

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
December 20, 2005

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2005 at 9:03 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Richard A. Ladwig, Ron Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the Clerk of Court for \$1,559.96.

Road & Bridge-The Commissioners met with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed equipment and roads. Thomas stated that the loader would be here soon and that Wyoming Machinery representative John Stearns wanted to meet with the Commissioners to discuss payment options.

Manville Spur- There was continued discussion about the Manville Spur and who will maintain this road. Commissioners Ladwig stated he would attend the Manville Town Council meeting to discuss this issue.

Neil Holmes- Landowner Neil Holmes met with the Commissioners and Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss McMaster Road. Holmes inquired if this road was on the list of roads to be graveled. Thomas stated that it is scheduled but it will occur at a later date.

Homeland Security- Town of Van Tassell Mayor LaWanna Reece, Van Tassell Council Member Mark Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator Kester Akers, Homeland Security Grant Coordinator Pete Pier and Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss the status of the FY 2005 Homeland Security grant. Reece inquired about the status of the radio for the fire truck in Van Tassell and their hand held radio. She was informed that the mobile radio was installed in a 6 x 6 truck that will be stationed in Van Tassell this spring. Pier believes that the Fire District is in possession of the hand held radio. Pier noted that the 2005 Homeland Security Grant had been expended and the FY 2006 money has yet to be allocated.

Dept. of Audit- The Commissioners received notification from the Dept. of Audit that the Hospital District and Predatory Board had filed their respective audits and are in compliance.

Commissioner Wasserburger adjourned the regular meeting at 10:57 a.m. to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Planning & Zoning Resolution. The Public Hearing adjourned and the regular meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m.

Planning & Zoning Resolution Amendments- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to adopt the amendments to the P & Z Resolution requesting land developers to meet with Planning & Zoning before purchasing land and to change the regular meeting day from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Monday of each month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Planning & Zoning Vacancy- The Commissioners received a letter of interest from Sena Pearson to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board. The vacancy was created by the expired term of Lynne Boas. Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to appoint Sena Pearson to the Planning & Zoning Board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

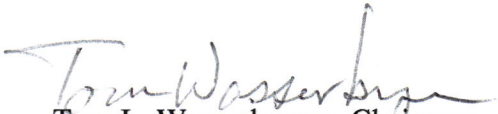
Elected Officials- The Commissioners met with Elected Officials to discuss the proposed Holidays for 2006 and salaries for elected officials for the next four years.

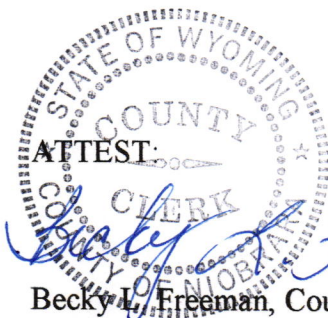
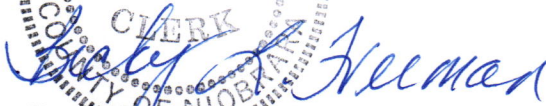
Holidays- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the 2006 Holiday proposal as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer- Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and discussed the treasurer's books and a letter received from the Dept. of Revenue regarding a request for a refund of sales tax that was accidentally charged on a commercial vehicle. The Department approved the refund of \$ 2,464.20 for Holmes Ranch D/B/A H & H Enterprises, LLC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman


ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk