

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

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on March 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 February 19, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of February from the County Clerk (\$2011.50) and Sheriff (\$8952.00) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Courthouse Electrical Upgrade - Received bids from NEA and Arrow Electric. Approved the bid to Arrow Electric for the amount of \$7203.00.

Liquor Permits - Approved a Malt Beverage permit to Fair Board and Library Board for the fund raiser on March 15 at the fairgrounds.

Planning & Zoning - Appointed Tom Hamilton to complete Stan Rennard's term.

WEMA & Sheriff's Agreement - Ratified an agreement with WEMA and the Sheriff's Office for assistance with Search and Rescue.

Detention - Approved a repair and painting bid from Paul Christensen for \$3244.15.

Coal Bed Methane - Reaffirmed letters of protest dated October 11, 2001, November 7, 2001, December 6, 2001, January 28, 2002, and February 27, 2002 to DEQ on Permit applications to discharge water into tributaries of the Cheyenne River. Also reaffirmed letters of appeal dated December 19, 2001 and January 28, 2002 to the Environmental Quality Council.


Valuation Change - Noted increases for Rendezvous Resources (\$5314.34), Walter F Kant (\$8318.15), and Exco Resources, Inc. (\$4822.06).

Delinquent Taxes - Approved settlement for 1998 taxes with EEX Corporation for all principal and interests through February 10, 2002 in the amount of \$28,724.02. Ruffing was authorized to sign the agreement.

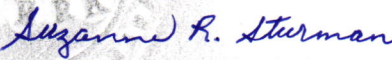
Payroll and the following vouchers for the month of February were approved:

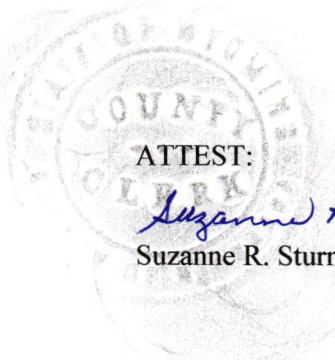
There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Suzanne R. Sturman, Clerk



**February 2002** payroll- 54,242.68; Lusk State Bank- SS, MC, WH- 15,459.18; Aflac- Employee pd. ins.- 218.60; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, vehicle repair- 482.31; A T & T- Long distance phone service- 482.13; Commsource, Inc.- Pager & radio repairs- 482.50; Cellular One- Cell phone- 126.15; Dept. of A & I- Network & batch processing fees- 42.99; Dave's Drug & Home Oxygen- Inmate medical- 132.75; Decker's Foods- Supplies, maintenance & inmate meals- 337.89; Dell Marketing, L.P.- New equipment- 1,817.80; Deluxe Business Forms- Supplies- 496.51; DNB Plumbing- Maintenance- 405.00; General Security- Juvenile monitoring- 56.00; Best Western Hitching Post- Travel expense- 429.10; Hiway Super Service- Repairs- 98.55; Ionex Telecommunications- Basic phone service- 881.97; Jordan Automotive- Repairs- 130.17; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 2,951.53; Lusk Herald- Publications- 450.50; Joan McLaud- Reimburse petty cash- 48.02; Metropolitan Life- Employee pd. ins. & IRA- 606.26; Niobrara Community Education- Grant writing class registration fee- 20.00; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage & supplies- 37.00; Niobrara Electric Association- Radio tower- 17.47; Nelson's Oil & Gas- Gasoline- 710.18; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 500.00; Office Depot- Supplies- 443.07; Orchard Trust Co- Employee pd. def. comp.- 775.00; Perigon Medical District Corp.- Supplies- 659.26; Plainsman Printing- Supplies- 557.39; Postmaster- Postage- 57.00; Sperry Drug- Supplies- 42.24; State Street Research- Employee pd. mutual funds- 250.00; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 32.26; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1,831.70; Valley Motor Supply- Repairs, parts- 553.82; Visa- Travel expense & internet- 54.57; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Repairs- 26.26; WY Dept. of Transportation- Registrations- 4.00; Whitaker Oil, Inc.- Parts, gasoline & repairs- 58.95; Walmart Community- Uniforms & supplies- 184.37; Western Plains- Supplies- 362.80; WY Worker's Comp.- Worker's comp.- 1,053.48; Wyoming.com- Internet- 24.00; Wyoming Clerks of Court- Registration fee- 20.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier payment- 342.16; Richard L. James- Mileage- 52.08; Richard A. Ladwig- Mileage & Supplies- 113.19; Donna I. Ruffing- Mileage & phone- 191.08; County Clerk's Association- 2002 Dues- 100.00; Becky Freeman- Mileage & meals- 92.99; Niobrara County Clerk- Postage- 44.15; Elaine Griffith- New equipment- 21.29; Larry Crawford- Cell phone for SO- 56.54; WY Child Support Enforcement- Wage withholding order- 15.27; Niobrara County Hospital District- 50% of 1% option tax- 4,067.69; Attachmate Corp.- New equipment- 429.00; Central United Life- Employee pd. ins.- 36.10; Colonial Life & Accident- Employee pd. ins.- 39.45; Pamida, Inc.- Supplies- 19.99; Ag Communications- Supplies- 45.00; IKON Office Solutions- Maintenance agreement- 121.61; IOS Capital- Copier Payment- 249.99; Tammie Jensen- Meals & mileage- 101.36; H. Rick Hollon- Court appointed attorney- 67.00; Bruce Horton- Court appointed attorney- 405.00; West Group- Law Library- 151.00; Dennis C. Meier- Rent- 325.00; Dennis C. Meier- Supplies, postage- 76.00; Advanced Battery Systems- Supplies- 183.88; Black Hills Chemical Co.- Supplies- 481.90; Schindler Elevator Corp.- Elevator maintenance- 564.99; Tri-County Fire & Safety- Annual inspections- 447.25; American Linen- Coveralls & shop towels- 168.82; Bartow Oil Co.- Diesel- 1,577.46; John Bruch- Gravel- 1,008.00; Concrete Construction, Inc.- Materials- 1,484.00; Lawson Products, Inc.- Repairs- 178.84; Platte County School Dist. #1- Random drug screens- 142.50; Kester Akers- ½ internet & phone- 26.70; Clearinghouse- Wage withholding order- 434.50; Casper Medical Imaging- Inmate medical- 60.00; Community Medical Clinic- Inmate medical- 209.00; South East Wyoming Mental Health Services- Employee medical- 520.00; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 1,088.64; Lisa Mellott- Mileage- 13.34; Eastern Wyoming Mental Health- 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ mental health funding- 1,500.00; Special Touch- Necrology- 25.00; Veteran's Memorial Fund- Necrology- 25.00; Benchmark of Torrington- County road project- 3,730.67; Postmaster- postage- 8.37; Rissler & McMurray Co.- Gravel crushing- 96,782.36; James Frye- OJJDP labor- 45.00; Qwest- Monthly fee- 34.78; Niobrara County Health Coalition- Non salary expense- 1,000.00