

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
July 6, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on July 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 the minutes of the June 15, 2004 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of June from the County Clerk (\$3,070.70), the County Sheriff (\$1,078.00) and for the month of May from the Clerk of District Court (\$474.98).

The following business was conducted:

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

28 Road- Discussed the 28 Road tour and proposed changes to be included in the contract with Benchmark of Torrington. Wasserburger suggested touring the road with landowners to get their input regarding any proposed changes. Fence replacement was also discussed and it was decided that if the 9 miles of fence were disturbed during the construction, then the County would replace it. Also recommended was the inclusion of curve and caution signs in the contract.

Bridges- Received notification that the DSD Lance Creek Bridge on 14-9 and the DRR Cheyenne River Bridge on 14-11 will be put on the BROS program schedule.

Stage Road- Continued discussion regarding realigning the Stage Road and eliminating the bridge. More information is needed before any further action is taken.

Silver Springs Road- Discussed the spraying of thistles that have resurfaced in the barrow pits. The commissioners noted that the Silver Springs Road Project is closed therefore it would be up to the landowner to take care of the spraying.

Divide Road- Landowner Verla Etchemendy contacted Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss easements on Divide Road and who should be mowing them. Landowner Ken Gaukel currently mows the easement on Divide Road. After discussion, the Commissioners advised Thomas to inform Gaukel that he could mow 33' in the easement if he does not bale it. If he does bale the grass, then a mutual agreement would need to be arranged between Etchemendy and Gaukel.

Boner Road Sign – Due to the continuing disappearance of the Boner County Road sign, the Commissioners authorized Thomas to have a steel County Road sign constructed for the Boner Road and weld it to the Boner's ranch sign.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies to discuss old business, continued litigation issues, and grants.

Regional Juvenile Detention Center Inc. - Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve and sign the provider contract for juvenile housing. Changes pertaining to the payment schedule were noted and initialed. A letter will accompany the contract asking the provider to note and initial the same changes. **MOTION CARRIED.**