The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 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 February 6, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of January from the Clerk of Court ($92,244.00) and Justice Court were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Delinquent Taxes - Authorized Treasurer Teresa Poage to turn over the Ensearch Exploration, Inc. $25,501.98 delinquent 1998 taxes to Special Prosecutor Nick Murdock for collection.

Blatter - Corky Greenough requested the County donate to an appreciation dinner for Blatter to be held March 4, 2001 at the Elks. On behalf of the County, the Commissioners donated personally as individuals.

Audit - Jim Dodson advised that the audit fees for 2001-02 would increase by $3,000. The increase is the first in over 10 years.

Liquor License - Chris and Chad Stauffer, representing Arlene Zerbst; and Tom Wasserburger, Chairman of the Fair Board, presented applications and ideas for use of the available liquor license. No action was taken.

DOT - Jack Bell and Rich Douglass discussed several issues, i.e., swapping roads, the CRIP program, the Stage Road Bridge, crack sealing 28 Road, pits and Leslie Hammond did an impromptu update on the Greenbelt Project.

Western Area Power Authority EIS - Notice has been received that an EIS will be conducted in Niobrara County for the construction of an extra-high voltage line. The Commissioners requested public meetings be held in Lance Creek and/or Manville to facilitate attendance and has asked for cooperating agency status. Ruffing requested to be on the scoping board.

Certificate of Purchase - Approved and signed the Sale & Assignment to Walter F. Kant for the Certificate of Purchase on the building located on his property. Kant paid the delinquent taxes, interest and expenses of $242.89.

2001-02 Insurance Bid - Reviewed a draft of the bid for property and liability insurance.

Public Hearing - The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. for the Road Indexing Public Hearing and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
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Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk