

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
February 18, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 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 February 4, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of January from Clerk of District Court- (819.69) and Justice Court (100.00) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge - Met with Brett Dockery regarding personnel issues.

Entered into executive session at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Road & Bridge cont- Wasserburger moved to approve a raise of .89/hr for Chuck Wiggins. **MOTION FAILED** for lack of second. Other issues discussed were fencing issues on the Silver Springs Road project, a request to review Petz Road, and the City leasing a crack sealer to share with Niobrara County to repair blacktop on 28 Road. Bill Greer met with the Commissioners and discussed the need for speed limit and/or open range signs to be posted on the N. Lance Creek Rd. The matter requires further information. Lucille Shoults met with the Commissioners and requested gravel on the south end of the N. Van Tassell Road.

Entered into executive session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss personnel issues and reconvened their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Phones- Judy Fisher with Orbitcom presented a proposal for new basic phone service. Further information is needed at this time.

Entered into executive session at 11:33 a.m. with County Attorney to discuss personnel issues and reconvened their regularly scheduled meeting at 11:40 a.m.

County Attorney- Davies asked that requests for County Attorney opinions be in writing.

County Coroner- Met with Todd Weber and Pete Pier regarding the appointment of a Deputy County Coroner. Ladwig moved, seconded by Ruffing to accept Pete Pier as the Deputy County Coroner. Wasserburger voted against the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Brice Refrigeration- Met with Brice Johnson, of Brice's Refrigeration, regarding the detention center's evaporative cooler and the county's boiler. A bid was submitted for repairs/replacement and cleaning of the cooler. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to accept this bid for repairs/replacement of the evaporative cooler. **MOTION CARRIED.** A bid was also submitted for annual maintenance on the County's boiler. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to accept this agreement of \$492.00 annually. **MOTION CARRIED.**

WEMA- Ratified the Citizen's Corps and the Operations Planning Grants.

Valuation Change- Acknowledged (+430.93) for Energas Corp.

Road Signage- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ruffing, to place sharp curve signs on every 90° curve within 5 miles of the Town of Lusk. Ladwig requested more information be obtained before action was taken. Wasserburger rescinded his motion. The matter was tabled pending further information.

Planning and Zoning- Planning and Zoning forwarded, with a recommendation for approval, Joey Taylor's application requesting a change of zoning. He is requesting that 17.34 acres be zoned from residential to commercial. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to proceed with a public hearing to be held March 18, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 03-06- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the resolution exercising the option to purchase improvements from the Joint Powers Board and terminate the escrow agreement with Wells Fargo Bank in Casper in regard to the 1996 Capital Facilities Tax. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

**NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Donna I. Ruffing*

Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Becky L. Freeman*

Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

