

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING

January 18, 2000

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioners Richard L. James and Richard A. Ladwig and Secretary Billie Backhaus.

Minutes of January 4, 2000 were approved.

Receipts for the month of December 1999 from Justice Court (\$450) was acknowledged.

The following business was addressed:

Window Project - The project is nearly complete. The Commissioners, Contractor Brett Roetman and Facilities Supervisor Kevin Dobson conducted a walk-through and a punch list was compiled.

Road & Bridge - The State's installation of load limit signs on Highways 270, 271 and 272 and the resulting violation citations was discussed. Local residents can call for an overweight permit.

VOCA - Michelle Burt, Victims of Crime Assistance coordinator, requested that the County administer the funds from the VOCA Grant, as she will no longer be operating the program from the former County Attorney's office. The VOCA program will be located at Helpmate. The Commissioners approved accepting supervision of the grant funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 1:00 - 1:50 PM with Doyle Davies, temporary special prosecuting attorney for Niobrara County, regarding the vacancy of the office.

Time Cards - Assistance will be requested from the Department of Labor.

Old Hospital - At 2:00 PM one bid for \$5,000 was received on the Old Hospital property. James moved, seconded by Ladwig, to reject the bid. Motion carried.

A letter from Little Hunnys Daycare requesting that rent for a portion of the Old Hospital building remain at \$100 per month for the months of December 1999, January and February 2000 was discussed. The Commissioners approved the request. Effective March 2000, the rent will increase to \$200 per month. Ladwig relayed this decision to the renters via telephone.

CDBG - Approval was received from Terry Koerwitz to purchase the financial software package for the hospital project.

Surety Bond - A surety bond for Richard Pullen, Niobrara County School District #1 and Goshen School District #6 was approved and signed.

Tax Order - Tax Cancellation order #645 for Kenneth Frye for erroneous taxes in the amount of \$631.87 was approved and signed.

Weed & Pest - Six (6) petitions for the three (3) board vacancies were reviewed and a ballot vote resulted in the following appointments:

- Area I - Neil Holmes
- Area II - Heidi Sturman
- Area IV - Bill Greer

Economic Development - Approved and signed a financial release for Noal F. Larson, dba Whale Ranch. Final payment on the Economic Development Loan has been received.


Other - Ratified letter of support signed by Ruffing on January 17 for one (1) year extension on comment period for Forest Service Thunder Basin National Grassland Resource Management Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene prior to February 1, 2000 to address the County Attorney situation and December 1999 payroll and time cards.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:


Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk