

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

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May 17, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 17, 2016. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Vice-Chair Greg B. Starck, Commissioner Patrick H. Wade and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed gravel pits, equipment repairs and roads.

Richard discussed a Joint Revenue Interim Committee meeting he attended. Topics discussed were Board of Equalization, fuel, diesel and alternative fuel tax disputes, liquor license revocations and revenue for school facilities and maintenance.

County Attorney- County Attorney Cally Lund met with the Commissioners and discussed the Public Health Officer contract.

She updated them on the criminal side of things and said she would be attending a conference next week on crime victims' assistance.

Public Health Officer Contract- Greg moved to approve the Public Health Officer Contract, Pat seconded, motion carried.

WY Child & Family Development- Martha Bridge, Center Coordinator for Lusk & Melissa Miller, Area Coordinator, met with the Commissioners to discuss funding requests for the upcoming fiscal year. Martha discussed the program, the children they serve, and the screenings they provide. She thanked the Commissioners for past funding and asked them to consider funding assistance again.

Court Security Meeting- Judge Brooks, Kayla Courtright, Clerk of Court, Doyle Davies, Deputy County Attorney and Rick L. Zerbe, Sheriff met with the Commissioners and discussed the court security upgrades. Judge Brooks thanked the Commissioners to what has been done thus far and noted that there is more money available to do further upgrades.

Courthouse/Library/Sheriff's Office Maintenance Contract Bid Openings- The Commissioners received bids for the above buildings and grounds from Amy Williams for \$4,800 per month, Diane Cannon for \$4,300 per month and Proper Care for \$5,000 per month. The Commissioners will review the bids and make a decision at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Emergency Management- James Santistevan, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and presented a bid for the siren. He said a new siren is \$19,200 and repairs would cost \$15,900. Greg thought it would be a good idea to visit with the Town of Lusk about splitting costs if possible.

James also said he completed the last course to be Incident and Crisis Management certified.

Fairgrounds Maintenance Contract Bid Openings- The Commissioners received bids for the fairgrounds buildings and grounds from KD Maintenance for \$5,400 per month, Diane Cannon for \$6,500 per month, Proper Care for \$6,800 per month and from Amy Williams for \$8,000 per month. The Commissioners will review the bids and open them at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Greg Worthern with Visionary Communications met with the Commissioners to discuss computer redundancy, Teri Stephens, Kayla Courtright, Rick Zerbe, Kelly Dean and L. D. Stone were also in attendance.

Greg explained the idea behind redundancy and how micro waves are used in addition to fiber optic lines to ensure continued operations in the event a fiber optics line is cut.

Consent Agenda-Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting and Petitions of Affidavit for Rebates of Taxes for Abraxas Petroleum for the 2011 tax roll for \$2,040.34, for the 2012 tax roll for \$1,105.18, and for the 2013 tax rolls for \$2,117.06.

Termite Control Contract Renewal- Greg moved to approve the contract with Benzel Pest Control for termite control for the Courthouse, Justice Center and Library for \$1,317.00 for one year. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Executive Session- Greg moved to enter into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. with County Attorney Cally Lund to discuss personnel matters. Pat seconded, motion carried.

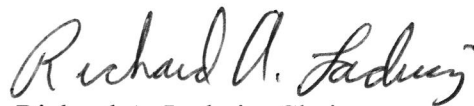
Pat moved to reconvene the regular session. Greg seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

The Commissioners then discussed weeds at the fairgrounds and Pat said he would contact Weed & Pest to see if they will do the spraying.

Wildland Fire Management Operating Plan- Greg moved to sign the operating plan between the USDI BLM, Wyoming State Forestry Division, USDA Forest Service and Niobrara County. Pat seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk