

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
November 18, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

The Commissioners had previously met with Bob Taylor of Benchmark, Brett Dockery and Andy Barnette at 8:00 a.m. for a final inspection of the Silver Springs Road.

Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve minutes of the November 2, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the Clerk of Court (510.96).

The following business was conducted:

Executive Session- Entered into executive session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. Reconvened the regular session at 9:55 a.m.

Qwest- Connie Hoskins, Qwest Representative, Contractor Dan Hart, David S. Cole of Cole Lumber and Construction Company, Inc., Bob W. Taylor, Scott Larson and Brian Wakefield of Benchmark of Torrington, Road & Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery, and County Attorney Doyle J. Davies were in attendance to discuss the Qwest line damage on Silver Springs road. After considerable discussion, it was decided that Qwest and representatives from Benchmark and Dan Hart Patrol would survey the damaged areas of phone line on Silver Springs Road. After this review, Qwest will present a revised estimate for repairs.

North Lance Creek Road- Discussed with Benchmark costs to do a survey to complete the post construction report on the North Lance Creek Road. Until this report is completed, no easement will be issued by the State for this section of road. There was discussion as to whether or not the County actually needed the easement because the road is already improved.

28 Road- Discussed with Benchmark payments already made for engineering costs on 28 Road. Ruffing will take the contract that was signed in March of 2001 and make suggested revisions.

Silver Springs Road Reseeding- Met with David S. Cole of Cole Lumber and Construction Company, Inc. to discuss the reseeding along Silver Springs Road. Cole wants to complete the reseeding in the spring. Also discussed was the possibility of striking the seeding clause from Dan Hart's contract and entering into a new contract with Cole to complete the job no later than June 1, 2003. The matter was turned over to the County Attorney for review.

Silver Springs Road Review- The Commissioners and Benchmark of Torrington reviewed the work done on the Silver Springs Road and noted areas in need of improvement such as culvert placements and smoothing and graveling of shoulders.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 for a Public Hearing and reconvened at 11:34 a.m.