

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
June 15, 2004

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 15, 2004 at 9:03 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioner Richard A. Ladwig, Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Ruffing, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2004 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed bridges, gravel, equipment, roads and the scheduled tour with Benchmark of Torrington on the 28 Road.

Road & Bridge Cement Work- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve change order #1 on the bid for the cement pad at Road and Bridge. Roger Peterson of Peterson Construction stated the pad needs to be increased from 6" thick to 8" thick increasing the bid amount by \$750.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

20 Mile Road- Lowell Spackman of DEQ Land Quality Division granted approval to proceed with the removal of pit run gravel from the Manning Pit. The leasing of Justin Miller's water truck for \$65/hr to do roadwork was also discussed. Thomas estimated it would be needed for about two days and the county would have to buy water.

Thomas noted that he had received the detour signs for the Stage Road Bridge.

WYDOT Highway Access Rules & Regulations- Ruffing discussed a meeting she attended pertaining to proposed new rules and regulations regarding access off state highways.

Thomas also informed the board that he had used Clay Bolden's tanker for 3 hours and our truck to haul water to work on Joe Leimser's road. Two loads of water were hauled in 3 hours and the County will trade work with Boldon at some point in the future for the use of his tanker. Thomas noted that he would like to purchase a vacuum truck at an auction in Gillette. The Commissioners authorized the purchase of a vacuum truck not to exceed \$15,000.

Automobile Usage Fringe Benefits- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Resolution 04-09 adopting a blanket policy pertaining to fringe benefits on vehicles that Road and Bridge uses. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed correspondence he had sent pertaining to the Qwest cable damage. The Commissioners' Salaries and the Planning and Zoning Resolution were also discussed.

Entered into executive session at 10:06 a.m. to discuss potential litigation and reconvened the regular session at 10:21 a.m. No immediate action was taken.

Planning & Zoning Resolution- Davies suggested changing the "and/or" clause under the 5- lot exclusion section to read "or" only. With this change noted, Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve Resolution 04-10 accepting the Planning & Zoning revision recommendations. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Regional Juvenile Detention Center Inc. - Noted the provider agreement between Regional Juvenile Detention Center Inc. and Niobrara County. The Commissioners will approve the document once a corrected copy has been received.

Benchmark- Briefly discussed correspondence between County Attorney Davies and Qwest Attorney Mary Throne. The final payment to Dan Hart Patrol Service was also discussed.

The meeting was recessed at 10:47 a.m. for the 28 Road tour with Benchmark.

Elected Officials- Met with the Elected Officials and Department Heads and discussed basic county operations.

Bond & Oath- Noted and approved the bond and oath for John N. Meier as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Lusk.

Dept. of Revenue- Noted the Valuation Change for Asher Associates Inc. in the amount of \$176.52

The Pub, LLC. Liquor Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger to ratify the Liquor Permit for the Pub, LLC. to serve alcoholic beverages for the Peterson Reception held on June 12, 2004 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Liquor Permit Gibson/Walsh Wedding- Bev and Jerry Walsh submitted an application for a liquor permit to give away alcohol at the Gibson/Walsh Wedding being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on Sept. 5, 2004. The matter was referred to the County Attorney for review.

3 Sisters Truck Stop Liquor Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the liquor permit for 3 Sisters Truck Stop for the Fathers' Day Roping to be held at the Niobrara Roping Arena on June 20, 2004 upon receipt of the proper insurance documentation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Library Board Vacancies- The Library Board has two vacancies and has received one name for submission to the Commissioners. The Board submitted Pat Bruch's name to the Commissioners for approval. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig to appoint Pat Bruch to the Library Board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held July 6, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBARRA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman



ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk