

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

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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.