

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

July 19, 2016

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

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge business. He said that work on N. Lance Creek should be finished today and that they have graveled Ridge Road through the state land and will do some spot graveling towards the highway. They also discussed roads and hardening compounds. Richard mentioned about a company in Buffalo that sells a product called Dirt Armor. It is expensive, but they might work with the county on a price.

County Attorney- County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners to discuss county business.

She presented a letter of agreement she drafted which is between Niobrara County and Mobile Concrete laying out the terms of purchasing and stockpiling gravel from Mobile. Cally also addressed her budget and the fact that the trial expense line item is going to go over and requested additional funds in that line item or add a new line item for Special Prosecutor. The group also discussed the MCH/TANF Public Health contract and the Zika/ Ebola virus contracts between the State Dept. of Health and Niobrara County and concerns the Commissioners had over some of the language since there is no public health nurse here.

Chris Smolik, Hospital CEO met with the Commissioners to give them an update on hospital operations. Hospital Board member Shelly Larson joined the meeting. The group plans to meet quarterly with the Commissioners to keep them informed and updated on events occurring at the hospital.

Dell Atkinson met with the Commissioners to inform them that he had received approval for the planning grant and presented them with a proposal for the grant to hire an individual for long term flood recovery grant management.

Guardian Ad Litem Memorandum of Understanding- Greg moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Wyoming, Guardian Ad Litem Program and Niobrara County. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Resolution 16-11- Pat moved to approve Resolution 16-11, a resolution authorizing and directing the board of County Commissioners of Niobrara County to execute, on behalf of the county, that certain "Communications/911/Dispatch Services Operations Agreement" between the Town of Lusk, Niobrara County, and the Niobrara County Sheriff. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Contract for Services- Pat moved, to enter into a contract for services with the Town of Lusk for Communications/911/Dispatch Services. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Malt Beverage Permit- Pat moved to approve a 24-Hour malt beverage permit for the Sherman/Smith wedding reception being held at the Niobrara Shooting Sports building on July 23. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Catering Permit- Greg moved to approve a 24-Hour catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Ranch Rodeo being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on July 30, 2016. Pat seconded, motion carried.

The Department of Health contracts were laid back until further information can be obtained defining the county's responsibilities.

Gravel Contract- Greg moved to approve the purchase contract between Niobrara County and Mobile Contract to purchase 68,027 tons of gravel. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Petition to Cross County Road- Pat moved to approve an Order authorizing Cheyenne River LLC to bore under a county road to install a gas pipeline. Greg seconded, motion carried.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting receipts for the month of June from the Clerk of Court for \$593.70 and an official bond and oath for Aaron Carr as superintendent of the NCSD #1 and GCSD #6.

Emergency Management- James Santistevan met with the Commissioner to let them know that the siren should be here in a couple of weeks.

2016-2017 Budget- The Commissioners made the following changes to the proposed budget as a result of the public hearing held July 18. They increased the following budgets: the Sheriff's Office line item for new equipment by \$3,000 to account for a new quote on 2017 trucks because the 2016 vehicle quote was no longer valid, the Assessor's vehicle repair line item by \$1,000 to cover tires and other miscellaneous repairs, the Clerk's election ballot line item by \$2,500 to cover the General Election costs because the Primary Election ballots were more expensive than anticipated, and the County Attorney's trial expense line item by \$1,000 to account for the special prosecutor expenses. Bonuses were awarded in lieu of raises to better prepare for the economic shortfalls that the next budget year will most likely incur. This brought the final budget to \$8,870,735.26.

Resolution 16-09-Pat moved to approve Resolution 16-09, an INCOME RESOLUTION NECESSARY TO FINANCE BUDGET. Greg seconded, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-09

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of July, 2016, this Board adopted a County Budget for the 2017 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, calling for the following appropriations:

General Fund	\$ 6,839,298.18
Library Fund	\$ 312,401.18
Fair Fund	\$ 189,234.32
Grants/County Road Fund	\$ 1,529,801.58
TOTAL	\$ 8,870,735.26

And, WHEREAS, after deducting all other cash and estimated revenue, it is necessary that the following amounts be raised by general taxation, and in order to raise such sums of money, it is necessary that the levies be made for the 2017 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as shown opposite each fund:

	be raised	Amount to Mill Levy
General Fund	\$ 1,098,818.09	10.33
Library Fund	\$ 156,366.18	1.47
Fair Fund	\$ 21,274.31	.20

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the foregoing levies be made for the 2017 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2016

Niobrara County Commissioners
/s/ Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman
/s/ Greg B. Starck, Vice-Chair
/s/ Patrick H. Wade, Member

Attest: /s/ Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

Resolution 16-10- Greg moved to approve Resolution 16-10 Appropriation Resolution. Pat seconded, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-10
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the Niobrara County Clerk, the budget making authority, prepared and submitted to the Board, a county budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.	County Commissioners	\$ 61,269.66
	County Clerk	\$ 176,630.54
	County Treasurer	\$ 116,672.85

WHEREAS, such a budget was duly entered at large upon the records of this board and a copy of thereof was made available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on such budget, together with the summary of said budget, was published in the Lusk Herald, a legal newspaper published and of general circulation in the county on the 6th day of July, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such budget at the time and place specified in said notice, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, following such public hearing certain alterations and revisions were made in such proposed budget, all of which more fully appear in the minutes of this Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the county budget, as so revised and altered, be adopted as the official county budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made for the 2017 Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017, and that the expenditures of each officer, department, or spending agency be limited to the amount herein appropriated.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2016

Niobrara County Commissioners

Attest: /s/ Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

1% Specific Purpose Excise Tax- Todd Bishop, CEO Kaiser Wealth management, Pat Smith, Mayor, Town of Lusk, Todd Skrukud, Town of Lusk Public Works Director, Teri Stephens, Assessor, Elaine Griffith, Senior Citizen Service District Trustee, Keri Thompson, Treasurer, and Jim Kremers and Mary Lou Larson, Senior Center Board members met with the Commissioners to discuss proposed projects for the continuation of the existing 1 % Specific Purpose Excise Tax, as the current tax, which was used to fund the pool, is most likely going to be completely collected by the middle of next year at the latest. A special election will need to be called in 2017 for this tax. The group will meet again at a later time to begin preparations for a project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
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County Assessor	\$	133,819.35
County Sheriff	\$	356,809.60
County Attorney	\$	163,245.28
1% Option Tax	\$	170,000.00
Dispatch	\$	302,775.00
County Coroner	\$	24,762.40
Extension Office	\$	81,465.00
Clerk of District Court	\$	123,938.75
Magistrate	\$	12,000.00
Facilities		\$239,950.00
Road & Bridge	\$	610,325.20
Emergency Management	\$	8,850.00
Detention	\$	305,661.15
Elections	\$	33,450.00
Public Health Officer	\$	9,600.00
Public Health Nurse	\$	28,804.60
General County	\$	612,400.00
Cash Reserve Fund	\$	3,064,918.09
Depreciation Fund	\$	201,950.71
TOTAL	\$	6,839,298.18

Grants/ County Road Fund	\$	1,529,801.58
TOTAL	\$	1,529,801.58

County Library	\$	312,401.18
County Fair	\$	189,234.32

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$ **8,870,735.26**

/s/ Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

/s/ Greg B. Starck, Vice-Chair

/s/ Patrick H. Wade, Member