

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 19, 2003

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 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 minutes of the August 5, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of August from Clerk of District Court (218.11).
The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- The Commissioners met with Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and discussed the financing on the two used 1999 Freightliner trucks purchased for \$51,500 from Peterbilt of Wyoming. Ruffing was authorized to sign the lease agreement with First Interstate Bank of Jackson. The trucks will be leased for two (2) years. Landowners Ron and Lee Brown attended the meeting to discuss their pit. Previously, Lee Brown and the Commissioners had agreed that the county would apply to the DEQ and get the pit in the County's name. After review, the Brown's have decided to apply to the DEQ and get the pit in their name. Ron Brown said that gravel would be available to the county for use in the immediate area, said area being defined by Brown as anything North of Hwy 270 preferably. There was also discussion of equipment to load the gravel, diesel fuel for Brown's truck to haul the gravel and blading roads. Other items discussed with Dockery were the living snow fence program, equipment and gravel needs.

Road Signage- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger to accept United Rental's bid of \$14,200 to complete the road sign project. **MOTION CARRIED.** 176 4'x4'x16' wood posts are needed for this project. Jake Reed of Reed Trucking submitted a bid of \$2,880 for 192 treated posts at \$15.00/post and Richard Ladwig of Niobrara Feed & Supply submitted a bid of \$2,816 for 180 treated posts at \$16.00/post. After discussion, Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ruffing to accept the bid submitted by Reed Trucking. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ladwig abstained from voting.

Stage Road BROS- The State of Wyoming, Dept. of Transportation submitted an estimate for labor, engineering fees and construction costs for \$553,000 to remove the bridge and redesign County Road 65. If the Commissioners approve this project, the County will pay 20% of the cost. After considerable discussion, Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to sign the final reconnaissance report with the following comments: the project is highly overpriced, the County wants a box culvert installed instead of a bridge, the project should be expedited due to deterioration of the current bridge, and a project time line be furnished as soon as possible. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vehicle Bids- Received one (1) vehicle bid on the 1985 Ford Bronco for \$262.50. After discussion, the bid was rejected.

Cancellation of Taxes- Noted cancellation of taxes on Cebren, Inc., 2003 tax roll.- \$29.73 cancellation notice #672; Cebren, Inc., 2002 tax roll -\$18.02 cancellation notice #674 and Bradley Coffey 2002 tax roll - \$311.88, cancellation notice #673.

Emergency Management- Approved and signed the following documents: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility & Involuntary Exclusion; Soft Match Usage Authorization; Certification Regarding Lobbying and Annual Assurances.

Planning and Zoning- No applications were received to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chairman Lee Campbell. No action was taken.

Liquor Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve a liquor permit for the Pub, LLC. to serve alcoholic beverages at the Cushman-Christian wedding on Sept. 6, 2003 at the fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Facilities- Noted 2 incident reports from the detention office of doors left unlocked and water left running on the yard.

Rural Development Council- Ruffing was authorized to send a letter to Governor Freudenthal, on behalf of Niobrara County, requesting his support of the Rural Development Council's request for funding.

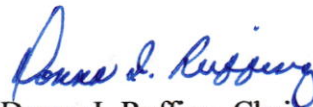
Commissioner's Meeting- The commissioner's meeting scheduled for Sept. 16, 2003, was rescheduled for Sept. 23, 2003 so they may attend the annual Wyoming Association of County Officers meeting.

Coroner's Appointment-The Commissioners interviewed the Reverend Kenneth R. Martin, Edward R. Rapp, and Peter W. Pier for the position of Coroner. After considerable discussion with the nominees, Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to appoint Pete Pier as Coroner effective August 31, 2003. **MOTION CARRIED.** Pier was notified and he accepted.

Museum- Ruffing was authorized to submit a \$60 change order to the museum bid to install a light switch by the stair ramp.

There being no further business, the commissioners' meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

NIORARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

