

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 4, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Vice-Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioner Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Absent was Commissioner Ruffing.

Minutes of the February 18, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

Receipts for the month of February from County Clerk - (3,218.50.) and Sheriff's Office (12,113.00) were acknowledged.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge - Met with Brett Dockery and discussed road and equipment issues. The caterpillar that was leased from JTE in Gillette still has hours that the County needs to use due to the cat not being fully operational at all times. Payment will be made when the hours have been used or the extension date has been met.

Road Signage - Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to place sharp curve signs on every 90° curve within 5 miles of the Town of Lusk. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SLIB Jail Door/Lock/Radio Grant Application- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to approve Resolution 03-07. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elected Officials- The Commissioners met with Elaine B. Griffith, Rhonda Holdbrook, Denise Smith, Becky L. Freeman and S. C. Reed.

Holdbrook discussed the progress being made regarding the computer situation in her office. There are still a few problems to work out.

Smith reported on the fairgrounds. Bryce Refrigeration, while doing scheduled maintenance, also attended to frozen pipes. No breakage resulted from the freezing.

Griffith reported on the new CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system the Dept. of Revenue will be purchasing for all Assessors and the Ad Valorem Tax Division. This system should be up and running in about a year.

Reed reported on the federal inmates the County has been housing. The County is currently housing eight (8) federal inmates.

Freeman reported on HAVA (Help America Vote Act) and the impact it will have on future elections. She also reported on upcoming meetings and workshops regarding HAVA.

Liquor Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve a liquor permit for The Pub for the St. Patrick's Day dance at the fairgrounds on March 15, 2003. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Benchmark- Bob Taylor, Scott Larson & John Bergquist, with Benchmark of Torrington, Road & Bridge Foreman, Brett Dockery and landowners Denise E. Smith, Darren Kilmer, Harold Stroh, Royce Heine & Andy Barnette discussed final issues regarding the Silver Springs Road project. The plan should be finalized thirty (30) days from today and placed out for bid.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

NIORARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

Benchmark / Silver Springs Rd.

MEETING ATTENDANTS

MEETING DATE

3/4/03

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ORGANIZATION

PHONE NUMBER

Harold Stroh

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Denise Smith

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Brett Dockery

BOB TAYLOR

SCOTT LARSON - Benchmark

JOHN BERGQVIST - Benchmark