

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
June 20, 2017

The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:15 a.m. with Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Patrick H. Wade, John Midkiff and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, present.

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

He said that there is some oil and gas activity out north and that Cheyenne River wants to use the cuttings (returns from drilled holes) and mix with a lime dust compound and place on N. Lance Creek Road. They would then cover the road with gravel if the county provides the gravel.

Richard asked if there would be some dust control measures used and Fred said he would be in contact with the company. They will wait for Fred to report back on his findings.

He said that Peterson Construction had submitted a bid for repairs to the road & bridge building and they will take place in July.

He mentioned a mishap that occurred out west. He said some county road signs were purposefully run over.

The group then discussed the road and bridge department budget.

Dan Ritter, Ron and Alice Carter and Buddy Webb met with the Commissioners to discuss Century Link's application for deregulation.

Alice gave a history of how Century Link has applied for deregulation in the past and has always been denied, however, it appears that they might actually achieve deregulation status this time. The group is concerned that if Century Link is deregulated, then there will be no oversight on fees they can charge, services they provide, or even coverage.

She said the only way to try and stop this process is for individuals and corporations to lobby against the deregulation.

The Commissioners asked if the group had talked to their legislators regarding this issue and Alice said they had.

She said there is a meeting on July 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Public Service Commission building in Cheyenne.

Richard said he would contact the executive director of the WCCA to get some guidance and support.

Public Health Contracts- Sally Myer, Public Health Nurse, met with the Commissioners and reviewed the public health contracts.

John moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Dept. of Health Division and Niobrara County for MCH/TANF funding. Pat seconded, motion carried.

John moved to approve the contract between the Wyoming Dept. of Health and Niobrara County for the Public Health Emergency Grant. Pat seconded, motion carried.

John moved to sign the Contract between the Wyoming Dept. of Health, Public Health Division, Niobrara County and the Niobrara County Health Officer as it relates to Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Sally said that on June 29 at 4:30 at the fairgrounds, she will have a Point of Disbursement (POD) training.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners via phone and discussed county business.

Resolution 17-06, Establishing Local Liquor Licensing Rules, was laid back until further review is done.

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The group discussed a letter from the Dept. of Health regarding Title 25 Gatekeeper program and naming Solutions for Life as the gatekeeper for Niobrara County.

Pat asked about the employee handbook. Cally said she needs to have a meeting with the elected officials to review.

ESRI Contract- Pat moved to sign the ESRI Regional Government Enterprise License Agreement and financial agreement with the Town of Lusk for user fees for the ESRI GIS program. John seconded, motion carried.

The Commissioners held budget discussions with Sheriff Zerbe and L. D. Stone, Dispatch Supervisor regarding Sheriff's Office, Dispatch and Detention.

Richard updated the Board on a conversation he had with Pete Obermeuller, Executive Director of the WCCA, regarding CenturyLink Deregulation. He said that according the Pete, Century Link would still provide a line but it wouldn't be a priority to repair if it fails.

Consent Agenda- Pat moved to approve the consent agenda. John. Seconded, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting.

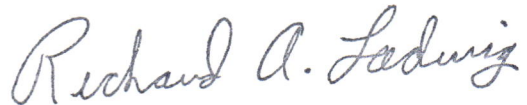
The Commissioners' Scholarship Renewals were laid back until the next meeting.

Title 25 Gatekeeper Program- Based upon the advice of the County Attorney, John moved to name Solution for Life and the single point of responsibility for involuntary commitments for Niobrara County. Pat seconded, motion carried.

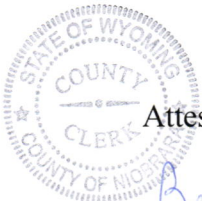
NOWCAP- Based upon the advice of the County Attorney, John moved to join in the NOWCAP program. Pat seconded, motion carried. This program provides forgivable loan assistance to very low-income (as defined by USDA Rural Development) homeowners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

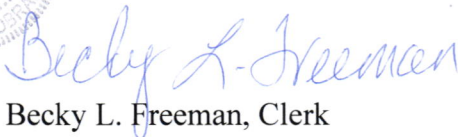
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Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk