

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

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September 6, 2016

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 6, 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 candidates John Midkiff and Dustin Cushman.

Road and Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and gave an update on road and bridge business.

He said he looked at the bridge on Divide Road and said the foundation is strong, however the deck is not great. He discussed plans for repairing the deck by installing ½" steel plates on top of the existing deck, build up the sides to better hold gravel and fill abutments with rock to keep cattle off the sides.

Greg asked Fred to look at a portion of Kirtley Road that is deteriorating.

Fred said he had visited with engineers from BenchMark of Torrington to get paperwork drawn up for the Wilson, Pipe and Walker Road projects.

Executive Session- Pat moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:30a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Greg seconded, motion carried.

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

Fred said he checked on prices for new tractors and they are running anywhere from \$60,000-\$62,000. He said that Rose Bros. would give us approximately \$22,000 for the Ford tractor leaving a balance due of approximately \$39,500. The group would like to visit with the Fair Board about this matter.

County Attorney- Doyle J. Davies, Deputy County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Joint Powers Board and where the group is in the process of holding an organizational meeting.

He also discussed criminal cases.

Executive Session- Richard moved to enter into Executive Session with Deputy Attorney Davies and Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss personnel issues. Greg seconded, motion carried.

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

Fred asked about any money available to do maintenance on his shop. He wants to seal it and then put heaters in later. Fred thought it would cost approximately \$12,000.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Teri Stephens, Assessor, Rick Zerbe, Sheriff, Keri Thompson, Treasurer and Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk met with the Commissioners and discussed office operations and county business.

Rick told the Commissioners that the vehicles he ordered should be here in three to four weeks. He also discussed the town siren.

Teri said that they are done reviewing properties and that next week she will be attending a class in Cheyenne. She also wanted to mention that the cleaning is fantastic.

She said that Chantry has both servers going and is trying to copy the information over.

Keri said she has received the tax rolls from the Assessor and are busy with day to day business.

Becky touched on elections and general business.

Greg said the auditorium floor at the fairgrounds is done.

Pat asked Rick about Code Red. He said he has had problems picking up some of the pages since the new console was installed. Rick will check into it.