

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
January 4, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on January 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Vice-Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Ronson B. Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

The first order of business was to appoint a chairman and vice-chairman. Pfister moved to nominate Wasserburger as chairman. Ladwig seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Wasserburger moved, seconded by Pfister, to reappoint Ladwig as Vice-Chairman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledged the following receipts for the month of December from the County Clerk for \$2,660.29 and the Sheriff for \$685.00.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2004 regular meeting. Pfister abstained from voting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- Met with Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed the Wasserburger Bridge. Thomas noted that the bridge is in bad shape and did not feel that it would hold up to a lot of heavy truck traffic.

Thomas inquired about a permanent meeting place for the Senior Pro Board. Thomas, who is on the board, asked if there would be any conflict by holding their monthly meetings at the county shop. He wants a permanent meeting area where he can store files. Wasserburger and Ladwig didn't see any conflict, however, they suggested Thomas also inquire about using the fairgrounds.

Thomson pit- Wasserburger mentioned that DEQ wanted two permits for this pit. He will contact the DEQ and get the necessary forms to fill out.

Cody Clark met briefly with the commissioners to discuss how someone is chosen to be appointed to the fair board. Clark, who is on the Senior Pro Rodeo board, would like to have a board member represented on the fair board. Wasserburger suggested the Senior Pro Rodeo Board members attend a Fair Board meeting to discuss issues. Pfister suggested holding a joint meeting between the two boards.

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

Weed & Pest Control District Directors- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve and appoint three applicants for Weed & Pest Control District Directors for a four-year term. The three applications were from Lee Lamb who will represent Area II; Neil Holmes representing Area I; and William Greer representing Area IV. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Liquor Permit- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the permit for The Pub to serve alcoholic beverages for the Inaugural Ball to be held January 15, 2005 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. This permit is pending receipt of liquor liability insurance from the Pub. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 05-01- Federal Lands- Custom/Culture/Heritage

Resolution 05-02- State Lands- Custom/Culture/Heritage

Resolution 05-03- E911 Surcharge

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the above listed resolutions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming Community Gas- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to sign and approve the natural gas selection agreement to include the Weed & Pest's new building. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Fair Board Appointment- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to reappoint Corky Fosher for a five (5) year term, which will end December 31, 2009. Fosher's current term expired Dec. 31, 2004. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Homeland Security Conference- Emergency Management Coordinator Kester Akers and Homeland Security Grant Coordinator Jay Doyle met with the Commissioners to discuss the Homeland Security Conference being held in Cheyenne the week of January 31 - Feb. 4, 2005. February 3, 2005 is scheduled for homeland security grant administration and the Commissioners were asked to appoint someone to attend. The commissioners appointed Becky L. Freeman to attend this training.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Management M.O.U. & Soft Match- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and the Soft Match Authorization Certification between WOHS/EM and Niobrara County. **MOTION CARRIED.** The purpose of the M.O.U. is to establish an Emergency Management Performance Grant work plan detailing the work the county emergency management coordinator will perform. WOHS/EM agrees to pay up to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) not to exceed 50% of the county's total emergency management expenditures for the period.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Present were Sheriff Rick L. Zerbe, Assessor Elaine B. Griffith, Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook, Clerk Becky L. Freeman and Extension Coordinator Denise E. Smith. Sheriff Zerbe noted that the generator is repaired. Assessor Griffith noted that property sales are higher than they were last year. Treasurer Holdbrook discussed collection of taxes and Extension Coordinator Denise E. Smith advised the commissioners that the fair board would like to meet with them regarding liquor permits at the fair grounds. Clerk Freeman discussed election equipment.

Oath & Bond- Acknowledged and signed the Oath and Bond for Mike Carlson as Treasurer of the Niobrara County Hospital District.

Legislature- Discussed the upcoming legislative session and legislative issues.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be held January 18, 2005 in the Commissioners room of the Niobrara County Courthouse.



ATTEST:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tom L. Wasserburger
Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman