

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
June 18, 2019

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The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 8:58 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.

He said the crew worked on Stage, Kirtley and Gun Club Roads and that they are still working on Boner Road. They are also trying to finish the reclamation work at the Brown Pit.

Kody Nelson, Chief Operating Officer for Niobrara Community Hospital, met with the Commissioners and presented a check for \$10,000.00 to apply towards the repayment of the hospital operations and maintenance account, from which they borrowed \$500,000. He said they would repay as much as possible as they are able.

He also discussed plans for childcare and provided an update on the capital improvement projects.

Library Board Reappointment- Commissioner Griffith moved, and Chairman Wade seconded to reappoint Brenda Phipps to the Library Board with her term ending June 30, 2022. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Midkiff abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Kerry Steward, Prevention Specialist, met with the Commissioners and updated them on prevention efforts in Niobrara County.

They discussed the recent alcohol compliance failure, and what happens if an establishment fails a compliance test. Mrs. Steward said the server could be fined up to \$750.00. She said there is a TIPS training at the end of the month.

She said she met with the fair board about establishing a designated smoking area at the fairgrounds.

She also updated them on the last prevention meeting. She had invited a WY Department of Health Tobacco Specialist to speak on the dangers of vaping. She also had an individual talk about the prevalence of human trafficking and warning signs to look for if human trafficking is suspected.

Lastly, she said she had funding available to help with extra security and to purchase portable breathalyzers for the sheriff's office to use during the Legend of Rawhide. She will also provide ID scanners for those checking I D's to utilize.

Resolution 19-06- Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved, and Commissioner Griffith seconded, to approve **RESOLUTION 19-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NIOBRARA COUNTY TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, THAT CERTAIN "COMMUNICATIONS/911/DISPATCH SERVICES OPERATIONS AGREEMENT"**.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lusk has, in the past, contracted with the County of Niobrara and the Niobrara County Sheriff for "dispatching services" to the Lusk Police Department, Lusk Ambulance and Fire Departments, Emergency Management and Civil Defense requirements, 911 citizen calls, Public Works standby calls, animal control, and other security and emergency calls; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Lusk and County of Niobrara have negotiated the terms of said contract for the fiscal year 2019-2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board of Commissioners of Niobrara County is hereby authorized and directed to execute the "Contract for Services" in the form and on the terms and conditions as