

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
April 17, 2018

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

He said he had gone to Gillette to look at angle plows and found a 14' used plow for \$10,063.00. He said there is a new 12' plow from Caterpillar in Casper for \$13,630.00.

Mr. Wade inquired as to what wears out on a V plow and Mr. Thomas said the bottoms and sides wear out and noted that some of these have already been re-plated. The Commissioners said they would consider this at budget time.

Teri Stephens, Assessor, met with the Commissioners to discuss hiring TY Pickett to appraise oil and gas gathering systems, pipelines and compressor stations. She said that historically, they have been hired every four years to do these appraisals.

She said their proposal is \$7,000.00 to do appraisals on the five properties later this summer.

The Commissioners authorized Mrs. Stephens to hire TY Pickett for the oil and gas property assessments.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed county business, public health contracts and criminal matters.

Consent Agenda- Mr. Wade moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Midkiff seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting and receipts for the month of March from the Clerk of Court for \$412.00

Wyoming Community Gas- Mr. Midkiff moved to approve Wyoming Community Gas as the county's natural gas manager. Mr. Wade seconded, motion carried.

Dan Pannett met with the Commissioners to first, thank them for the opportunity to work for the county. He then offered his services to continue working on the doors and locks at the jail and sheriff's office to help the county save money. He has been working on these doors for a long time and is familiar with how they work.

The Commissioners were in favor of keeping Mr. Pannett as an employee to work on the jail locks and doors.

Denise E. Smith met briefly with the Commissioners and presented certificates of appreciation from the 4-H Council.

Mr. Ladwig adjourned the regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. to hold a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting.

The regular session reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Rick Zerbe, Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Executive Session- Mr. Wade moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:33 p.m. with Mr. Zerbe to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Midkiff seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Wade moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Midkiff seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

Mr. Wade moved, to sign the proposal from Baker & Associates to provide an engineering study and evaluation of the current heating/cooling system at the Niobrara County Sheriff's Office for \$4,200.00. Mr. Midkiff seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Richard A. Ladwig*  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk