

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
JUNE 20, 2023

The County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on June 20, 2023, at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Patrick H. Wade. Vice-Chairman John Midkiff, Commissioner Elaine Griffith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman were present. Members of the audience included Sheriff Randy Starkey.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge business. He said he rented a backhoe to do maintenance on Indian Creek and Meridian Roads.

The group reviewed the road and bridge budget request with Mr. Thomas.

Jerry Miller, of Miller Construction, met briefly with the Commissioners to discuss the addition of additional siding to the Fair Grounds Auditorium Roof Project.

County Coroner Peter W. Pier met with the Commissioners to review his budget request.

County Attorney- Anne Wasserburger met with the Commissioners and discussed the proposed court appointed attorney fee increases for juvenile cases.

She noted that the Community Juvenile Services Program has hired a part-time coordinator.

She reviewed the contract for COVID-19 Disparities Grant and said it is in order and can be signed.

Chantry Filener met with the commissioners to review IT business.

The Commissioners discussed participating in the National Center for Public Lands through the Wyoming County Commissioners' Association. The Center's mission is to advance the policy and practice study, research, and learning networks for America's public land counties. After discussion, the Commissioners chose not to participate.

Covid-19 Health Disparities Grant – Commissioner Griffith moved to sign the COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant between Align and Niobrara County for \$96,415.00. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried. The grant period is from May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024. These funds will be used for the Public Health Nurse Building Remodel project.

24-Hour Catering Permits- Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve two (2) 24-Hour catering permits for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages on July 14th and 15th, 2023 for the Legend of Rawhide Pageant.

Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve a 24-Hour catering permit for Spirits to sell alcoholic beverages at the Alumni Banquet on June 24, 2023. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

Ratify 24-Hour Catering Permits- Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to ratify three (3) 24-Hour catering permits for the Silver Dollar Bar to sell alcoholic beverages at the American Legion Conference held June 15th & 16th, 2023 and for Tanya Krein's wedding reception held June 16, 2023. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Griffith discussed available funding for the prevention and treatment of problematic gambling behavior. She has discussed this program with local law enforcement, and it was decided not to pursue the matter at this time.

Commissioner Griffith moved to authorize Miller Construction to install additional siding to the Fairgrounds Auditorium Roof Project. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

Tree Trimming at the Fairgrounds- Commissioner Griffith moved to approve the tree trimming bid from Jeffrey White for tree trimming and tree and stump removal at the fairgrounds for \$5,000.00, with a \$1,000.00 initial payment due at startup. Vice-Chairman Midkiff seconded, and the motion carried.

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Consent Agenda- Vice-Chairman Midkiff moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Griffith seconded, and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the June 6, 2023, meeting, and tax roll supplements from Vermilion Energy USA, LLC., from the 2018 tax year for \$1,156.79, and from Coral Production Corp., from the 2021 tax year for \$848.15.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Patrick Wade, Chairman



Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk