

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2016. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Greg B. Starck, Patrick H. Wade and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Also in attendance was County Commissioner candidate John Midkiff.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge business.

He presented a quote from Motorola Solutions, LLC. and Absolute Solution for approximately \$18,000.00 for the purchase and installation of four radios.

He said he still hasn't received any paperwork from BenchMark of Torrington regarding the Wilson, Pipe and Walker Roads project. He also priced a flatbed, grille guard, and small crane for the service pickup which will be approximately \$6,095.00 installed. He said the new pickups should be here around mid-October.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss county business. Foreman Fred Thomas was also present.

Executive Session- Pat moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. with Attorney Lund and Foreman Thomas to discuss personnel issues. Greg seconded, motion carried.

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

Cally then updated the Commissioners on criminal cases.

Richard updated her on the public health nursing interviews. He said that references are being checked and an offer will be made if everything pans out.

Xerox Copier Contract- Greg moved to approve a 60 month lease agreement with Xerox for a 5945APT (WORKCENTRE 5945) copier for \$127.00 per month. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Richard briefed the group on an upcoming meeting for the Northeast Wyoming Economic Development Coalition on Thursday at the fairgrounds.

He also updated them on the Long Term Recovery Group Joint Powers Board member terms and also discussed the status of funding from the Economic Development Agency for the Long Term Recovery Manager. He said that EDA will not fund the entire \$170,000. He said that the Wyoming Business Council will provide \$25,000 leaving a balance of \$9,000 due. It was discussed that perhaps the Town of Lusk and Niobrara County could each contribute \$4,500 which, when combined with Wyoming Business Council's match will make the \$34,000 (20%) match.

Consent Agenda- Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Pat seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the September 4, 2016 meeting.

Chris Smolik, Niobrara Health and Life Chief Executive Officer and Mark Groh, Niobrara County Hospital District board member, met with the Commissioners and updated them on hospital business.

The group discussed the public health nurse position. They discussed conversations they had with various parties, and it appears that there is some confusion on what is being offered and who would have control over it all. Richard and Chris both felt it would be prudent to contact the State to get clarification on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard A. Ladwig

Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

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