

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 6, 2004

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on January 6, 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 December 16, 2003 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Election of Officers- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger to appoint Donna I. Ruffing as Chairman. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to appoint Richard A. Ladwig as Vice-Chairman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged receipts for the month of December from the County Clerk (\$2,937.25) and the Sheriff (\$11,792.95).

The following business was conducted:

Road and Bridge-Road and Bridge Foreman Brett Dockery was present to discuss road & bridge issues and equipment. Dockery purchased a steam cleaner for \$3,850. Dockery was authorized to sell the old steam cleaner for parts. Ruffing will compose a letter to Dennis Green of the Wyoming Highway Department with a copy to Calvin Goddard of Wyoming Dept. of Transportation regarding tumbleweeds and drifting snow off the State's right-of-way fence lines along HWY 85.

C.A.M.A Agreement-Assessor Elaine Griffith notified the Commissioners that the State of Wyoming had terminated its contract with TerraScan.

Cancellation of Taxes- Approved and signed Cancellation of Tax Orders for the following entities: Fireworks Unlimited -#00682 - \$15.36; General Electric Capital Corp.- #00683 - \$27.78; Blue Dane Simmental Corp.- #00684 - \$179.81; GP Electronics- #00685 - \$95.84; Peterson Automotive- #00686 - \$71.52.

Hazard Mitigation Plan- Discussed costs to print the Hazard Mitigation Plan. After some discussion, it was decided that Ruffing should submit the plan to Print Express in Torrington for printing. The bid price was \$1,293 for twenty (20) copies.

Wyoming Community Gas - Stephanie Reeves of Wyoming Community Gas met with the Commissioners to discuss the purchasing of natural gas for Niobrara County for the Choice Gas Program year 2004-2005. Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve and sign the Wyoming Community Gas Management Service Agreement and Agency Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lease Agreement- Met with Carmen Boussu of Niobrara Land and Title to review a lease agreement between Niobrara County and First American Title Company, Niobrara Land Title Branch. There was discussion regarding increasing the current rent amount paid by First American Title. Ms. Boussu will gather more information and present a proposal at the next Commissioners Meeting on January 20, 2004.

OJJDP Grant- The OJJDP grant has been extended to June 30, 2004.

Resolution 04-01- Federal Lands Custom/Culture/Heritage

Resolution 04-02- State Lands Custom/Culture/Heritage

Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the above listed resolutions. **MOTION CARRIED.**