

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

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June 21, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 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.

Road & Bridge- Cameron Corbett, representing POC-1, met with the Commissioners and Foreman Fred Thomas and updated them on the Azalea well. As stated in previous minutes, POC-1 is interested in obtaining ownership of this well and lease, however, they don't want to be responsible for completing the last portion of the original agreement between Yates Petroleum and Niobrara County as it pertains to Greasewood Road until they are able to prove up the well and have it active. In the meantime, he said that POC would be interested in entering into a Letter of Understanding stating the following:

1. POC-I, LLC is not to be held liable to complete any services committed to in that certain Amended Letter of Agreement by and between Niobrara County, Wyoming and Yates Petroleum Corporation of Artesia, New Mexico dated September 17, 2013.
2. Niobrara County, Wyoming and POC-I, LLC will work together to make improvements to county roads utilized by POC-I, LLC that are mutually agreed upon between the Parties as necessary. It is agreed upon between the Parties that no improvements will be necessary to county roads until POC-I, LLC begins to more fully develop their leasehold in Niobrara County, Wyoming. Discussions regarding necessary improvements to county roads should commence between the Parties before county roads begin to see a substantial increase in usage, especially with heavy machinery, as a result of POC-I, LLC's operations.
3. Once necessary improvements to county roads are mutually agreed upon between the Parties, a letter of agreement should be drafted that clearly sets out the services, equipment, personnel and supplies each party will provide to complete the improvement.

Fred and the Commissioners then discussed graveling the state portion of Ridge Road.

Dell Atkinson with North East Wyoming Economic Development Coalition presented a proposal that will be submitted to the Economic Development Authority for a grant to apply for \$170,000 for two years, with no match from the County, to hire a long term recovery disaster manager. Dell said that a strict budget would need to be established and followed to provide for the operation and salary of the individual.

Greg moved to sign the application for Federal Assistance SF-424. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Court Security walk through- Judge Brooks, Frankie Spiegelberg, and representatives from Wyoming State Lock and Safe as well as others from the Courthouse, discussed the security upgrades and walked through all offices.

Elected Officials and Dept. Heads- Rick L. Zerbe, Sheriff, Keri Thompson, Treasurer, Teri Stephens, Assessor and Denise E. Smith, Extension Educator, met with the Commissioners and discussed county business and office operations as well as IT business, court security and the public health nurse position and office.

Richard asked about the status of the auditorium floor and Greg thought that the contractor would be here the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to grind and polish it.

WYDOT- Lowell Fleenor, Calvin Goddard, Jeff Goetz, Jim Barnes, Mark Williams, Rick Shaw and Jerry Carr, Wyoming Department of Transportation, and Mike Larson, Transportation Commission met with the Commissioners and met with the Commissioners and Pat Smith, Town

of Lusk Mayor and Katelynn Miller Town of Lusk Councilmember, and gave their annual State Transportation Improvement Program presentation.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting, thank you cards from Alex Starkey and Taten Gaukel and receipts for the month of May from the Clerk of Court for \$434.32.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk