

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
May 16, 2000

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 8:00 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 May 2, 2000 were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of March from Justice Court (\$1,220) were acknowledged.

The following business was addressed:

County Attorney - Items discussed with County Attorney Doyle Davies were:

UPRR's offer of a purchase option for right-of-way - Davies agreed with the Commissioners not to accept this proposal; however, an offer to purchase will be considered if presented. UPRR has advised that they will begin the process to close the airport crossing.

Scheduling and pay for county employees in Detention and Dispatch - A meeting has been scheduled with employees and their attorney for May 22.

Replacement of the door between the Courthouse basement and Jail - Davies recommendation was that law enforcement decides whether the door needs a key lock from both sides.

Delinquent taxes - After the amount paid by Courtney Rogers was verified with Treasurer Teresa Poage, the Commissioners signed the agreement allowing Rogers to take over production on two wells on which back taxes for equipment was owed.

A Supreme Court ruling on another case of delinquent taxes was that the District Court has already addressed the matter; therefore, the Supreme Court will not make a decision.

Disaster Declaration - The Commissioners discussed application for an Imminent Threat Grant with NEA Manager, Fred Grantham, by telephone. Sioux County, Nebraska has also signed a Disaster Declaration.

Road & Bridge - Gravel and autogates for Kirtley Road was discussed.

NEW EDC - Susan Bigelow reported on current and planned projects and presented a funding request for the 2000 - 2001 Fiscal Year.

Surety Bond - A surety bond for Teri Goddard, Treasurer, Niobrara County Fair Board was approved and signed.

Department of Revenue - A change of valuation on JP Oil Company (+269.87) was acknowledged.

Other - \*Notice of Emergency Fire Suppression Premium due was forwarded to Niobrara Rural Fire District. \*A "Position Paper" on the Forest Service Grasslands from the Governors of Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota was reviewed as was a letter from Senator Enzi assuring that he continues to monitor the situation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Donna I. Ruffing*  
Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Suzanne R. Sturman*  
Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk

