

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
November 2, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on November 2, 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 October 19, 2004 meeting with changes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2004 Public Hearing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Noted the following receipts for the month of October from the County Clerk for \$2,677.00 and the Sheriff for \$9,160.73.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads and signs, maintenance, equipment, and gravel. Thomas noted that the transmission in the front-end loader was going out. He brought in parts for the commissioners to view and note the damage. Also discussed the county roads the crew is maintaining. Ruffing noted that nothing has been done on the Thompson pit because she still has not received any paperwork from the landowner.

County Attorney- There was continued discussion about the Manville Spur and ownership of the road. Discussion followed regarding transferring the county's interest. Davies will investigate transferring the easement and will then draft a letter stating that the county would be interested in transferring any interest they have in the highway to the Town of Manville.

Base Station - Jay Doyle, Peter Pier, & Kathy Watts, representative for Absolute Solutions, met with the commissioners to discuss the base station in dispatch and other related items. Ms. Watts explained the billing process for the base station. She also discussed vendors and their involvement in the process. After much discussion, it was determined that the bill for the equipment and installation would be around \$137,890.40. Jay Doyle voiced concerns over running new equipment on the current old equipment. Ruffing also inquired about the new system and the effect it would have on the enhanced 911 system. Watts stated that it would not have an effect on the 911 system because they are two separate units. Watts submitted invoices for the installation of the repeaters to be paid from 2003 Homeland funds.

Planning & Zoning Vacancies- The Commissioners acknowledged that Tom Hamilton does not wish to be reappointed to another term in Planning & Zoning. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to appoint Cory Clark to fill Tom Hamilton's position that will expire November 30, 2009 and to appoint Dan Cushman to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of John Hester. This term will expire on November 30, 2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Museum Cement- There was discussion about the cement cracking at the museum. Ladwig will contact the contractor about this problem. There was also discussion about the maintenance of the new concrete in icy and snowy weather.

Bond & Oath- Acknowledged and approved the bond for Gail Mahnke as Supervisor of the Niobrara County Weed & Pest Control Board.

Board of Equalization- Noted the order of dismissal due to the parties' resolution of the dispute between the State Board of Equalization and Wyoming RSA #1-Park Limited Partnership et al. Also noted the order denying motion to remand between the State Board of Equalization and Wyoming RSA #1-Park Limited Partnership et al.

Silver Springs Road Project- Signed the final pay agreement for Cole Lumber for the reseeded, fertilizing, and mulching the Silver Springs Road project.

Red Cross Provider Agreement- After some discussion, it was decided to forward the agreement to the County Attorney for review.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until November 16, 2004.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Donna I. Ruffing

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ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

