

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
July 22, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on July 22, 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

Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve minutes of the July 1, 2003 regular meeting; July 7, 2003 Public Hearing and July 8, 2003 Special Meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of June from Clerk of District Court (442.48).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- County Commissioner Ladwig apprised the Board of the pre-construction meeting on the Silver Springs Road Project held July 11, 2003, between Benchmark of Torrington, Dan Hart Patrol Service, and Niobrara County. The Commissioners ratified Ladwig's signature on the Notice to Proceed on the Silver Springs Project and on the construction phase contract with Dan Hart Patrol Service. Met with Road & Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and discussed roads and equipment. Ladwig made a motion to change the McConahaughey road from a class 3 road to a class 2 road. After discussion, Ladwig rescinded his motion pending further information.

Road Sign Project- Discussed the fax received from United Rentals for the road sign project. It was decided that further information is needed to clarify the bid amount. No action was taken.

Planning and Zoning- Accepted Lee Campbell's resignation from the Niobrara County Planning and Zoning Board, effective immediately. Lee's position will need to be filled by someone residing within the incorporated areas of Lusk, Manville or Van Tassell. Campbell informed the Commissioners of items of interest relating to planning and zoning. Ruffing was authorized to respond to Mike Miller on the classification of 7 acres of land located in Sec. 25, T36N, R63W.

Rural Fire Suppression Account- Approved and signed the Wyoming Rural Fire Suppression account. The Niobrara County Rural Fire District had previously signed the agreement.

Stagecoach Museum- Ratified the agreement dated July 14, 2003, with Roger Peterson, owner of Peterson Construction, to begin construction on the Stagecoach Museum. The renovations will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Board of Equalization- Noted the Order of Dismissal with Prejudice on Qwest's appeal of valuation.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and reviewed the County's requirements for participation in the Wyoming Retirement System's Deferred Comp. program. Employee Mary Bowman was also present to discuss the letter she received from Deferred Comp. It was determined by Deferred Comp. that after revising their requirements for participation, she is eligible to participate in the deferred comp. program. She is, however, ineligible to receive the county match because she is not what is considered "permanent part-time employee", (working at least 20 hrs. per week, according to the Niobrara County Employee Handbook.)

Museum Lease Agreement- Approved and signed the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Niobrara County, Wyoming and the Niobrara County Historical Society, leasing the Stage Coach Museum to the Historical Society.

Sheriff's Vehicles- Approved an agreement with Lusk State Bank to purchase two (2) Ford F150 pickups for the Sheriff's Office. Ruffing moved, seconded by Ladwig, to sign the lease and then do an assignment of interest from Niobrara County to Lusk State Bank as nominee. **MOTION CARRIED.** Wasserburger abstained from voting.


Frontier Correction Agreement- After Davies' review, the Commissioners approved and signed the agreement with Frontier Correctional Services, a company that provides housing of juvenile offenders.

Road Indexing- Road Indexer Cheryl Lund met with County Attorney Davies and the Commissioners to discuss the Lightning Creek Road.

Liquor License- Ratified the liquor permit for the Pub, LLC. to serve alcoholic beverages at the Alumni Dance held July 19, 2003 at the fairgrounds.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until August 5, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse.

**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