

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 18, 2017

The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Patrick H. Wade, John Midkiff and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, present.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. The group discussed the bill received from Jordan Towing for work he did during the flood with no authorization from the County.

Cally said that absent a meeting, she didn't think any one commissioner could act on behalf of the County.

Executive Session- John moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Pat moved to reconvene the regular session at 9:16 a.m. John seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

Cally then submitted a draft provision for the Brown Pit. Fred Thomas, Road and Bridge Foreman, joined the meeting.

Pat asked if maybe we should check with other pit owners and do some kind of agreements with them regarding the use of their pits. Fred said that we own the permits on those pits but we would need to do an agreement on Dave Thomson's pit.

The group then discussed the preliminary agreement for event insurance for rental of the fair grounds. They discussed the need for a form explaining that vendors need insurance.

Road & Bridge -Fred discussed road and bridge business. He said the headwalls on 28 Road are done. There is some cleanup, fencing and removal of equipment to be done and then Hout is done with the project.

The week prior, Fred used the new tractor at the fairgrounds to work the arena and it performed very well. He is very pleased with it.

Lance Creek Bridge- He said that the contractors on this project will try to pour concrete the first week in May. It needs to sit for ten days and then they will try to open the bridge by the third week in May, weather permitting.

Fred said the temporary bridge is holding up pretty well and he plans on pulling it the second week of May, dependent on work done on the Lance Creek Bridge.

Fred said that a landowner installed a new auto gate on Divide Road without his authorization. He said he will visit with them regarding this matter.

Richard discussed the County Road Fund (CRF) and how those funds can be used. Historically, some funds have been transferred from the CRF to General County to assist with the purchasing new equipment for Road & Bridge. Richard said that this will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Commissioners' Association meeting in May to hopefully clarify the matter.

Fred said his budget would allow for a down payment this fiscal year for a blade instead of waiting for next year to do it.

Consent Agenda- Pat moved to approve the consent agenda. John seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting and receipts from the Clerk of District Court for the month of March for \$453.50.

Alsco Service Rental Agreement- John moved to approve the agreement with Alsco for shop towels and coverall rentals. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Wildland Fire Operating Plan- John moved to sign the plan. Pat seconded, motion carried.

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Emergency Management- James Santistevan, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed emergency management operations. He said that the Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator had quit so he would be offering his assistance if they need it.

There being no further business, Richard adjourned the regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. to hold a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

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Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk