

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
September 7, 2004

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 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 Wasserburger, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2004 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of August from the County Clerk (\$3,234.25) and Sheriff (\$897.97)

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads, bridges, pits, easements, and equipment. Thomas and Wasserburger met with WYDOT and discussed modifying the approaches on Ridge Road on the north side of Hwy 270 and 28 Road on the south of Hwy 270 in the next phase of construction slated to begin in 2007.

Pony Express- Ruffing advised the board that the Pony Express would be on Silver Springs Road on September 18, 2004.

County Attorney- Davies discussed roads, easements, and old business.

Divide Road- Discussed the right of way on Divide Road. Davies will draft a letter to Ken Gaukel to resolve this issue.

Petition to Cross County Road- Received a petition from Bruce Kilmer to install a 1 1/2" PVC pipeline for stock water across Stage Road. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the permit. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Entered executive session at 10:20 a.m. and discussed potential litigation. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action was taken.

Resolution 04-13- Ruffing was authorized to sign Resolution 04-13 vacating a portion of Sixth (6th) Avenue in the Town of Manville and the quitclaim and conveyance of aforesaid mentioned property.

Manville Street Vacation- Realtor Keni Cundall discussed the declaration of vacation by resolution by the Governing Body of Manville on a portion of 6th avenue in Manville. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to authorize Ruffing to sign the approval of the vacation of streets in Manville pending the Town of Manville's approval. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Old Highway 20- Manville Mayor Richard Schroeder approached Commissioner Ladwig regarding ownership of old Highway 20, also known as the Manville Spur. The commissioners recalled it being deeded to the county by the Wyoming Dept. of Transportation and asked Davies to research the ownership of this road and report his findings to them.

TANF Grant - The Dept. of Family Services awarded a grant for the TANF/CPI project for \$73,000. The application amount of \$79,310 was adjusted because the Child Care Development Fund that is operated through the local DFS office will cover childcare expenses while people are attending classes and labs for their CNA certification. The Dept. of Family Services is unable to supplant funding or duplicate programs that are already available. The effective date of the grant is Oct. 1, 2004 and runs through Sept. 30, 2005.

EOP Certification- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to sign the certification of approval for the Emergency Operation Plan and forward it on to the other participating entities for their signatures. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ratify Liquor Permit- Wasserburger moved, second by Ladwig, to ratify the liquor permit for The Pub, LLC. to cater alcoholic beverages for the Johnson/Griffith wedding reception held August 21, 2004 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hospital Grant Application- A special meeting was scheduled for September 14, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. for considering the Hospital Grant application to the State Land and Investments Board (SLIB).

Fair Board Appointment- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to reappoint Teri Goddard to the Niobrara County Fair Board retroactively for the five-year term beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Change Order #3- Ruffing moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve change order #3, with Peterson Construction, which includes removing 62' of existing curb and replacing it with new concrete, replacing one section of the street flow pan, and removing one tree stump for \$1,030. **MOTION CARRIED.**


Elected Officials- Met with Elected officials and Dept. Heads and discussed various county operations. Received training information from the county's property insurance carrier, WARM and distributed to those in attendance.

Library Retirement Match- Librarian Debbie Sturman visited with the Commissioners about the retirement issue and funding. During the county budgeting process, the funding for the Library retirement match was inadvertently omitted. Sturman inquired as to when the County would cover the shortage in the budget so she could advertise for unanticipated revenues. The shortage, if any, will be resolved at the end of the budget year in June 2005.

Stage Road Bridge- Ed Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed Stage Road relocation and the Adopt a Bridge program. Cook suggested some changes to the layout of the proposed road.

Payroll & the following vouchers were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed to reconvene on September 14, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse.


ATTEST
Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

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