

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 16, 2005

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2005 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- The Commissioners met with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads and equipment. Thomas discussed road damage that occurred on Silver Springs Road, as well as other roads throughout the county, due to recent heavy rains. Thomas also discussed the patching done to the potholes on the Manville Spur appeared to be holding up well.

County Treasurer- County Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook met with the Commissioners to discuss a discrepancy found pertaining to the County's Cash Reserve. Upon completing a trial balance at the end of July, Holdbrook noted that there was approximately a \$213,895 accounting error. There was a debit entry that was not accompanied by an appropriate credit entry resulting in a decrease in the projected cash reserve for FY 2005-2006.

Official Bond & Oath- The Commissioners acknowledged a bond and oath for Linda Decker to serve as Treasurer of the Niobrara County Library Board.

Radio Tower- The Commissioners held a telephone conference with Mike Kant to discuss a no cost lease between Kant and the County for the use of the radio tower on 77 Hill. There was some confusion about bills being submitted to the county for the use of the tower so the commissioners requested that a written contract be drafted to eliminate this confusion. Kant stated he would begin the process.

The regular meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. to hold a public hearing on the transfer of funds for budget overages from the FY 2004-2005 budget.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:09 a.m. The commissioners approved the transfer of funds in the following amounts from the general fund for the following departments: Sheriff's Dept. \$11,401.63 and Road & Bridge- \$1,380.82.

Catering Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the catering permit for the Pub, LLC, to serve alcoholic beverages at the Fahy/Benda wedding reception being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on August 20, 2005. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Application for Change of Zoning- The commissioners received a recommendation of approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding an application for a change of zoning for Dave Thomson. He is requesting that approximately 10 acres be changed from agricultural to industrial-gravel pit on land located in NE1/4 of Se1/4 Sec. 22, T37N, R67W, and NW1/4 of SW1/4 Sec. 23, T37N, R67W. The Commissioners set the public hearing for September 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

Conservation District- The commissioners received a request from the Conservation District for a letter of support as they try to obtain increased funding from the Department of Agriculture. The increase would increase the state's budget from \$345,000 to \$600,000 to be dispersed between all conservation districts in the state. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to draft a letter of support. **MOTION CARRIED.**