

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 17, 2004

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2004 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 the minutes of the August 3, 2004 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of July from the Clerk of District Court (\$649.99)

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads, bridges, pits, easements, and equipment.

Weed & Pest- Discussed proposed changes to the pitch of the roof per the contractor and the cost increase involved. Noted the cost of renting a dozer and loader from the Town of Lusk.

Highway 270- Discussed the approach on the north end of 28 Road. Wasserburger and Thomas will attend a meeting with WYDOT and discuss the problems with this road.

Petz Road- Thomas noted he had used 152 loads of gravel and 10 - 12 loads of water on this project. Ruffing advised Thomas to keep track of materials used for the annual pit report.

Senior Center- Discussed paving the parking lot. There are considerable drainage problems and holes in the parking lot. Thomas estimated it would take 2-4 hours to repair. Thomas was authorized to put it on a list of things to do.

Manville Quarry- Art Boatright of Mobile Concrete notified Thomas that when gravel is need, they would load it for Road and Bridge. He stated that he required 10 days notice and the price to load would be \$4.00/ton.

Town of Van Tassell- The Town of Van Tassell inquired as to whether or not the county could blade their streets when Road & Bridge comes through. When there is a blade in the area, the streets could be bladed at the standard rate of \$150.00/hour.

County Attorney- Davies discussed roads, easements, and old business.

TANF Grant Application- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to ratify the T.A.N.F. grant application. **MOTION CARRIED.** This application is for \$79,310 and is broken down into three parts. Part 1 is for \$30,100 and provides training for ten (10) TANF eligible adults to become Certified Nurses Assistants and two (2) TANF eligible adults to be trained through academic courses to become eligible for acceptance into RN Programs. Part 2 funds will be used for the Niobrara Community Education Center and the Niobrara County High School to provide an after school program for approximately fifteen (15) at-risk, TANF eligible high school students for one school year. This funding amount is \$9,900. Part 3 TANF funding of \$24,000 will be used to pay for tuition for four (4) TANF eligible high school students to attend the Expanding Environments 9-week summer work program.

Town of Lusk -Met with Mayor Pete Pier and discussed paving the Senior Center parking lot and various other issues.

Resolution 04-12- The auditors approved the methodology pertaining to GASB. Ruffing revised the capitalization levels originally proposed in April 2000 due to the fact they were inadequate to reflect the county's assets. A resolution to adopt this methodology showing the

process involved and to rescind the previous resolution was submitted. This proposed methodology reflects a more accurate picture of the county's assets.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve Resolution 04-12 adopting the GASB Methodology. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Meeting- The September 21, 2004 meeting was moved to September 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. due to the Wyoming Association of County Officers meeting in Cheyenne the week of September 20-23, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held September 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

