

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
October 19, 2004**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 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 5, 2004 meeting with changes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Noted the following receipts for the month of September from the Clerk of Court for \$670.31.

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads and signs, maintenance, equipment, and gravel.

Pit Run Gravel- Commissioner Wasserburger stated he had received a call from Stan Swanson. Swanson has gravel that he wants to get rid of. Wasserburger noted Swanson would sell it for \$2.00/ton. The commissioners also discussed a gravel pit to be located on Dave Thomson's land. A signed agreement is needed before the county can begin any prep work and gather any gravel.

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

Manville Spur- There was continued discussion on the ownership of the Manville Spur. More information is needed at this time.

Cancellation of Taxes- The commissioners approved a cancellation of taxes order for Reinhart Foods for \$10.36, cancellation #693.

Planning & Zoning Vacancy-Cory Clark and Danny Cushman submitted letters of interest to the commissioners for the vacancy in Planning and Zoning. The commissioners tabled a decision until the next meeting.

Local Government Liability Pool- Commissioner Richard Ladwig nominated Tom Wasserburger for the County Commissioner position vacancy on the board. Nominations must be submitted no later than November 8, 2004.

Museum Cement- There was discussion about the cement cracking at the museum. Ladwig will contact the contractor about this problem.

NEWEDC- Susan Bigelow of the North East Wyoming Economic Development coalition met with the commissioners to follow up on the meeting in May concerning restructuring of NEWEDC. Bigelow presented a brief questionnaire to the commissioners about economic development. She was gathering recommendations for the NEWEDC board and visiting with counties that do not have economic development staff support.

Wyoming Conservation Alliance- Kara Brighton gave a power point presentation on her business and the assistance it provides to governmental entities wishing to participate in monitoring the Federal Regulatory Commission. The Alliance keeps government entities informed of issues which might affect them.

Homeland Security- Accepted the resignation of Pete Pier as Homeland Security Grant Project Coordinator. Pier recommended Jay Doyle as his replacement and Doyle accepted the appointment as Homeland Security Jurisdiction Administrator for Niobrara County.

Base Radios- Jay Doyle, Kester Akers & Rick Zerbe met with the commissioners to discuss the bids on the base radios. The bids have come in considerably higher than estimated. It was noted that the base radio is the first priority.

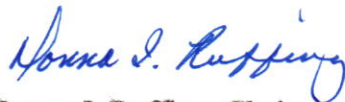
Highway 270/28 Road/Ridge Road Realignment- Discussed the realignment of 28 and Ridge Roads going north and south and the county's participation in the project. WYDOT representative Terry Craig suggested that Niobrara County submit their request in writing to WYDOT stating that the roads need realigned and that Niobrara County would like to begin discussions with WYDOT on the matter.

The commissioners recessed their regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the change of zoning request from the Ruffing Trust. Ruffing stepped down as commissioner and joined the audience. The regular meeting reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

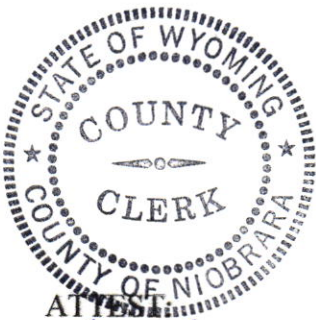
Change of Zoning- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the change of zoning for the Ruffing Trust from agricultural to industrial-gravel pit. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The commissioners will meet again on November 2, 2004.

NIORARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman



*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk