

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
June 4, 2002**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 4, 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. Minutes of the May 21, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of May from the County Clerk (\$2,626.75) and the Sheriff (\$21,676.35) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Extension – Denise Smith presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Wyoming for the Cooperative Extension Service, effective thru June 30, 2007. The MOU was approved and signed.

Greenbelt – Leroy Redfield requested permission to utilize funds prior to the grant termination date of June 30, 2002 to extend the walking path and construct a parking pad near the EMT Barn. No action was taken until further information is available.

PILT – Approved and signed a letter to President George W. Bush protesting his proposed 21% budget cut of \$45 million to the PILT program.

Fuel Bids – Opened two (2) bids to provide unleaded gasoline for all County vehicles. Fresh Start Convenience Stores was awarded the bid and each vehicle will be issued a credit card. Opened one (1) bid to provide bulk diesel for Road & Bridge. Bartow Oil was awarded the bid. Both bids are effective July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003.

Budget – The following meetings were scheduled:

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| June 13 | Departmental Budget Meetings |
| June 19 | Budget Work Session |
| July 8 | Budget Public Hearing |
| July 9 | Special Meeting to Approve Final Budget |

Regular Meetings – The regular meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Taxes – Noted Department of Revenue valuation changes for Hedges Oil Co (-\$206.31); Sonterra Oil & Gas (+\$941.42) and Enserch Exploration, Inc. (+\$2,098.25). Approved Rebate Tax Order #267 for Hedges Oil Co for \$206.31.

Beer Permit – Approved a beer permit for El Jarro at the Roping Club arena on June 16, 2002.

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

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002.

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ATTEST:

Suzanne R. Sturman
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May 2002 payroll- 53,881.27; Lusk State Bank- S/S, M/C, W/H- 15,653.92; Aflac- Employee pd. insurance- 218.60; Allbright's True Value- Supplies- 31.88; Arrow Electric, Inc.- Repairs to sally port door- 852.00; Atlas Office Products- Supplies- 81.76; A T & T- Long distance service- 313.15; Avaya Communications- Service agreement- 71.87; Bear Lodge Motel- Lodging- 136.00; Cellular One- Cell phone- 129.84; Dept. of A & I- Network fee & mainframe access- 43.84; Decker's Foods- Supplies & inmate meals- 471.93; DNB Plumbing & Dry Goods- Fairgrounds maintenance- 170.18; Hiway Super Service- Vehicle repairs, gasoline- 71.65; Ionex Telecommunications- Basic phone service- 922.42; Jay's H.A.C.S.- Vehicle repairs- 263.60; Jordan Automotive- Vehicle repair- 30.64; Kelley Blue Book- Supplies- 50.00; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 1,392.94; Lichen Research Center- Computer Expense- 180.00; Loyal American Life- Employee pd. ins.- 179.50; Lusk Herald- Publications & subscription renewal- 389.10; MediBadge, Inc.- Supplies- 97.30; Metropolitan Life- Employee pd. ins/IRA- 606.26; Niobrara Community Education- Schools-10.00; Niobrara Electric Association- Radio tower- 33.35; Nelson's Oil & Gas, Inc.- Gasoline- 834.93; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 500.00; Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment- 686.74; Orchard Trust Co.- Employee pd. def. comp.- 775.00; Parkway Plaza- Lodging- 48.00; Plainsman- Supplies- 655.98; Postmaster- Postage- 358.00; Quill- Supplies- 50.63; Sperry Drug- Supplies & inmate medical- 346.56; State Street Research- Employee pd. mutual funds- 250.00; Super 8 Motel- Buffalo- Travel expense- 101.15; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies & new equipment- 596.02; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1,380.03; Valley Motor Supply- Repairs- 362.00; Viking Office Products- Supplies- 69.46; Visa- Travel expense, supplies & maintenance - 2,040.53; Whitaker Oil, Inc.- Gasoline- 97.90; Wal-mart Community- Supplies- 134.22; Western Plains- Supplies- 265.50; Wyoming Worker's Comp.- Worker's Comp.- 1,071.83; Wyoming.Com- Internet- 12.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier payment & maintenance agreement- 320.14; Richard L. James- Mileage- 64.68; Richard A. Ladwig- Mileage- 16.80; Donna I. Ruffing- Mileage & Phone- 97.00; Computer Software Associates- Supplies- 22.97; Becky Freeman- Meals & mileage- 110.41; Teresa Poage- Travel expense- 134.03; Super 8 Motel- Worland- Travel expense- 71.76; Elaine Griffith- Mileage, meals & supplies- 132.21; Wyoming County Assessor's Association- Dues & registration fee- 135.00; Larry Crawford- Cell phone- 41.79; Wyoming Child Support Enforcement Agency- Wage withholding order- 168.50; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% option tax- 2,748.47; 9-1-1 Magazine- Subscription- 32.95; Attachmate Corp.- New equipment- 63.75; Central United Life- Employee pd. ins.- 50.54; Clerk of Justice Court- Garnishments- 483.40; Colonial Life & Accident- Employee pd. ins.- 39.45; Julene Lindberg- Schools- 82.80; Bonnie Tousley- Travel expense- 26.22; Todd Weber- Travel expense- 130.64; Ag Communications- 4-H Supplies- 9.00; Copier Connection, Inc.- Service agreement- 110.00; IOS Capital- Copier Payment- 249.99; Tammie Jensen- Mileage - 94.07; Diane Tadewald- Registration fee- 36.98; Robert E. Pfister- Court appointed attorney- 614.91; West Group- Law Library- 195.00; Scott W. Cole- Mileage- 40.94; Dennis C. Meier- Rent & supplies- 624.35; The Virginian Lodge- Travel expense- 270.00; Anderson Carpet Sales, Inc.- 5,365.51; Schindler Elevator Corp.- Quarterly maintenance- 564.99; Team Laboratory- Supplies- 221.40; TruGreen Chemlawn- Weed spraying & lawn fertilizing- 240.00; AlSCO- Coveralls & towels- 125.11; Bartow Oil Co.- Diesel, oil- 3,469.69; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 102.39; Wyoming Machinery Co.- Parts- 8.44; Kester Akers- ½ Internet, mileage & phone- 65.93; Loretta Brillhart- Mileage- 78.14; Clearinghouse- Wage withholding order- 434.50; Nona Cooper- Schools- 52.90; G. Douglas Schmitz, M.D.- Inmate medical- 602.00; Robert L. Zerbe- maintenance- 675.00; Lisa Mellott- Mileage- 4.14; Wyoming Dept. of Health- Background check & DFS screening- 47.00; Local Government Liability Pool- Insurance renewal- 7,218.00; Niobrara County School Dist. #1- Supplies- 10.00; Townsend Co., Inc.- Joint owner billing & repairs to wells- 1,938.14; Wyoming Co. Commissioners Association- Dues- 1,668.00; Willie Wilcox- Sharpening paper cutter- 15.00; Benchmark of Torrington- County road construction project- 1,042.32; Moore Medical Corp.- Medical supplies- 62.94; Grizzly Sign & Design- Greenbelt Project- 3,170.40; Northwest Pipe- Greenbelt Project- 485.78; Rich Boyce Recreation, Inc.- Greenbelt project- 4,219.00; Torrington Lumber Co.- Greenbelt project- 1,982.50; Community Hospital- Inmate medical- 1,319.50; A T & T- E911 phone service- 16.75; Qwest- E911- 35.20; Eide Bailly- CDBG Feasibility study- 22,060.00; James Frye- OJJDP labor- 72.00;