

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
February 5,, 2002**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2002 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. Shauna Matthews, Assistant Deputy Clerk was also present.

Minutes of the January 15, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of December from the Clerk of Court (\$242.06) and for the month of January from the County Clerk (\$2749.95) and Sheriff (\$570.00) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

RESOLUTION 02-05 - Approved and signed Resolution 02-05 Natrona County Joining NEWEDC.

CDBG Feasibility Grant - Ratified the contract for \$25,000.00 with \$8,750.00 match provided by Wyoming Office of Rural Health. A request for proposal has been issued with a dead line of March 1, 2002.

Liquor Permit - Ratified permit for Cowboy Bar on February 2, 2002 for Sportsman's Fun Night at the Fairgrounds.

Hospital District - Met with Ron Pfister and Melvin ZumBrunnen to discuss alternatives to reduce the Hospital Districts loan with the State Land and Investment Board. The Commissioners agreed to support the District's request for a grant to reduce the loan amount by approximately \$1 million and to pay the balance of \$200,000.00 prior to June 30, 2003. A public hearing will be conducted at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 in the Courtroom.

Fair Board - Tom Wasserburger advised of unbudgeted expenditures for the high gas bills and cost to repair the heating system. He also advised of repair needed to the cooling system.

Payroll and the following vouchers for the month of December were approved:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Donna I. Ruffing*  
Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk

*M. L. Linder - Deputy*