

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 3, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 3, 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 July 6, 2004 regular meeting, the July 12, 2004 Public Hearing and the July 13, 2004 Special Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of July from the County Clerk (\$3,860), the County Sheriff (\$22,366.78) and for the month of June from the Clerk of District Court (\$386.38).

The following business was conducted:

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

28 Road -The Commissioners scheduled a work session on August 5 2004, to meet with landowners on the 28 Road and Benchmark of Torrington Engineer Bob Taylor to discuss the proposed road project.

Dept. of Transportation- Discussed the removal of one of the approaches on North 28 Road. One landowner was upset and worried about snow. WYDOT stated that if snow became a problem to contact Dennis Green. Thomas also voiced concern about WYDOT's removal of the concrete blocks. Thomas is able to salvage the auto gates from the road project but the concrete blocks are destroyed when they are removed.

Manville Quarry- Received a letter from Benchmark of Torrington stating the amount of gravel the County would need to gravel the Spanish Diggings Road. This letter serves as the authority to use County Road Fund monies to purchase the gravel and begin work on this project. The letter states that we will need approximately 3,000 tons to complete the project as prescribed. We have 4,000 tons of gravel available to us.

Weed & Pest- Discussed the lot preparation and leveling required for the building site. Thomas stated that his crew would be there on August 9th to begin the work. There was discussion about renting a dozer from the Town of Lusk to help move the dirt.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed easements, litigation, and commissioners salaries.

Ridge Road Easements- Nothing has occurred on these easements. Davies suggested running a title search on the easements. Davies stated he would do the search as long as he has all the information.

Entered into executive session at 10:24 a.m. to discuss litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:34 a.m. No action was taken

Walsh Liquor Permit- Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger to approve the Walsh Liquor Permit for the Walsh/Gibson wedding to be held September 5, 2004 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**