

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
December 6, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2005 at 9:04 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Ron Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Commissioner Richard A. Ladwig joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2005 Regular Meeting and the November 15, 2005 Public Hearings. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of October from the Clerk of Court for \$841.00.

Road & Bridge- The Commissioners met with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed equipment, the crushing project and easements. There was also discussion about the Nelson Road in Manville and requests to change some county road names.

County Attorney- The Commissioners met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed the equipment rental contract. Davies wanted a clause inserted in the contract about retaining the County's governmental immunity. Davies also reviewed a mutual aid contract between Converse and Niobrara Counties. He stated that it appeared to be in order.

Executive Session- Entered into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. The regular session reconvened at 10:33 a.m. No action was taken.

County Sheriff- The Commissioners met with Sheriff Rick Zerbe to discuss the Mutual Aid agreement between Converse & Niobrara Counties. Pfister moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to sign the agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Zerbe also noted that he had signed an agreement for the standby generator.

Community Enhancement Tree Program- The Niobrara Conservation District sent out applications for the Community Enhancement Tree Program. The deadline for application submission is February 1, 2006. The Commissioners asked that copies be distributed to other county entities.

Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) Vehicle Use Policy & Special Funds for Paying Claims- LGLP Submitted a letter regarding potential liability issues pertaining to possible misuse of county vehicles. Some of the issues addressed were using county vehicles for personal use and the transporting of family members. The Commissioners will review the County's policy and discuss this further at a later time. The letter also addressed entities creating special funds to pay claims that LGLP has denied. Currently, Niobrara County has no such fund established.

Department of Audit- The Commissioners received notification from the Dept. of Audit that the Hospital District and the Predator Board had not filed annual reports with them. Treasurer Keri Thompson met briefly with the Commissioners to update them on the status of this issue. She noted that she had spoken with both entities and that the Hospital District would be filing their report and that the Predator Board was actually in compliance according to the Department.

Homeland Security- The Commissioners received information from the Office of Homeland Security regarding their Notice of Intent to Adopt New Rules. These rules are