

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
September 14, 2004**

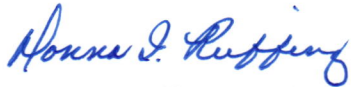
The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for a special meeting on September 14, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Donna I. Ruffing, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Members of the audience were Elaine Griffith, Hospital Coalition Chairman, Ron Pfister, Mel ZumBrunnen, Kevin Baars, and Mike Carlson, Hospital Board members and George Minder, Hospital Administrator.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2004 Public Hearing meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 04-14- Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Resolution 04-14 authorizing submission of an Emergency Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account Grant to provide funding to cover change orders and outstanding issues arising from a change in the review and inspection process for the hospital renovation project. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2004 in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donna I. Ruffing, Chairman



ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING  
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County Commission Chairman Donna I. Ruffing called a Public Hearing to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday September 14, 2004 in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Ruffing, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig and Tom L. Wasserburger and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Also in attendance was Elaine B. Griffith, Chairman of the Niobrara Health Coalition, Mike Carlson, Kevin Baars, Ron Pfister, Melvin ZumBrunnen, Gene Kupke and George Minder with the Niobrara County Hospital District.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the proposal to request an additional \$324,936 from State Land and Investment Board (SLIB) for additional construction requirements. The 75% match from SLIB would be \$243,702 and the 25% match from the Niobrara County Medical Foundation would be \$81,234.

There was considerable discussion as to the necessity of the application. In November 2003, Governor Freudenthal changed the requirements stating that all plans and proposals had to be approved through the Dept. of Health thus creating stricter requirements for contractors resulting in unforeseen cost increases. The State Fire Marshall had approved previous plans.

There were no dissenting comments on the grant application proposal.

Ruffing proposed the grant application be submitted under an emergency situation so that the application will be acted on immediately rather than being considered in January 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



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