

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 16, 2001

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 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 January 2, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of December from the Clerk of Court (\$265.00), Justice Court and the Sheriff (\$300.00) were acknowledged. Acceptance Agreements from Marlene Sides (\$20.00), Annette Barnes (\$10.00), Bob Shockley (\$20.00), Everett Brown (\$60.00) for snow plowing and from Rick Zerbe (\$15.00) for 10' chain were also acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

The meeting recessed at 9:02 a.m. into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Road & Bridge - Met with Robert Taylor of BenchMark Engineering from Torrington; Sam Carroll, County Commissioner, and Gary Craig, Road & Bridge Foreman from Goshen County. Discussed the procedure required to utilize County Road Funds (CRF) for road improvements. The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. to tour the 28 Road. The intent is to complete the improvement of the middle section of the 28 Road. The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

County Attorney - The meeting recessed into Executive Session on a personnel matter and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Road & Bridge - Kevin Baars presented a proposal to construct a "living snow fence" on the Kaan Road by utilizing grant funds. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to fund half (\$1500) of the required match. The agreement is contingent on Baars obtaining permission from the landowner.

Facilities - Met with Kevin Dobson, Facilities Supervisor, and Sally Windley regarding custodial requirements at the fairgrounds.

GASB 34 - Appointed Elaine Griffith, Assessor; Teresa Poage, Treasurer; Suzanne Sturman, Clerk; Cheryl Lund, Road Indexing Coordinator; and Commissioner James to a Task Force to compile the required information on the County's infrastructure for audit purposes. Ruffing will chair the Task Force. All counties must comply with these new financial statement requirements by June 15, 2003.

Personnel Policies - Appointed Elaine Griffith, Assessor; Becky Freeman, Deputy County Clerk; Lori Brillhart, Detention Supervisor; Dixie Blaney, Dispatch; and Bob Shockley, Road & Bridge to a Task Force to review and update the County's Personnel Policies. Ladwig will chair the Task Force.

RESOLUTION 01-01 - Approved and signed the renewal of the original Resolution 95-07, dated March 21, 1995, on Action Supporting County Custom, Culture and Heritage in Decision Making Regarding Federal Lands in Niobrara County, State of Wyoming.

RESOLUTION 01-02 - Approved and signed the renewal of the original Resolution 96-24, dated November 12, 1996, on Action Supporting County Custom, Culture and Heritage in Decision Making Regarding State or Private Lands in Niobrara County, State of Wyoming.

RESOLUTION 01-03 - Approved and signed the continuance of the collection of fifty cents (\$.50) per month on each telephone access line in Niobrara County for 911 Enhanced.

Public Health Officer - Dr. James Hawley will retain this appointment for Niobrara County in compliance with W.S. 35-1-306.

Vacant Liquor License - An advertisement will be placed in the *Lusk Herald* to solicit any interest.

BLM Allotment Evaluation - Acknowledged receipt of the allotments to be assessed in Niobrara County in 2001. The Commissioners will not become involved unless requested by the lessee.

Bond for Richard Pullen as Treasurer of the Niobrara County School District #1 and Goshen County School District #6 was approved.

Game & Fish Representative - After discussion, it was approved to write a letter of support for Pete Hansen's application to the Game & Fish Commission.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. for the Road Indexing Public Hearing and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:


Suzanne R. Sturman

