

**MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING**  
**Niobrara County, Wyoming**  
**July 17, 2000**

Commission Chairman, Donna I. Ruffing, called the Budget Hearing to order at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2000 in the Courtroom at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Richard L. James and Richard A. Ladwig, Clerk Suzanne R. Sturman, Assessor Elaine Griffith and Sheriff Bebe Reed. Also present were 200+ citizens concerned about the proposed 2000-01 Budget.

Ruffing made an opening statement and that the Commissioners would be receptive to hearing constructive suggestions as to how changes could be made to the proposed budget. She requested that the hearing be conducted in a civilized manner.

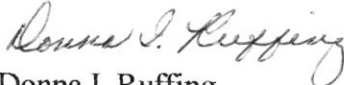
The following individuals made comments, asked questions and/or suggestions (in order of occurrence): Tom Morrison, Lois Kraft, Tom Morrison, Lisa Pischel, Jeri Hineman, Keni Cundall, Leslie Hammond, Jeri Hineman, Leroy Redfield, Tom Wasserburger, Joe McCullough, John Brenni, Teri Goddard, J.D. Wasserburger, Jim Thompson, J.D. Wasserburger, Wade Kraft, Joan Lenz, Bebe Reed, Barb Frye, Lori Brillhart, Josh James, Joe Wagers, John Brenni, Bonnie Tousley, Mary Rose Freeman, Leroy Redfield, J.D. Wasserburger, Bonnie Tousley, Liz Kaltenheuser, Del Mumby, Leslie Hammond, Wade Kraft, Debbie Sturman, Jeannette Sager, Wade Kraft, Jeri Hineman, Velvet Dorwart, Tom Wasserburger and Pete Pier.

Suggestions made to increase revenue were: \$1.00/vehicle to Library, 0.30 for trailers; book sales bring in about \$800; can't touch Library Foundation or Friends of Library funds; Fair Board increase fees and let stay with Fair Board; change statute to allow assessment over 12 mills for general county operation--have limit to be held in reserve; fine over-weight trucks damaging county roads; utilize Posse instead of paying over-time; increase federal prisoner housing; apply for more grants; solicit donations; donation can for Library at Treasurer's window; fee cards at Library.


Many questions and requests for clarification were addressed by the Commissioners.

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Donna I. Ruffing  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk