

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
February 1, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Tom L. Wasserburger, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of January from the County Clerk for \$2,896.50 and from the Sheriff for \$35,238.10.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Executive Session- Entered into executive session at 9:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads, equipment, gravel, and crossings.

Lance Creek Crossing- Thomas discussed placing rock in the crossing to eliminate the drop off. It is anticipated that this will allow the water to run through more freely. He noted the crossing will be a bit rougher, but should be manageable.

Gravel- Discussed the amounts of gravel needed from the Manville Quarry to do road improvements in that area. Also discussed the county road fund and requirements necessary to stockpile gravel and rent equipment to move the gravel.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed old business.

Executive Session- Entered into executive session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular session reconvened at 10:17 a.m. Davies and the Commissioners also discussed the liquor license policy currently in effect and some possible revisions.

28 Road- Ladwig advised the Board that Sheldon Albertson, with NEA, had inquired as to when NEA would be needed to move the power poles when construction begins on 28 Road. He noted that NEA was currently out 90 days with projects and would need notification as soon as possible when the road construction is ready to begin so they would be available to us.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security - Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant- Homeland Security Grant Administrator Jay Doyle met with the Commissioners to discuss this grant. He noted that the grant is for \$255,000,000. Awards are based on competitive bids nationwide; and a project is required to be in the works with a benefit cost analysis included. One project discussed was wooden snow fences. The deadline for the application is March 15, 2005.

Rebate of Taxes- Approved and signed a rebate of taxes from the 2004 tax roll for Kenneth Wright for \$59.18, certificate #274.

Wyoming Association of Risk Management (WARM) Insurance Renewal Application- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to sign the Property Coverage, Boiler & Machinery, and Crime Renewal forms, with updated values, for County owned property for FY 2005-2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Catering Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve a catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Sportsman's Banquet being held February 5, 2005 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bond & Oath- Approved and signed a bond and oath for Rod Pfister as Treasurer of the Niobrara Conservation District.