

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
October 3, 2017

The 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.

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

Fred said Dale Miller had asked if the County would donate a county truck for him to haul a couple of loads of gravel to the Town of Van Tassell for stockpile so they could use it on their town streets. The county has done this before for the hospital and fire district.

The Board was okay with Dale using a county truck to haul gravel, after work hours, to the Town of Van Tassell to stockpile and use on their town streets.

Richard said that he would like to see agreements to gravel, update, and maintain any county road, used by oilfield companies, appear on paper.

Fred said he has purchased approximately 20,400 tons of gravel for approximately \$150,000.00 and Pat said he would like to see something done on K-Field Road.

Fred said there are approximately 2.9 miles left to gravel on Divide Road before the project is complete.

The Commissioners asked Fred to contact engineers from BenchMark of Torrington, to see if they could develop a road project to be done this winter.

Elected Officials & Department Heads- Keri Thompson, Treasurer, James Santistevan, Emergency Mgmt, Rick Zerbe, Sheriff, Denise Smith, Extension Educator and Becky Freeman, Clerk met and gave monthly reports.

James updated the Commissioners on a pipeline safety meeting he and several sheriff department employees attended. He also updated them on a quote on the transfer switch for the generator at the fairgrounds. He said, that based on information he received from H & H Electric, to bring everything up to code and install a new switch, would cost approximately \$13,000.00. They also gave him a quote for a new generator with an auto switch for \$26,000.00. The Commissioners took this under advisement.

Denise said they were busy with normal day to day business.

Becky discussed elections and Keri discussed office operations.

Rick said that detention should be receiving state inmates towards the middle of the month.

Pat asked about the internet and Keri said we have switched to Visionary and have not encountered any problems.

Rick stayed and updated the Commissioners on reports of stolen hay east of town. There was also discussion about people closing off access to private land.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, met via phone with the Commissioners and discussed an abandoned vehicle towing contract she is working on.

The group discussed criminal activity and potential trials. They also discussed the Office of the WY State Public Defender's recommendation of the appointment of Desiree Wilson to be appointed as a full-time contract Assistant Public Defender to take the place Eric Alden in the Appellate Division.

The Commissioners informed Cally of a notification they received from the Office of State Lands and Investments regarding the County's application for an easement across state land in 1995 for the rerouting/improvement of Indian Creek Road. According to SLIB, their office has not received notification from the County that the project is complete and they if they don't hear from us within 90

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days, they will cancel the easement. They will investigate this further and update her on what they find.

Hannah Swanbom, University Extension Educator, Community Development, CNN (Converse, Natrona and Niobrara Counties) Area, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Life Leadership program in Niobrara County. The program focuses on a variety of leadership topics, helps enhance community leadership and encourages involvement in county organizations.

She would like to have another class, with more attendees and is looking for sponsors to help offset costs. Another thing she mentioned is that if someone graduates, their tuition is donated back to charity.

Pat thought it would be good to target the 25-35 age group. He feels there is a lot of untapped potential in that age group.

Hannah said some of the things they do in the class are personality tests, generational training, and conflict resolutions.

Road and Bridge con't.- Fred said that he had spoken with BenchMark of Torrington and they will begin working on a bid for five (5) miles of road on K-Field Road. Fred thought that they should have something by the next meeting.

Fred asked about rock crushing and whether or not he could purchase more rock. Pat thought he should wait until the project is awarded. Pat asked if we wait will the dark rock still be available, and Fred said no.

Fred estimated he could purchase approximately 10,000 ton which would be approximately \$75,000.00, which is available in the County Road Fund account.

The group then discussed the notice from SLIB regarding the Indian Creek Road project done in 1995. According to Fred and upon reviewing old records, it appears upon a cursory review that the easement the county requested was never used, but the improvement project was done. The state will be contacted to ensure that the county will still have an easement.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

Vendor	Amount	Description
Absolute Solutions	\$ 907.32	Radio repair
Allbright's True Value Hardware	\$ 212.43	Supplies
Alsco	\$ 228.38	Shop towels & coveralls
BAM Doc. Destruction & Recycling LLC	\$ 164.90	Shredding
Becky L. Freeman	\$ 426.93	Travel expense
Ben Lamp	\$ 14,630.00	Trucking expense
Benzel Pest Control, Inc.	\$ 277.20	Pest control
Bill Krejci	\$ 9,350.00	Trucking expense
Birch Communications	\$ 813.20	Telephone
Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial	\$ 675.73	Supplies
Black Hills Energy	\$ 141.43	Utilities
Bluffs Sanitary Supply	\$ 47.10	Supplies
Body Builders Body Shop	\$ 105.00	Vehicle repairs
Brown Family Property Trust	\$ 45.00	Storage unit rental
Cally Lund	\$ 528.70	Office rent and supplies

