

**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
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ATTEST:

Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk

M. L. Linder - Deputy

January 2002 payroll- 55,490.92; Lusk State Bank- S/S, M/C, W/H- 15,727.24; Body Builders Body Shop- Vehicle repair- 877.42; Postmaster- Postage- 200.00; Aulick Industries- Road & Bridge trucks & repairs- 25,371.40; Aflac Insurance- Employee pd. ins. - 21860; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, vehicle repairs- 889.63; Arrow Electric, Inc.- E911 Equipment & installation- 1840.96; Atlas Office Products- New equipment- 424.00; A T & T- Long distance phone service- 228.61; Avaya Communications- Phone service agreement- 143.74; Bob Barker Co., Inc.- Supplies- 200.99; Brice's Refrigeration, Inc.- Maintenance- 947.69; Commsource, Inc.- Mobile radios- 1,531.00; Cellular One- Cell phone- 143.70; Dept. of A & I- Batch/network fees- 42.99; Days Inn Cheyenne- Travel expense- 47.20; Dave's Drug & Home Oxygen- Inmate medical- 213.83; Decker's Foods- Supplies & inmate meals- 79.00; DNB Plumbing & Ranch- Uniforms- 30.00; Gall's Inc.- Supplies & new equipment- 119.85; General Security- Juvenile monitoring- 120.00; Hiway Super Service- Vehicle repairs- 48.75; Ionex Telecommunications- Basic phone service- 1,126.58; Jordan Automotive- Vehicle repairs- 226.28; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 2,828.11; Loyal American Life- Employee pd. ins.- 179.50; Lusk Herald- Publications- 754.00; Merck Human Health- Hepatitis shots- 837.00; Metropolitan Life- Employee pd. IRA & ins.- 656.26; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Office expense- 59.52; NEA- Radio tower- 17.82; Nelson's Oil & Gas, Inc.- Gasoline- 451.38; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 500.00; Office Depot- Supplies- 180.87; Orchard Trust Co.- Employee pd. deferred comp.- 775.00; Sperry Drug- Supplies, inmate medical- 53.67; State Street Research- Employee pd. mutual funds- 250.00; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies & new equipment- 125.09; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1,549.67; Valley Motor Supply- Parts & vehicle repairs- 630.06; Viking Office Products- Office supplies- 133.23; Visa- Travel expense- 214.60; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Repairs- 426.05; Wyoming Dept. of Transportation- License plate transfer fee- 4.00; Wal-Mart Community- Vehicle repair- 37.62; Western Plains- Supplies- 125.95; WY Worker's Compensation- Worker's Comp.- 1,089.50; Wyoming.Com- Internet- 24.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier payment & service agreements- 419.22; Richard L. James- Mileage- 103.11; Richard A. Ladwig- Mileage & supplies- 211.97; Donna I. Ruffing- Mileage & phone- 207.64; Computer Software Assoc.- Computers & software expense- 8521.80; Elaine B. Griffith- Mileage & meals- 83.88; Larry Crawford- Cell phone- 37.10; National Sheriff's Association- Dues- 105.00; Wyoming Child Support Enforcement- Wage withholding order- 45.82; Rick Zerbe- Cell phone- 48.52; Niobrara County Hospital District- 50% of 1% option tax- 3,996.60; Central United Life- Employee pd. ins.- 36.10; Clerk of Justice Court- Garnishment- 291.44; Colonial Life & Accident- Employee Pd. Ins.- 39.45; IOS Capital- Copier payment- 249.99; Denise E. Smith- Mileage & meals- 103.35; H. Rick Hollon- Court appointed attorney- 1,164.50; West Group- Law library- 581.00; Dennis C. Meier- Rent & office supplies- 444.00; Black Hills Chemical- Supplies- 339.75; H & H Repair- Maintenance- 15.00; Team Laboratory- Supplies- 592.48; American Linen- Coveralls & shop towels- 49.09; Bartow Oil Co.- Oil- 257.15; Byan Systems, Inc.- Shipping charges- 37.49; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 159.81; Safety-Kleen- Machine oil recycling- 178.00; Kester Akers- Phone & internet- 39.64; Aristatek, Inc.- Software update- 57.50; Town of Lusk- Reimburse 1/2 emergency mgmt fees- 158.42; Clearinghouse- Wage withholding order- 434.50; Community Medical Clinic- Employee & inmate medical- 193.75; Prairie Spray Service- Pest control- 168.00; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 614.88; Goshen Co. Public Health- Flu Vaccine- 1,182.90; Lisa Mellott- Office Supplies- 19.17; Wyoming Dept. of Health- Co. share of Public Health Nurse salary for 2nd quarter- 2,334.23; 4-H Scholarship Fund- Memorial for Rosamond West- 25.00; Alexander Hamilton Institute- Supplies- 69.96; Niobrara County Library Foundation- Memorial for Pete Meier- 25.00; Niobrara County School District- Supplies- 168.00; Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard- Audit-10,250.00; Townsend Co., Inc.- Joint owner billing- 146.70; Benchmark of Torrington- Road construction- 6,103.16; Wyoming Juvenile Services- 1999 JAIBG grant refund- 907.00; James Frye- OJJD labor- 36.00; Hollister, Inc.- Supplies- 108.28; AMD Telemedicine, Inc.- Telemedicine- 55,905.10; Community Hospital- CDBG Hospital- 434.96; Qwest- E911 fee- 147.33