

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING**

**August 7, 2001**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 7, 2001 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 July 17, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of June from the County Clerk (\$2,031.84), the Sheriff (\$3,535.00), the Clerk of Court (\$1,004.66) and Justice Court were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Executive Session - The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m. to discuss personnel issues and reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

BLM - Bill Hill presented an update on BLM activities, i.e., grazing monitoring; meetings with lessees on the results of the monitoring; noxious weed inventory; NNL de-designation; right-of-way permits; \$5,000 grant to Weed & Pest District; and fire suppression.

Crime Victims - Michelle Burt presented information on the annual and year-end reports. State VOCA funding is now associated with the Helpmate program and no longer under the auspices of county government, effective July 1, 2001.

Executive Session - The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to discuss personnel issues and reconvened at 12 noon.

Title V Juvenile Grant - Approved the appointment of the following to serve as members of the Prevention Policy Board (PPB): Public Health Nurse; Linda Morton, Eastern Wyoming Mental Health; Bob Heimbaugh, LMS Principal; Wanda Mann, Special Education; Jim Frye, Detention Officer; Jolynn Vogt, Department of Family Services; Rick Zerbe, Undersheriff; Dusty Crisman, Deputy Police Chief; Lowell Fitch, Deputy Co Attorney; Jason Playle, Community Youth; Tamra Jensen, 4-H Extension Agent; Janie Steidley, Headstart; Sean Dreesen, DARE program; Idy Bramlet, Episcopal Elder; Tom Strock, Pastor Baptist Church; Pete Pier, City Council and businessman; Judy Johnson, parent; Donna Ruffing, County Commissioner.

2000 JAIBG Grant - Approved and signed the Crime Reduction Plan for 2001-02.

Circuit Court System - Approved and signed RESOLUTION 01-06 to opt into the State's circuit court system, effective January 1, 2003, providing State funding is approved.

Beer and Liquor Permits - Ratified a liquor permit for the Cowboy Bar on August 4, 2001 for the Fair Board dance. Ratified a beer permit for El Jarro on July 29, 2001 for the Roping Club at the roping arena. Approved a beer permit for El Jarro on August 11, 2001 at the fairgrounds for the All Girl Rodeo.

Wyoming Counties for Responsible Energy Development (WCFRED) - Approved and signed RESOLUTION 01-07 to join Laramie, Albany, Platte, Goshen, Converse and Campbell counties to work cooperatively with constituents, industry, state and federal agencies in the responsible development of energy production and transmission.

Elevator Contract - Acknowledged the increase in maintenance fees for the next fiscal year to \$564.99 per quarterly billing period.

Greenbelt - Approved and signed the Completion Acceptance Agreement for the first construction grant #STPELC-1997(65).

Tax Levies - Approved and signed the 2001 Tax Levies as presented by the County Assessor. The Fire District requested less than 3 mills (2.297) and the School District requested an additional 1 mill for the recreation tax.