

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

February 16, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 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 informed them about a pit located in Newcastle that would sell J base material to the County for \$7.50 a ton for a year and that road signs will be placed in the ground soon.

Fred asked the Commissioners if he could use a piece of county equipment to unload the load of blocks he has coming for his retaining wall. The Commissioners did not see a problem with this. Fred said he would pay if he had to.

The group then discussed the right-of-way pipeline agreement between Cheyenne River, LLC. and Niobrara County. Richard asked Fred if he thought it was sufficient as far as defining who prepares the road, etc. and Fred thought it was. There are still some areas in the contract that need revising such as the heirs and assigns clause and putting a beginning and end date for the easement project.

Petition to Cross County Road- The Commissioners asked Fred about the petition to cross a county road submitted by Alvin Manning. Fred said it is an unimproved road and Alvin could dig across it if he needed to.

Pat said he had one landowner complain about the snow being piled up in the barrow pits and is concerned that it will destroy his fence. If that should happen, road and bridge would repair the damaged fence.

Greg discussed the fairgrounds floor and possibly needing large equipment to haul away material.

Pat asked if there was an opportunity to purchase any equipment with the prices being so low and Fred said he could use a service pickup.

County Attorney- County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners and discussed county business.

She said the only thing that is really pending is the right of way pipeline agreement between Cheyenne River, LLC. and Niobrara County. They asked her to take it back and ask for the revisions mentioned above.

They also discussed the Manville Spur and the status of the public health nurse in Niobrara County. They are both still in the works.

Steve Haworth met with the Commissioners to discuss the property acquisition program that the county was interested in participating in. Clerk Freeman informed him about a class she attended regarding the Benefit Cost Analysis/Benefit Cost Ratio program. There are certain criteria which need to be met in order for the benefit to out way the cost and the projects did not qualify.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Pat seconded. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting and Tax Roll Supplements for PGC LLC - Tax Year 2015 for \$169.52 and for Breitburn Operating L.P. - Tax Year 2013 for \$92,370.78.

Petition to Cross County Road - Pat moved to approve the county road crossing permit for Alvin Manning to cross a county road located in T35N, R66W, Sec. 32, the purpose of which is to install a water line for watering cattle. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Conservation District- The Commissioners received a Community Enhancement Request for Proposal for a tree program from the Conservation District. Greg will visit with Patrone's Landscaping