

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 5, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 5, 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 July 22, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of July from County Clerk (3,629.25) and Sheriff (14,542.10).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery, and landowner Lee Brown to discuss Brown's gravel pit. There was discussion about putting the pit in the County's name and using the gravel for county roads. Ruffing was authorized to sign the permit application and send it in to the DEQ for approval. Equipment and blading of roads was also discussed with Dockery.

Coroner's Resignation- Accepted Todd Weber's resignation as County Coroner, effective Aug. 30, 2003. The Commissioners notified the chairperson of the Central Republican Committee, Kristen Stauffer, of the vacancy. According to Wyoming Statute 22-8-111, the Central Committee has 10 days following notification of vacancy to submit three names to the Commissioners. The Commissioners then have five days to appoint a replacement.

Health Officer- Accepted Dr. James W. Hawley's resignation as Niobrara County Public Health Officer, effective August 15, 2003.

Niobrara Senior Center- Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve and sign the letter of support for the Niobrara Senior Center. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D.O.R.-Noted the Notice of Valuation Change for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. \$2,365.94 for tax year 1997 and \$1,276.69 for tax year 1998.

Mill Levy- Met with Assessor Elaine B. Griffith to discuss the mill levies for 2003. There was some concern about Van Tassell's valuation and the railroad. There are supposedly no tracks in the area. After discussion with the Dept. of Revenue, Griffith informed the Commissioners that the mill levies proposed for 2003 were valid. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the mill levies for 2003. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 03-14- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Resolution 03-14, the 1996 1% Capital Facilities Overages. **MOTION CARRIED.** This resolution reaffirms the 1996 Resolution concerning any overages collected on the 1% Capital Facilities Tax, the purpose of which is for operations and maintenance of the fairgrounds, library, and courthouse. The Commissioners also clarified the identity of the "improvements, sites and existing facilities" to be the fairgrounds, library and courthouse (FLC).

County Attorney- Davies reviewed the G.O. Bond Resolution drawn up by Kaiser & Company and didn't find any significant problems with it. Also discussed the coroner's resignation, the road sign project, and other old business.

Elected Officials- Assessor Elaine B. Griffith, Treasurer Rhonda E. Holdbrook, Sheriff, Rick L. Zerbe, Extension Office Coordinator Denise E. Smith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman met with the commissioners to discuss issues of interest concerning their offices. The elected officials were made aware that Governor Dave Freudenthal had informed Wyoming