

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
October 21, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 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

Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve minutes of the October 7, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of September from the Clerk of District Court (\$741.98).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Steve Peterson, Harry Krejci & Charles Krejci met with the Commissioners to discuss gravel needs on Ridge Road. There are still some easements needed before the County will improve and gravel. Other items discussed were equipment and operations. Ruffing was authorized to submit a letter to the State Lands and Investment Board Real Estate Management Division regarding the validity of an easement the county had applied for in February of 1993, for a roadway access across State land on the North Lance Creek Road project.

Living Snow Fence- Lisa Shaw, of the Niobrara Conservation District, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Living Snow Fence Program. The Wyoming State Forestry Division is soliciting applications for projects located along county maintained roadways. After discussion, it was decided that Road & Bridge Foreman, Brett Dockery, should contact Shaw and coordinate efforts to initiate this project.

Annual Pit Report- Ruffing presented the annual pit report to be submitted to the Dept. of Environmental Quality Land Quality Division.

Internet/Networking- Ladwig received estimates on installation and equipment costs and setup. Ladwig was authorized to proceed with the project.

Notice of Award- Approved the notice of award allowing Roger Peterson of Peterson Construction to begin the construction phase on the Museum ADA Restroom Renovation project. Peterson must submit a bank letter of credit for fifty (50%) of the contract price and execute the formal Agreement in a timely manner. A pre construction meeting will be held before actual construction begins.

Malt Beverage Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to ratify a malt beverage permit issued to Niobrara Electric Association to dispense malt beverages at the Fall Social held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on October 16, 2003. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cancellation Orders- Noted and approved cancellation of tax orders for the following entities: O'Brien Energy Resources, Corp. #00675 for \$178.44; Millennium Oil & Gas, LLC. #00676 for \$42.61; and Kraft Services Affiliated #00677 for \$10.14.

Notary Bonds- Approved and signed Notary Bonds for Teri A. Goddard as Treasurer of the Niobrara County Fair Board and Gail Mahnke as Supervisor of Niobrara County Weed & Pest.

Resolution 03-16- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Resolution 03-16 on behalf of Wyoming Counties for Responsible Energy Development (WCFRED). This resolution supports The Converse Area New Development Organization's (CANDO) efforts to bring FutureGen; a proposed project of the U.S. Department of Energy and promoted as a hydrogen fuel, low emission coal-based prototype power plant, to Wyoming and possibly Converse County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nine One One, Inc. - Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger to sign the telephone hotline support, software maintenance agreement with Nine One One, Inc. for \$5,000 for the Enhanced 911 equipment. **MOTION CARRIED.**

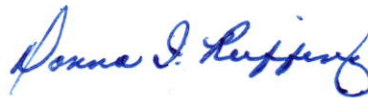
County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners to discuss old business. Ruffing gave Davies correspondence she had received from Verizon regarding the E911 surcharge. Also discussed the Qwest line damage.

Entered into executive session at 1:07 and reconvened the regular meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Planning and Zoning- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies, Planning and Zoning members John Hester, Dean Nelson, Gaye Sipe and landowner Lynne Boaz were in attendance to discuss planning and zoning issues with the Commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be November 4, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk