

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
January 21, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on January 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing and Commissioner Richard A. Ladwig; and Becky Freeman, County Clerk. Commissioner Wasserburger was absent

Minutes of the January 7, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of December from Justice Court (\$900.00) and Clerk of District Court (\$322.98) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Brett Dockery regarding road and bridge issues and equipment.

Sheriff- Sheriff Reed and Under Sheriff Zerbe met with the Commissioner's to discuss various issues.

Commissioners recessed at 10:45 a.m. and entered into executive session.

Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Hospital District- Approved bond for Mike Carlson as Treasurer.

Planning & Zoning- Approved Dean Nelson's appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board effective January 1, 2003. He replaces Joe Tully, whose term expired December 1, 2002. Planning and Zoning members present were Lee Campbell, Gaye Sipe and Dean Nelson. Dusty Cushman, Chairman of the Niobrara Resources Association, was also in attendance. Issues discussed were the history and future of the Niobrara County Planning & Zoning board.

Dispatch Budget- Approved a letter to the Town of Lusk detailing the County's 2002-03 dispatch budget to assist them in their budgeting process.

DEQ- Approved the comment letter regarding Phillips Petroleum's CBM application.

Mid-Term Commissioner's Salary- Discussion continued with County Attorney Davies regarding legalities for allowing Ruffing to receive the elected officials' salary increase effective January 1, 2003. The matter was tabled for additional information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Donna I. Ruffing*  
Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:

*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

