

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING
February 15, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 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.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of January from the Clerk of Court for \$887.83.

Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2005 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and Art Boatright of Mobile Concrete to discuss gravel the county hopes to acquire from the Manville Quarry. They discussed prices, quantity of gravel needed for projects, and stockpiling the gravel. Ladwig noted that in order to use the county road funds for projects over \$25,000 the project requires an engineers certification and a bid process needs to be completed.

Homeland Security Grant Coordinator- The Commissioners met with grant coordinator Jay Doyle and Pete Pier to discuss the status of the position. Doyle advised the Commissioners that he would be resigning as grant coordinator and Pier stated he would like to remain involved with the grants. Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to accept Doyle's resignation as Homeland Security Grant Coordinator. **MOTION CARRIED.** Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to appoint Pete Pier as Homeland Security Grant Coordinator. **MOTION CARRIED.** Pier accepted the appointment.

North Lance Creek Easement- The Commissioners received information from the State Lands and Investment Board, Real Estate Management Division, regarding the status of the easement on the North Lance Creek Crossing. This information was forwarded to the County Attorney for his review.

Special District Compliance- The Commissioners received and reviewed a letter from the Department of Revenue advising that our special districts are in compliance with reporting requirements. It was noted, however, that some forming documents are unavailable; therefore, letters from the Commissioners, affirming the formation of the district, need to be composed and forwarded to the Department of Revenue.

Homeland Security Emergency Mgmt Grant- Homeland Security Director Joe Moore, Emergency Management Coordinator Kester Akers & Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook met to with the Commissioners to discuss funding for the FY 2005-2006 budget for Emergency Management. Currently the State reimburses the County for expenditures from emergency management up to 2500.00. Under the new grant agreement, if the County budgets \$16,000 then the Office of Domestic Preparedness will match \$8,000. It was unknown at this time if the County will be able to fund the full amount. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to sign the Homeland Security Survey for Emergency Management funding for FY 2005-2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vehicle Bid- Received a bid from Ron Price for a 1995 Ford PU for \$2,000, a 1990 Chevy PU for \$1,000 and a 1992 Chevy PU for \$1,500. After some discussion, the Commissioners decided to reject the bids and send the trucks, a generator, and a lawn tractor to auction in Torrington.

Executive Session- The Commissioners entered into executive session at 1:45 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

Tom Bartelt met briefly with the Commissioners to inquire about installing a vending machine in the courthouse. The Commissioners authorized the installation of a vending machine in the courthouse.

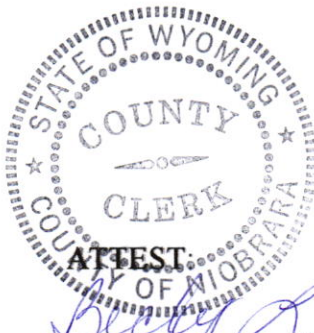
Community Enhancement Tree Program Grant- Received notification that the project for the Community Enhancement Tree Program at the fairgrounds was not funded because the application was incomplete and submitted after the deadline. The Conservation District encouraged the board to apply next year with additional information such as a dollar amount and someone other than the district to plant the trees.


Dispatch Budget- Met with Town of Lusk Mayor Pete Pier to discuss funding for the dispatch budget. The Town and County share in the financial requirements of operating dispatch, however, the County currently funds a majority of the budget. Pier informed the Commissioners, that due to budget restraints, the Town would only be able to budget \$61,500, which is the amount they funded last year. There was discussion on requesting funding from other entities in addition to the Town of Lusk.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman




Becky L. Freeman, Clerk