

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

July 5, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 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 was County Commissioner candidate Rob Carpenter. Commissioner candidate Dustin Cushman joined the meeting.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed pricing for pit run gravel from the Manville pit. The County will be able to purchase approximately 68,000 tons to add to the county's stockpile. An agreement will need to be drafted between the County and Mobile Concrete.

Fred also talked general road and bridge business. He did note that Barker Concrete and Construction has built up Gropp Road per the agreement between Jake Reed and Niobrara County.

County Attorney- County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners to discuss county business. Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas was also in attendance.

Executive Session- Greg moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:03 with Cally and Fred to discuss a personnel issue. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Pat moved to reconvene the regular session. Greg seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

The Commissioners asked Cally if she would work with Fred to draft an agreement between Niobrara County and Mobile Concrete, Inc. for the gravel price and quantity.

She also updated them on criminal cases.

Elected Officials and Department Heads- The Elected Officials and Department Heads met with the Commissioners and discussed business pertaining to their respective offices. The group also discussed some projects for a continuation of the Specific Purpose Excise Tax when the current tax has been collected.

County Coroner- Coroner Lisa Mellott met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of purchasing a power loading system to use with the hydraulic cot. The group went to look at the new Coroner' vehicle and Lisa showed them how difficult it is to load a cot with no electronic lift/mount etc. The cost for the system and installation is approximately \$20,000. The Commissioners took this under advisement.

Emergency Management- James Santistevan met with the Commissioners and discussed the upcoming eclipse which will occur in 2017. Lusk will be a prime spot to observe this phenomenon and he wants to have plans in place to accommodate large crowds.

Consent Agenda- Pat moved to approve the consent agenda. Greg seconded, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting and receipts for the month of June from the County Clerk for \$4,178.50 and from the Sheriff for \$422.00.

Dept. of Health MOU- The Commissioners laid this contract back to discuss further with the County Attorney.

Dispatch Center Console Grant Agreement- Greg moved to approve the Dispatch Console Agreement between the State of Wyoming, by and through WY Public Safety Communications Commission, Wyoming Dept. of Transportation and Niobrara County. Pat seconded, motion carried.