

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 21, 2000

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 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 March 7, 2000 were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of February 2000 from Justice Court in the amount of \$735 was acknowledged.

The following business was addressed:

Extension Service - Susan James, Laramie County Extension Educator, and Glenn Whipple, University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service, gave a presentation outlining the Strategic Plan for future structuring and goals of the Cooperative Extension Service. Denise Smith and Tammie Jensen of the Niobrara County Extension Service were also in attendance.

Holidays - Twenty Elected Officials, supervisors and staff members met with the Commissioners to discuss the Employee Handbook holiday schedule and to request changes. The Courthouse Elected Officials requested that the handbook be amended to state that if a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on Friday. They also requested the addition of Columbus Day. The effect this would have on Detention and Dispatch budgets was discussed. Detention Supervisor Lori Brillhart will check on how the Women's Center schedules holidays. Since Detention and Dispatch employees must provide 24-hour coverage, holidays may have to be handled in a different manner than other County employees. The Commissioners have taken the suggestions under advisement and will act on them at a future date after more information is gathered.

Road & Bridge - James reported that the county will be getting roto-milled black top from a highway project near Mule Creek Junction at no cost. The county will be responsible for hauling and stockpiling.

Fair Board President Tom Wasserburger requested that Road & Bridge furnish a dump truck to move donated materials from the railroad storage yard to the fairgrounds. Permission was granted.

A County blade was loaned to the Town of Lusk to assist in preparing the Millenium Trucking site.

Economic Development - Ruffing advised that Wyoming Business Council and NEW EDC has offered to facilitate a public meeting to develop a long range plan for economic development in Niobrara County.

Delinquent taxes - A court document approving and adopting a stipulation regarding delinquent oil taxes was discussed with Attorney Cody Balzer by telephone, approved and signed.

Other - *Renewal of the Wildland Fire Control Annual Operating Plan, a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service, was approved and signed. *Coroner Todd Weber will attend training at the Law Enforcement Academy July 31 through August 4. *A request from WY DOT for a map of county roads and list of names and pertinent information was referred to the Road Indexing Project. *Board of Equalization Order of dismissal without prejudice in the matter of KN Gas Transmission was noted. *Department of Health's notice of CSBG Program Funds Availability was referred to Wyoming Child & Family Development as the County's agent.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene on March 28 for a public hearing and adoption of Board of Equalization Rules and Procedures.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Donna I. Ruffing
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ATTEST:

Suzanne R. Sturman
Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk