

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

July 2, 2019

The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:02 a.m. with Chairman Patrick H. Wade, Vice-Chair John Midkiff, Commissioner Elaine Griffith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, present.

Road and Bridge- Fred Thomas, Road and Bridge Foreman met with the Commissioners and discussed county roads.

Foreman Thomas said the auditors had contacted him regarding the Manville Pit and the County's gravel stockpile. He said they wanted to come down to the pit and physically observe the engineers measuring the inventory. He said they would be down Monday, July 8th.

He said that an oil company might be drilling wells on Redbird Road and that there is the possibility of the company graveling approximately four miles on the west end of Redbird Road. He said if they do gravel the road, auto gates and culverts would need to be replaced.

He said he was trying to get the reclamation work done at the Brown Pit and he updated them on repairs to the washout on Indian Creek Road.

The group then discussed the IRP program and the railroad crossing at Manville.

Vice-Chairman Midkiff stated he hadn't heard anything more regarding the snow fence project.

Chairman Wade discussed a new pipeline that is probably going in. It should come down the same line as the ONEOK pipeline. He thought Cheyenne River Road would need some maintenance.

Elected Officials & Department Heads- Chrisanna Lund, Clerk of District Court, Teri Stephens, Assessor, James Santistevan, Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator, Keri Thompson, Treasurer, Denise E. Smith, Extension Office, and Cary Gill, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed county business and office operations.

Mr. Santistevan updated the group on a coordinators' meeting he attended last week and said he has been busy with storm chasing

Sheriff Gill said it has been relatively quiet; however, the recent hail storm did some damage to his county vehicle. He said everyone is busy preparing for the 4th of July and the Legend of Rawhide. He also mentioned that there was a good turnout for the TIPS training conducted recently.

Treasurer Thompson said she is busy working on month-end and finalizing revenue figures for the budget.

Denise Smith discussed the grant she and Dell Atkinson have been working on for the HVAC upgrade at the fairgrounds. She said the grant timeline has changed and they now have to wait until December before submitting the grant application.

She then discussed maintenance at the fairgrounds and voiced her concerns that maintenance issues are not being addressed.

Lastly, she asked Sheriff Gill if he and his deputies would patrol the fairgrounds because someone broke into the stall boxes and stole the money in them.

Clerk of Court Lund discussed the recent association meeting she attended. She also said that the metal detector is working.

Assessor Stephens discussed her association meeting. She said she had a meeting with the Department of Revenue regarding the abstract and said that her numbers were approved. She also noted that reviews are going well.

Chairman Wade discussed meetings he has attended with Goshen and Platte Counties regarding broadband. The group has considered assembling a Joint Powers Board to facilitate the installation of fiber optics in the three communities.