

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING
Sept. 2, 2003

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on September 2, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at 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 the minutes of the August 19, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of August from the County Clerk (\$3,188.80).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and landowners Andy Barnette, Darren Kilmer and Harold Stroh to discuss concerns they have with the road construction being done on the Silver Springs Road. After considerable discussion on the matter, the Board asked everyone who was able, to come back later when Bob Taylor of Benchmark of Torrington would be here so they could address their concerns with him. Other issues discussed with Dockery were gravel, equipment, and the road signage project.

County Road Fund- The Commissioners presented a letter to County Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook authorizing her to transfer \$50,000 from the County Road Fund into the General Fund to be used for Road and Bridge equipment.

Museum Bathroom Remodel- Ruffing sent out a draft for review showing specifications to the bathroom remodel plan.

Special Districts- Acknowledged the Conservation Districts compliance letter noting the districts boundaries.

Benchmark of Torrington- Met with Bob Taylor of Benchmark, Road and Bridge Foreman Dockery, and landowners Barnette, Stroh, and Kilmer, to discuss their concerns with the Silver Springs Road construction. Some issues of concern were culverts, auto gates, super curves, lower roads and easements. Taylor suggested the Commissioners review the road with him so they are aware of changes to be made and address concerns they may have with the road.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle Davies to review old business. Ruffing asked Davies to review a letter from Bob Darrow, Secretary for the Ord Ranch Corporation, which pertains to gravel donated by the Ord Ranch for the Silver Springs Project and the value attached to said donation.

County Coroner- Peter W. Pier was sworn in as County Coroner. He also delivered a computer that previous Coroner, Todd Weber, had been using for the Coroner's Office. There was discussion about possibly using the computer for Emergency Management, if the computer meets the specifications set forth by WEMA (Wyoming Emergency Management Association).

Elected Officials- Assessor Elaine B. Griffith, Sheriff Rick L. Zerbe, Treasurer Rhonda E. Holdbrook, Clerk of Court Linda Fosher, Extension Agent Denise E. Smith, Coroner Pete Pier and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman were present to discuss items of interest with their offices.

Hospital Bond- Met with Todd Bishop of Kaiser and Company to discuss the hospital bonds. Two banks have committed to purchasing the bonds- Lusk State Bank and First State Bank of Newcastle. Bishop also discussed investment accounts for the bond proceeds.


Library Board- Lynn Carlson- Chairperson-Niobrara County Library Board and Linda Decker- member of the Library Board- were in attendance to discuss maintenance issues and the possibility of replacing the windows through an energy lease grant offered by SLIB (State Lands and Investments Board). The grant would provide for 50% of the funding and a no interest loan for 10 years is available through WAM (Wyoming Association of Municipalities) and WCCA

(Wyoming County Commissioners Association) to pay the remainder of the fee. Estimates on energy usage are still needed for this program.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene on Tuesday September 23, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing

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ATTEST

Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk