

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 8, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners' met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse, in Lusk, Wyoming, on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Patrick H. Wade, Vice-Chairman, John Midkiff and Elaine Griffith, Commissioners and Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk present.

Election of Officers – It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Midkiff to elect Pat Wade to serve as Chairman of the Board of Niobrara County Commissioners. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Chairman Wade to elect John Midkiff to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Niobrara County Commissioners. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge - Fred Thomas, Road and Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and reported on the 2018 Road Rehabilitation Project, the Brown Pit, and DEQ concerns regarding the close proximity of the topsoil to the Brown Pit.

Commissioner Griffith noted that a land owner had visited with her about the condition of 20 Mile Road. Foreman Thomas acknowledged that the millings that are on that road are not ideal and he is hoping to get millings from WYDOT to replace those.

It was also noted that sections of Wasserburger Road are in poor condition. Foreman Thomas noted that there is still material available in the Brown Pit and that the road is on list for repairs.

BenchMark of Torrington- Brian Wakefield, engineer with BenchMark of Torrington joined the meeting and presented pay request #1 from Timberline Services, Inc., for the 2018 Road Rehabilitation Project.

Change Order #1- It was moved by Commissioner Midkiff and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to approve Change Order #1 to the 2018 Road Rehabilitation Project for \$24,834.18. Motion carried. The change order increases the original contract to \$129,641.68 and adds an additional mile of road work to the Boner Road portion of the contract.

County Attorney- Anne Wasserburger, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss county business. Also in attendance was Cary Gill, Sheriff

Executive Session- It was moved by Commissioner Midkiff and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to enter into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. with Attorney Wasserburger and Sheriff Gill to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Midkiff and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to exit the Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried. There was no action taken.

Old Business- Upon discussion with Attorney Wasserburger, it was decided to remove the abandoned vehicle contract line item from old business due to a lack of action.

The Board and Attorney Wasserburger discussed the rules relating to the conduct of Executive Session, when to enter into, and what can be discussed in it according to Wyoming Statutes. Attorney Wasserburger said she would draft guidelines for the Commissioners to follow when conducting an Executive Session.

Elected Officials and Department Heads- James Santistevan, Emergency Management Coordinator; Cary Gill, Sheriff; Keri Thompson, Treasurer; Teri Stephens, Assessor; Chrisanna Lund, Clerk of District Court; Denise E. Smith, Extension Educator; and Anne Wasserburger, Attorney met with the Commissioners and discussed county business.