

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
October 3, 2000**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing and Commissioners Richard L. James and Richard A. Ladwig.

Minutes of the September 18, 2000 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of September from the County Clerk (\$1,940.20) and the Sheriff (\$1,630.93) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge - An application from U.S. West to bury cable across the McMaster's Road was returned for further information.

A request will be made to WYDOT to use BROS funds for the replacement of the Stage Road Bridge.

Met with Arlene Zerbst, Jim Reed, Chad and Kristen Stauffer, Pat Wade and Bill Hill/BLM Area Manager regarding a request to declare 3 1/4 miles of road a County road. After discussion, it was determined that the road will remain private.

Dept of Family Services - An Agreement was signed to repay \$1,845.41 to the department as a result of an audit on the collection of child support. The repayment will be made over the next two (2) years by the deduction of monies due the Clerk of Court for services rendered to the Department.

CDBG Imminent Threat Grant - Received notification that the grant application on behalf of Niobrara Electric Association for \$85,000 for damages suffered during the April 2000 storm has been denied. The damages suffered were not a "health and safety" issue and therefore did not qualify.

BLM/Resource Management Plan and National Natural Landmark (NNL) - Received notice that the RMP was signed on August 25, 2000 and the Record of Decision will appear in the Federal Register in early October. The NNL has removed all private property in the Lance Creek Fossil Area and the BLM is removing their lands from this designation.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. for the public hearing on the vacant liquor license.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Vacant Liquor License - James moved, seconded by Ladwig, to authorize Velma Schneider to proceed to make formal application for the license within the next 90 days.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Holidays - Elected Officials (Sturman, Griffith, Poage and Fosher) requested two (2) additional holidays, e.g., October 9th for Columbus Day and November 10th for Veterans' Day. After discussion, James moved, seconded by Ladwig, to amend the Employee Handbook to allow for holidays occurring on Saturday, the previous Friday will be declared a holiday for all County employees. MOTION CARRIED. The request for October 9th was denied. This holiday had previously been reassigned to the Friday following Thanksgiving.