

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
June 3, 2003

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 3, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioner Richard A. Ladwig and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Commissioner Tom L. Wasserburger was absent.

Minutes of the May 20, 2003 regular meeting were approved.

Acknowledged receipts for the month of May from the County Clerk (3,266.31) and Sheriff (16,077.00) and receipts for the month of April from the Clerk of District Court (628.20).

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road & Bridge foreman Brett Dockery and discussed road maintenance and equipment issues. A ½ load of gravel was hauled for Bill Dockery in exchange for mechanic work plus \$40.00. Also discussed was the classification of roads. Ladwig moved, seconded by Ruffing to change S. Mahnke road from a class 3 road to a class 2 road. **MOTION CARRIED.** The commissioners called for an emergency situation to transfer funds for the S-Bar road repair. A memo was issued authorizing the county treasurer to transfer funds from the CRF (County Road Funds) to the general county in the amount of \$6,400.00. These funds were used for the rental of a dozer to repair and rebuild S-Bar road. Also discussed were improvements to the Petz road. The County has an easement on Petz road from Hwy 85 to the Fenno's house. The Fennos offered to supply bottom gravel for any work done to this road. It was decided to do whatever was necessary to improve this road.

Entered into executive session at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

4th of July Committee- Chairman Julene Lindberg discussed the increased need for donations for this years celebration. She asked if the County would be able to assist the committee by contributing a monetary donation. The Commissioners decided that it would be inappropriate to use taxpayers' funds in this manner. It was suggested that each individual County employee could contribute to the fund if they so desired.

Library Board- Approved the recommended appointments from the Library Board. Linda Decker was appointed for a three-year term and Wanda Lorenzen was appointed for a three-year renewal term.

The Commissioners' meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. for a Public Hearing on CDBG Fund Proposals. Closed the Public Hearing at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

CDBG Fund Proposals- No decision was made at this time on two proposals presented at the public hearing. More information is needed to determine if the proposals meet the criteria for a Community Development Block Grant.

D.O.R.- Noted valuation changes for Klabzuba Operation Co. in the amount of \$196.39 and Hedges Oil Co. in the amount of \$278.93.

County Attorney- Discussed the possibility of a fireworks resolution and the Historical Society's lease agreement with the County on the museum property.

Elected Officials- Met with the elected officials and discussed general operations. County Assessor, Elaine B. Griffith, noted that the valuation for fiscal year 03-04 is up from last year. Extension Office Agent Denise Smith discussed stall fees for people camping at the fairgrounds. It was also discussed that the proposal from WhoTech, located in Douglas, for a