

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING**  
**January 20, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 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 minutes of the January 6, 2004 meeting and the January 6, 2004 Public Hearing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of December from the Clerk of Court for (\$350.48).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery and discussed Qwest phone line damage, equipment, and personnel issues. Ruffing advised the board that she and Dockery are meeting with United Rentals to review the map and determine where road signs need to be placed.

Stage Road BROS- Dockery advised the board of the condition of the bridge and measures he is taking to correct the problems. DOT will be asked to expedite the replacement process.

Benchmark- Discussed the centerline surveys for state land on Silver Springs Road and North Lance Creek Road, the re-seeding contract needed for Silver Springs Road, and the proposed agreement for 28 Road reconstruction. Bob Taylor of Benchmark will submit an agreement for the 28 Road project to the commissioners by their February meeting. Also discussed was a contract status inquiry on Dan Hart Patrol from CNA Surety.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed old business.

Executive Session- Entered into executive session at 10:20 a.m. and discussed personnel issues. The meeting was reconvened at 11:05 a.m. and no action was taken on this matter.

Homeland Security Grant- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, authorizing Pete Pier, as project coordinator, to proceed with the purchasing and installation of repeaters. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the project agreement for the part I funds of the Homeland Security Grant. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Weed and Pest District- Met with Weed and Pest District members Lee Lamb and Neil Holmes to discuss the purchase of land and the construction of a new building. Weed and Pest and the Hospital District are applying for the Mineral Royalty Grant. There will be a public hearing on this issue on February 17, 2004.

Hospital District- Noted the appointment of new officers. Chairman is Melvin ZumBrunnen, Vice Chairman is Kevin Baars, Secretary is Keri Thompson, and Treasurer is Mike Carlson.

Internet and Networking- Ladwig advised the board that the system is up and running.

Lease agreement- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ruffing, to approve the lease agreement between Niobrara County and First American Title Company, Niobrara Land Title Branch for \$450.00 per month beginning Jan. 2004 through Dec. 2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Library Board Appointment- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the recommendation of the Library Board appointing Carol Kilmer to the board to fill the unexpired term of Wanda Lorenzen. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dispatch Budget- Ruffing will compose a letter to the Town of Lusk requesting funding for the next fiscal year. Noted will be the increases incurred last year for dispatch and the county's proposed increases for the next fiscal year.

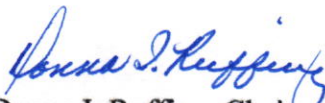
W.A.R.M. Joint Powers Board- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to ratify the joint powers agreement signature page. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Management- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the following letters: Annual Assurances; Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion; Certification Regarding Lobbying; and Soft Match Usage Authorization. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CDBG Museum – A approved relinquishment of all, except \$1,000, of the Letter of Credit for Roger Peterson d/b/a/ Peterson Construction with Lusk State Bank.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday February 3, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman

ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk