

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING**  
**July 1, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on July 1, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing and Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman

Minutes of the June 3, 2003 Public Hearing, June 17 regular meeting and June 17 Public Hearing were approved.

Acknowledged receipts for the month of June from County Clerk (\$2,977.98) and Sheriff (\$14,872.61).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Area residents Jack Butler and Ron Hughes attended the meeting to discuss road repairs needed on Flat Top Road. Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and discussed roads and equipment. Dockery advised the board that he had spoken for the left over gravel from the city project. There will be no charge, but Dockery is responsible for hauling and stockpiling the gravel. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Ed Boner's permit to cross Boner Road, which is a county road, with a water pipe line. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Timberline Pit- Dean Fosher met with the Commissioners to discuss his concerns regarding the Timberline Pit located south of Manville. He is concerned with the amount of noise, dirt and blasting taking place. Ruffing will compose a letter to the DEQ Air Quality Division requesting a public hearing on behalf of the landowners.

Commissioners' Scholarships- Received scholarship renewal applications from Crystal Krein and Erin Smith. In a unanimous decision, the renewal was awarded to Crystal Krein.

Liquor Permit- Approved a liquor permit, pending receipt of signed insurance certificate indemnifying Niobrara County, for Larry Halligan D/B/A The Silver Dollar Bar to serve alcoholic beverages at the Rawhide Pageant July 10, 11, & 12, 2003.

Museum Bid Opening- Museum Committee members Harold Stroh, Valerie Peterson, Dolores Vollmer and contractor Roger Peterson were in attendance to discuss the bid opening. The bids were opened on June 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with one bid received from Peterson Construction for \$35,420.00. This bid exceeded funds available for the construction of ADA compliant stairs and ramps. After considerable discussion, the bid was modified to reflect a new amount of \$27,170.00. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Peterson Construction's bid, with changes noted, for \$27,170.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and reviewed old business. Presented a contract for Davies review from Frontier Correctional Systems Inc., regarding juvenile detention, Mary Bowman also attended the meeting to discuss retirement benefit issues.

Elected Officials-Clerk of Court Linda Fosher, Sheriff Rick Zerbe, Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook, Assessor Elaine Griffith, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman met with the Commissioners to discuss office operations and the budget. Clerk of Court Fosher addressed the board regarding her part time help funding request. She asked for more funding for part time help due to the fact her office will be going to a court

automated system that will require extensive training out of the office, thus requiring more hours for the part time person.

Schindler Elevator Maintenance Agreement- Noted the fee increase for the quarterly maintenance agreement with Schindler Elevator. The fee is increasing to \$629.55 up from \$582.22.

Resolution 03-12 - Approved resolution 03-12 dissolving the Niobrara County Public Health Advisory Board effective immediately. The public health nurse will continue to meet annually with the Commissioners and report the current year's activity and next fiscal year's budget requests.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until July 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

**NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

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

**ATTEST:**

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