

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
March 20, 2001

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

Receipts for the month of February from the Justice Court were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge - Ratified the CRF Project Agreement #2001-01 for the 28 Road 14-42 with Benchmark of Torrington, P.C. for the improvement of nine (9) miles. A preliminary plan is expected in August with construction to begin in 2002.

Acknowledged a written complaint on road conditions from Vicky Miller, Postmistress at Lance Creek. A written response will be made.

Juvenile Justice - Ratified an Intent to Apply for approximately \$40,000 Title V Prevention Funds with the Dept of Family Services. These funds are available because the Jail has been certified as "juvenile" compliant. There is no cash match required.

Approved and signed an amendment to the JAIBG contract with the Dept of Family Services to receive and additional \$907. The match of \$100 will be shared by the Town of Lusk.

Exempt Sales Tax - Acknowledged an Order by the Dept of Revenue to refund sales tax paid by Thompson Livestock (\$1616.40) and Steve Coon (\$90).

Exempt Property Tax - Approved a request from Wyoming Child & Family Development to be exempt from property tax on Headstart.

Circuit Court System - Will explore the possibility of converting the Justice Court to the Circuit Court System, effective January 1, 2003. If feasible, the State of Wyo will provide all funding except office space.

NEWEDC - Doug Greenough, Lusk Town Council, was appointed to a three-year term as a Niobrara County representative on the NEWEDC Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2001. He replaces Mark Lohr whose term expires on June 30.

Dispatch - Bebe Reed advised that repairs to the 911 recorder will cost approximately \$2500. The \$18,000 recorder was purchased in 1997 by the County, Town of Lusk, Fire District, Town of Manville and Town of Van Tassell. An attempt will be made to share in the expense of the repair.

Liquor Permit - Ratified a permit for Lusk Liquor on March 17, 2001 at the fairgrounds for the Library Foundation.

Wyoming Energy Commission - Approved a letter of support for Alan Weakly, Campbell County Commissioner, as a representative from northeast Wyoming on this commission.

Public Hearing - The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. for the Road Indexing Public Hearing and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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