

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 1, 2003

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Minutes of the March 4, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

The meeting scheduled for March 18, 2003 was cancelled due to weather.

Receipts for the month of February from Clerk of District Court (535.38) and receipts for the month of March from the Sheriff's Office (12,372.00) and the County Clerk (2,849.75) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge - Met with Brett Dockery and discussed prices for a driver and compressor to be used to install the road signs. Other issues discussed were the crack sealant work to be done on 28 road, the condition the Petz road, classifications of roads and the level of maintenance required for said roads and a letter of commendation for Foreman Brett Dockery from a previous employee.

BLM- Commissioners met with Bill Hill, manager of the Newcastle Resource Area and discussed issues pertaining to PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), drought issues, wildlife species classifications in Niobrara County and grasshopper problems. Other land use and management issues were discussed as well.

Economic Development- Jackie Bredthauer of the Niobrara Chamber of Commerce, Jay Hammond & Jon Boreczky presented plans on bringing small businesses to the community. Jon discussed advertising the Town of Lusk & Niobrara County in trade magazines. There was also discussion about contacting local businesses to contribute monthly to help defray advertising costs.

Thunder Basin Red Cross- Ruth Fulton, Red Cross Coordinator for Converse and Niobrara Counties and Sharon Corp, District Manager for Niobrara, Natrona and Converse Counties met with the commissioners and presented a brief history of the American Red Cross and the services they provide.

Fairboard Appointment- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to appoint Arlene Zerbst to the Fairboard. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming Deferred Compensation- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to adopt Resolution 03-08 accepting Wyoming Deferred Comp. as the provider of deferred comp. to the employees of Niobrara County. **MOTION CARRIED.** The County will match \$25.00 for all elected officials, full-time employees and part-time employees, regularly working more than 20 hours per week, who choose to participate in the program.

D.O.R.- Noted valuation change for Americomm Resources Corp. in the amount of \$11,472.45.

Rural Fire District- Approved the 2003 Wild Fire Operating Plan with the Wyoming Forest Service.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved:

The meeting recessed at 12:30 PM for the funeral of Niobrara County Sheriff, Samuel C. "Bebe" Reed. The meeting will reconvene on Friday April 4, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

NIORARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Donna I. Ruffing
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ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

