fairgrounds. The tractor belongs to road and bridge but is used at the fairgrounds to work the arena. The fair board asked Fred if he would consider getting a smaller one. Fred told the Commissioners he didn't think he would use a new smaller one much, but the current one is big and problematic. The Commissioners would like to visit with the fair board about this.

Chris Smolik, CEO of the Niobrara Health & Life Center, met with the Commissioners and discussed hospital business. He discussed the vacant public health nurse position and said he has visited with Melanie Pearce, the regional public health nurse supervisor, and discussed the possibility of using two of their employees to fill the vacant public health nurse position and the Emergency Preparedness position. He said that the hospital's attorney is working on paperwork and will keep the Commissioner posted as this progresses.

Letter of Understanding—Greg moved to sign the Letter of Understanding between POC-1, LLC. and Niobrara County. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Cooperative Agreement- Pat moved to sign the cooperative agreement between WYDFS Child Support Enforcement and the Niobrara County Clerk of District Court. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Cheyenne River, LLC.- Greg moved to sign the letter with Cheyenne River, LLC., stating that the work was complete on North Lance Creek Road and released them from the project. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Auditorium Floor Project- Greg moved to approve the floor grinding contract with Midwest Grinding for \$22,040.00. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Consent Agenda- Pat moved to approve the consent agenda. Greg seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting and receipts for the month of July from the Clerk of District Court for \$857.50.

Long Term Recovery Joint Powers Board- Pat moved to appoint Richard A. Ladwig to serve as a representative on the Joint Powers Board. Greg seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

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Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman