

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 15, 2003

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 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.

Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the minutes of the April 1, April 4, & April 8, 2003 meetings. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road & Bridge foreman Brett Dockery and discussed equipment issues. A new engine is needed for a pickup. Dockery said a rebuilt engine could be purchased for around \$800.00. Other items of concern were the flatbed trailer and the scraper. Both items are in need of replacement. Brett will research prices and equipment options.

Road Sign Bids- The bid selection was cancelled at this time because further information is needed to proceed. Utility locates need to be done as well as measurements for placements of signs in relation to rights of way on roads. Also, United Rentals took back the recently purchased road signs because the holes had been drilled in the wrong places. They are being replaced at no cost to the County.

Tractor Bids- Five bids were received on the 1989 Ford Versatile tractor. Melvin ZumBrunnen was the high bidder with a bid of \$30,500. However, ZumBrunnen withdrew his bid. The matter has been tabled until further action can be taken.

Sheriff- Sheriff Zerbe & Detention Supervisor Lori Brillhart met with the Commissioners and discussed the ACLU's requirement that federal inmates have access to the law library. Currently, district court has Lois Law on the computer and Brillhart would like to purchase an additional user ID to accommodate the inmates and comply with the ACLU's requirements.

Entered into executive session at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle Davies and discussed the upcoming public hearings on change of zoning requests.

Auditors- Ladwig moved, seconded by Ruffing, to approve the 2003 county audit contract with Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard. The fee will be \$12,925. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The commissioner's meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. for the public hearings on change of zoning requests for Travis & Lisa Bruegger and Joey Lee Taylor.

The meeting reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

Bruegger Zoning- Wasserburger moved, and Ladwig seconded, to accept Planning & Zoning's recommendation for a change of zoning based on the conditional uses with the exception of the wash down at Torrington. There was considerable discussion on the matter