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Canon Financial Services, Inc.	\$ 380.00	Copier service agreement
Casper Fire Extinguisher Service, Inc.	\$ 97.50	Library fire extinguisher mtnc.
Century Link	\$ 1,652.40	Telephone, I T
Century Link Business Services	\$ 69.51	Telephone
Chantry Filener	\$ 320.00	I T expense
Connecting Point Computer Centers	\$ 300.00	Copier service agreements
Decker's Foods	\$ 62.40	Supplies
Dell Atkinson	\$ 6,552.97	Contract services, travel expense
Denise E. Smith	\$ 27.55	Extension coordinator travel & new equip
Dennis C. Meier	\$ 1,000.00	Office rent
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	\$ 665.87	Ballot coding & layout
Frank Parts Company	\$ 267.68	Parts
Geographic Innovations	\$ 1,300.00	Professional mapping
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.	\$ 433.50	Copier service agreement
Heather Saul	\$ 1,028.10	PHRC travel expense
Hiway Brake & Alignment	\$ 517.62	Vehicle repairs
Hiway Super Service	\$ 1,319.00	Parts, oil
Hospital Auxiliary	\$ 60.00	Wreaths for courthouse doors
John Midkiff	\$ 465.28	Travel expense
Jordan Towing	\$ 250.00	Abandoned vehicles
Keri Thompson	\$ 158.36	Travel expense
L. Brown Trucking, LLC.	\$ 12,595.00	Trucking expense
Lusk Herald	\$ 2,010.25	Publications
Midwest Connect	\$ 270.00	Supplies
Midwest Motor Express, Inc.	\$ 65.00	Fairgrounds maintenance
Miller Enterprises	\$ 12,485.00	Trucking expense
Mobile Concrete Inc.	\$ 679.28	Road improvements
Monika D. Davies	\$ 500.00	Office rent
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc.	\$ 690.00	Justice center mtnc.
Niobrara County 4-H Home Economics	\$ 180.00	New equipment
Niobrara County Hospital District	\$ 18,196.28	1% Option Tax, inmate medical
Niobrara County Library	\$ 1,725.00	Deferred comp.
Niobrara County Sheriff's Office	\$ 28.34	Postage, uniforms
Niobrara Electric Association	\$ 45.83	Radio tower expense
Niobrara Health Fair	\$ 595.00	Blood draws for employees
Office Depot	\$ 51.81	Supplies
Onsolve, LLC.	\$ 2,500.00	Computer expense
Patrick Wade	\$ 99.19	Travel expense
Peterbilt Of Wyoming	\$ 398.91	Parts
Pre Resources Rockies, L.P.	\$ 147.17	O & M oil
Proper Care, LLC.	\$ 6,800.00	Fairgrounds contract
Public Agency Training Council	\$ 590.00	Schools

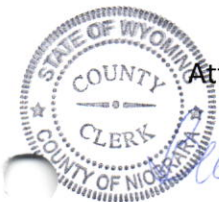
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Quality Carpet Care	\$ 427.50	Window repairs at old jail
Richard A. Ladwig	\$ 165.85	Travel expense
Roetman Enterprises, LLC.	\$ 150.00	Bldg/equip mntc.
Sally Myer	\$ 102.72	Travel expense from July
The Master's Touch, LLC.	\$ 264.14	Postage
Torrington Office Supply	\$ 885.98	Supplies, new equipment
Town House Motel, LLC.	\$ 4,800.00	Courthouse contract
Town Of Lusk	\$ 2,322.30	Utilities
TruGreen	\$ 127.00	Lawn maintenance
Tyler Technologies	\$ 82.69	Computer expense
UW Extension	\$ 6,000.00	Co share of 4-H educator qrtly salary
UW Extension - A/CPL 1003104V	\$ 173.25	UW car expense
Valley Motor Supply	\$ 34.67	Parts
Valley Plumbing & Heating	\$ 2,091.09	Maintenance
Verizon Wireless	\$ 426.53	Cell phones
Visa	\$ 2,261.88	Travel, supplies, schools, new equip.
Wal Mart Community	\$ 30.86	Supplies, inmate meals
WALT'S LATHE & MACHINE	\$ 382.39	Parts
WDH Maternal & Child Health Unit	\$ 525.00	Reimburse State for PH class not attended
Westco	\$ 3,813.88	Diesel
Whitaker Oil D/B/A Outpost Truck Stop	\$ 3,588.55	Fuel
WY Enterprise Technology Services	\$ 13.19	Computer expense
WYDOT- Financial Services	\$ 102.30	Supplies
Wyoming Dept. Of Transportation	\$ 339.96	LANCE CREEK BROS CN14063
Wyoming Machinery Company	\$ 2,191.71	Parts, repairs
Wyoming Network, Inc.	\$ 230.00	I T expense
Wyoming Women's Center	\$ 1,853.20	Inmate meals
Xerox Corporation	\$ 137.89	Copier service agreements
Grand Total	\$ 139,657.65	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

Richard A. Ladwig