

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
March 7, 2000

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 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 February 15, 2000 were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of January from the Clerk of Court (\$190.50) and for the month of February from the County Clerk (\$2,433.75) and Sheriff (\$2,002) were acknowledged.

The following business was addressed:

Oil Wells - Whether to allow an individual who may have been associated with a company owing back taxes to re-open wells in the county was discussed with Treasurer Teresa Poage and resident Don Wilson. Newcastle Area BLM Manager Bill Hill was contacted by phone to discuss BLM's standing. No decision was made.

Road & Bridge - Cheyenne River, Twentyeight, Ridge and South Van Tassell Roads and various complaints received were discussed.

Audit - A contract for Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard to conduct the 1999-2000 Audit was approved and signed.

Task Force - A Juvenile Justice Task Force was appointed. No individuals were appointed but a representative from each of the following will be requested: County Commissioners, County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Justice of the Peace Office, Lusk Police Department, Lusk Town Council, School District and Department of Family Services. A request for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$9,300 has been submitted for computers and software for a centralized data base.

WY Child & Family Development - Forms designating Wyoming Child and Family Development as Niobrara County's agent for CSBG Grant and Developmental Disabilities Preschool Program were approved and signed.

County Attorney - Doyle Davies advised the Commissioners that there may be need for appointment of a Special Prosecutor in a matter where he has a conflict of interest. Juvenile issues were also discussed.

Sheriff's Dept. - Sheriff "Bebe" Reed and Dispatch Supervisor Bonnie Tousley met with the Commissioners regarding employee schedules, the possible need for a new phone system and estimates for the cost of enhanced 911.

DEQ - A revised DEQ permit affecting more stringent monitoring as the result of a public hearing for Lady Bird Rest Area was reviewed.

Hospital District - Harry Brown presented his concerns for the future of the Hospital.

Other - \*Updates on Bills before the Legislature were reviewed. \*Quarterly reports from Victims Of Crimes Assistance Program (VOCA) were reviewed. \*Information on the Governor's Forum on Environment was reviewed. \*Update from the Surface Transportation Board on DM&E Railroad was noted. \*An inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshall and the resulting requirements were discussed.

Payroll and the following vouchers for the month of February 2000 were approved:

February 2000 payroll- 51,203.52; Community First- SS, MC, WH- 14,998.47; Aflac- Emp. pd. ins.- 53.20; Kester Akers- 1/2 Emerg. Mgmt. phone- 19.21; American Linen- Shop coveralls & towels- 87.02; Atlas Office Products- Supplies- 49.59; Black Hills Chemical Co.- Supplies- 790.75; Bob Barker Co., Inc.- Supplies & New Equipment- 202.74; Brice's Refrigeration, Inc.- Maintenance- 532.69; Loretta Brillhart- Mileage- 34.50; Brust Communications- Supplies- 11.00; Michelle Burt- Postage & Supplies- 24.27; Cellular One- Cell Phone- 40.35; Colonial Life & Accident- Emp. Pd. Ins.- 140.05; Connecting Point- Computer Repair- 229.72; County Road Standards- County share of budget for county road committee- 425.00; Country Garden Floral- Necrology- 26.50; Larry Crawford- Personal Cell phone use for Sheriff's Office- 35.19; Decker's Foods- Supplies, inmate meals & juror supplies- 149.82; Deluxe Business Forms- Supplies- 503.13; Dept. of A & I- Internet- 33.27; Tanya Eddy- Mileage- 154.56; Eastern Wyoming Mental Health- Inmate Medical- 113.75; Gall's Inc.- New Equipment & supplies- 624.82; Great Western Tire, Inc.- Tires- 125.02; Blaine Griffith- Computer Expense & Notary Renewal- 258.87; Great West Life & Annuity- Emp. pd. deferred comp.- 275.00; Holden's Electric- Maintenance- 279.50; Holiday Inn Cheyenne- Lodging- 92.00; Hiway Super Service- Vehicle Repairs- 74.13; Ikon Office Solutions- Copier Meter Reading- 38.20; Ionex Telecommunications- Phone- 712.06; Ios Capital- Copier payment & assessment- 286.47; Richard L. James- Mileage- 36.75; Kar Products- Materials- 50.55; Kelley Blue Book- Supplies- 48.00; K N Energy- Utilities- 1129.67; Knudsen Law Offices- Court Appt'd. Attorney- 2763.07; Richard A. Ladwig- Mileage- 21.00; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 62.71; Loyal American Life- Emp. Pd. Ins.- 174.60; Lusk Herald- Publications & Supplies- 525.25; Lucent Technologies- Phone Maintenance- 68.32; Joan Mclaud- Office Supplies- 19.41; McWilliams-Moody Dental- Best Beginnings Pre-natal Dental Care- 323.00; Dennis C. Meier- Rent & Copies- 452.40; Microflex- Supplies- 158.00; Niobrara Co. Assessor- Supplies & Postage- 18.55; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% Option tax- 2504.76; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage & Supplies- 44.82; NBA- Maintenance & Radio Tower- 215.80; Nelson's Oil & Gas- Gasoline, inmate meals & juror supplies- 1157.23; Niobrara Clerk of District Court- Income withholding- 287.00; Niobrara County- Benefit reimbursement to County- 82.00; Niobrara Medical Clinic- Inmate Medical- 164.00; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 200.00; Nat'l Sheriff's Assoc.- Dues- 75.00; Nutrition Consultants- Nutritional Education- 24.00; Office Depot- Supplies- 465.80; OfficeMax Credit Plan- Supplies- 162.39; Outpost Truck Stop- Oil, gas & juror meals- 208.48; Brenda Pfister- Postage & med. supplies- 33.30; Robert E. Pfister- Copies & phone- 127.09; Postmaster- Postage- 440.00; Donna Ruffing- Meals, mileage & phone- 204.31; Schindler Elevator Corp.- Qtrly Billing- 499.98; Denise E. Smith- Meals, mileage & supplies- 96.72; Sperry Drug- Supplies & inmate medical- 190.02; Team Laboratory Chemical- Supplies- 720.45; Townsend Co., Inc.- 185.67; Tri-County Fire & Safety- Maintenance- 593.75; Tuxall Uniforms- Supplies- 25.31; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1499.92; University of Wy Ag. Dept.- Supplies- 39.50; US West Direct- Directory Listing- 8.20; US West- Phone Installation- 205.14; Valley Motor Supply- Parts - 306.11; Visa- travel Expenses- 194.44; WACO- Dues- 150.00; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Vehicle Repair- 203.43; WAM-WCCA- Energy Lease Program- 625.00; Wearguard- Uniforms- 173.82; Western Office Supply- Supplies- 272.47; West Group- Law Library- 473.20; Western Plains- Supplies- 425.70; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate Meals- 897.12; WY Worker's Comp.- Worker's Comp.- 1084.36; WY Clerk's Of Court- Dues- 100.00; Wyoming Machinery Co.- Parts- 125.35; Xerox Corp.- Copier Payment- 239.95