

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
December 20, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Greg B. Starck, Patrick H. Wade, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman present. Commissioner-elect John Midkiff was also in attendance.

Road and Bridge- Corky Foshier, Fair board member, met with the Commissioners and Fred Thomas, Road and Bridge Foreman, to continue discussions on purchasing a new tractor. Fred had information on a 2005 John Deere 5325 for \$25,000.00 from Schmidt Sales. This tractor would be sufficient in horsepower and size to handle the arena grooming. Pat moved to trade the Ford Bi-Directional tractor for \$18,000.00 for the JD 5325 with the fair board paying the \$7,000.00 balance due. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Fred then discussed the 2016 Road Rehabilitation Project. He said that Hout Fencing has the Walker Road gravel done but needs to do some cleanup. Fred said he has notified EMS, NEA and other first responders about the Lance Creek Bridge being out. There is a temporary bridge set up at the 43 Ranch. He also said that the contractor wrote a letter stating he would do another mile of dirt work and graveling using rock from the Wasserburger Pit. They would gravel a mile on Redbird Road. Fred will forward this onto the engineers so a change order can be drawn up.

Fred discussed the Lance Creek Bridge Replacement project and said that the dirt contractor has been shut down, but the deck is being removed and the pilings will be driven.

They discussed the 6th penny tax and some potential projects that could be placed on the ballot. There were discussions about roads, but Greg thought that a blade might be a better idea.

Dan Pannett met with the Commissioners to address concerns he had regarding the boiler in the courthouse. He said that in the past, he has been flushing the boiler once a week and things were okay, but now he is having to do it three to four times a week and the water is not remaining clear. Valley Plumbing did some maintenance on the boiler but that has not corrected the problem of brine and mineral build up.

Dan said that he spoke with Bob from Valley Plumbing and they discussed treatment plans. The water softener is not working and that might be part of the problem with buildup and that a new one might help with the boiler problem.

Chris Smolik, Hospital Administrator, Jim Tangney, Facility Director and Mark Groh, Hospital Board Member, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Helipad issue. The hospital needs to relocate its helipad and wondered if the Road and Bridge Department could help with constructing a new parking area since the hospital doesn't have the ability to construct a parking lot. The helicopter will land on the west side of the hospital instead of the east side, because duplexes are being built on the east side.

County Attorney- Doyle J. Davies, Deputy County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. He said that there is a bit of things going on in the criminal side.

The group discussed building a senior housing complex using 6th penny funding.

Consent Agenda-Greg moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting.

Resolution 16-12 - Greg moved to approve

RESOLUTION NO. 16-12

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**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR COUNTY
EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2017.**

WHEREAS, the Niobrara County Personnel Policy Manual provides for the observance of holidays each year as set by the Niobrara County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, per Wyoming Statute § 18-3-103 as amended, county officers shall keep their offices open during the usual business hours of each day excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and other days as established by the County commissioners through resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that this resolution shall not apply to all county departments as some are required to be in operation continuously.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Niobrara County, Wyoming that the list of holidays and other days as set forth below shall be observed during calendar year 2017 as days off for Niobrara County employees:

New Year's Day	January 2, 2017	First Monday in January
Equality Day	January 16, 2017	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	February 20, 2017	Third Monday in February
Good Friday	April 14, 2017	Second Friday in April
Memorial Day	May 29, 2017	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4, 2017	First Tuesday in July
Labor Day	September 4, 2017	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	October 9, 2017	Second Monday in October
Veterans' Day	November 10, 2017	Second Friday in Nov.
Thanksgiving	November 23, 2017	Fourth Thursday in Nov.
Employee Appreciation Day	November 24, 2017	Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25, 2017	Fourth Monday December

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of December, 2016.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
/s/Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest: /s/Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

Public Health Cash & Fund Handling Policy - Sally Myer, Niobrara County Public Health Nurse, met with the Commissioners and discussed the guidelines on accounting for funds received from clients. She will do weekly deposits and then transmit those funds to the treasurer. There will be no petty cash funds.

Greg moved to approve the Public Health Cash & Fund Handling Policy. Pat seconded, motion carried.

She said she is still training on immunizations and MCH visits and will be working with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators in Crook and Weston Counties to make sure all plans are in place.

Patti Cobb, with Solutions for Life, met with the Commissioners to update them on how the agency is doing.

Jim Kremers, Doyle J. Davies, Keri Thompson, Dale Hytrek met with the Commissioners and to discuss 6th penny projects.

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The group discussed a senior living/independent living project. Dale thinks that if enough money is raised to build it, it would be sustainable. They would have approximately ten units and it would be located behind the Senior Center. Pat asked who would own the building and who would run it.

There are still many questions that need to be addressed and the group needs to visit with Todd Bishop to develop a plan.

Dan Pannett stopped in and gave a quote for a new water softener, an E3 Hellen brand water system. Installed it is \$1,175.00, but he didn't know about removal.

The Commissioners approved the purchase of an E3 Hellen Brand Water Softener.

Corky Fosher stopped back in to visit with the Commissioners about the Shooting Sports building. He inquired about getting approval for the Friends of the NRA to apply for a grant do construction for an overhead door in the yellow barn and to build a wall to separate their shooting sports equipment storage from the electrical breaker box.

Greg moved to authorize the 4-H Shooting Sports to modify the Multi-purpose shooting Sports Complex storage room and install an overhead in the yellow barn at the fairgrounds. Pat seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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