

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
December 21, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened their regularly scheduled meeting on December 21, 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 December 7, 2004 regular meeting and the December 7, 2004 Public Hearing meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Noted the following receipts for the month of November from the Clerk of Court for \$334.98.

The following business was conducted:

Bond and Oath-Acknowledged and signed the Bond and Oath for Terri Goddard as Treasurer of the Niobrara County Fair Board.

Road & Bridge- There was continued discussion regarding Eagle Creek Pit. Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas discussed equipment and repairs.

New Equipment- Ruffing signed the titles for two belly dumps owned by Niobrara County to use as trade ins on two 2003 Load King belly dumps. A purchase agreement with Wyoming Machinery will be forthcoming.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met briefly with the commissioners. Ruffing submitted the 911-surcharge file and informed Davies that she had not received any response from Qwest pertaining to the .75 surcharge. Commissioner Ladwig presented Davies with his 5-year recognition pin and certificate of service.

Vehicle Bids- The commissioners received three (3) vehicle bids on the 1982 Ford Pickup, vin # 1FTDF15E0CPA51181. The bids were from Kirk and Mel Sturgeon for \$665.00; Howell F. Bryant for \$1,011.00 and Randy Starkey for \$400.00. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to accept Bryant's bid of \$1,011.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Thomas advised the commissioners that he had discussed, with Hospital Administrator George Minder, the possibility of giving one of the pick-ups that are up for bid to the hospital district for blading snow.

Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to give the Hospital District the 1986 Chevrolet PU vin # 1GCCK24M7GS147044. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ruffing did not vote on this issue.

Ruffing turned the meeting over to Commissioner Ladwig and left at 9:45 a.m.

Employee Recognition- The commissioners recognized the following employees for their service and dedication to Niobrara County: Joe Wagers-Deputy Sheriff- 5 years, Diane Tadewald- 15 years- Extension Office Secretary, and Jean Watson, Deputy Clerk of Court, was selected as outstanding employee of the year. Denise Smith, Niobrara Extension Coordinator, was recognized with a certificate of appreciation and a 25-year pin. Rick L. Zerbe and Marlene B. Sides were presented with awards and pins for 20 years of service during the annual safety meeting held December 18, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held January 4, 2005 in the Commissioners room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.



NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig

Richard A. Ladwig, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk