

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
October 15, 2019

The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:10 a.m. with Chairman Patrick H. Wade, Vice-Chair John Midkiff, Commissioner Elaine Griffith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, present.

Chairman Wade led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed ONEOK and the road haul agreement. He said they are still working on a proposal to finish out the road agreement on roads impacted by pipeline construction.

He said he had visited with WYDOT about installing an auto gate at the end of Hwy 271. He said they have a vaulted gate that they will bring up and help install.

Tom Cisneros met with the Commissioners to discuss the status of his change of zoning request. Chairman Wade explained that since the Planning and Zoning Board stated that letters of approval should be obtained from all surrounding landowners as a condition for recommendation of approval and that not all of the neighboring landowners had submitted letters of approval, that they could not approve his request for the change of zoning.

Commissioner Griffith moved to deny Thomas Cisneros' request for a change of zoning from residential to industrial for the reasons cited above. Chairman Wade seconded, motion carried. Vice-Chairman Midkiff abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

County Assessor- Assessor Teri Stephens met with the Commissioners to discuss personal property legislative items of interest.

County Attorney- County Attorney Anne Wasserburger met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. She said that the contract for the policy handbook update is ready to be signed. Attorney Wasserburger also addressed the proposed Tri-County Broadband Joint Powers Board and noted that Platte County might not be interested in participating in the joint powers board at this time. She asked Chairman Wade to reach out to the Platte County Commissioners to further discuss the matter.

Landowners Carolyn and Vern Johnson, Jeff and Jordan Reed and Doug Francis met with the Commissioners to discuss the condition of the North end of Cheyenne River Road and see if there were any solutions to the problems. Foreman Fred Thomas was also in attendance.

The group discussed funding options, gravel and pits, and trying to get assistance from oil companies to aid in the repair of roads.

The Commissioners thanked the group for attending the meeting and bringing forth their concerns.

Chairman Wade recessed the regular meeting at 1:30 to hold an Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

The regular meeting reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

Ken Ceaglske, General Manager for Niobrara Electric Association, met with the Commissioners and provided information to them about the change of zoning application for WPM Properties, LLC.

The Commissioners set a public hearing regarding the change of zoning application for November 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Neil Holmes stopped in to advise the board of a conversation he had with DEQ regarding septic tanks and licensed contractors.

The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a notice from the Wyoming Department of Audit containing a list of Special Districts in Niobrara County that have not filed the required annual report with the Department of Audit. Those districts are the Niobrara County Hospital District and the Lance Creek Water & Sewer District.