

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
October 7, 2003**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on October 7, 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

Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve minutes of the September 23, 2003 regular meeting and minutes of the September 23, 2003 Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

Acknowledged receipts for the month of September from the County Clerk (3,246.00) and Sheriff (869.22).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Road & Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and County Attorney Doyle J. Davies were present to discuss the damage to the Qwest phone line on the Silver Springs Road. Further information is needed at this time. Davies reviewed a contract between Niobrara County Road and Bridge and Caterpillar Financial Services for a Load King trailer. It was Davies opinion that the contract should read Niobrara County instead of Niobrara County Road and Bridge. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the contract and authorized Commissioner Ruffing to sign the corrected contract when it is delivered. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Entered into executive session at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Museum- Met with Kevin Freese of the Army National Guard to discuss the possible need of an inspection of the museum for lead contamination. Freese stated that the lead issues arose from firing ranges being located in the armories when they were active. A conference call is scheduled for October 21, 2003 with the Commissioners, Mr. Freese, and Harry Ivy with the Attorney General's Office.

Hospital Bid- In attendance to discuss the hospital remodel bids were Hospital Board members: Melvin ZumBrunnen, Mike Carlson, Ron Pfister, and Hospital Administrator George Minder. The bids came in 25% over cost. There was discussion as to how the project would continue and a conference call was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 8, 2003 with Brad Miskimins of State Lands and Investment Board.

Museum Bid Opening- Museum Board Member Valerie Peterson and Contractor Roger Peterson were in attendance for the opening of the bid for the museum bathroom remodel. There was one (1) bid received from Peterson Construction in an amount of \$18,685.00. Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger to award the bid subject to approval by CDBG. Ruffing was authorized to award the bid after approval is received. **MOTION CARRIED.**