

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING**  
**June 21, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister and Deputy County Clerk Alisha A. Frye.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of May from the Sheriff for \$13,238.57.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2005 regular meeting, and the minutes of the June 7, 2005 public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Brice Refrigeration- The Commissioners met with Brice Johnson of Brice Refrigeration to discuss the library's air conditioning system and the courthouse boiler and chimney. Johnson noted that when the inspection of the chimney was done, there were some areas that are a cause for concern, but the unit was stable. Johnson discussed lining the chimney and sealing the brick to water proof it. Johnson estimated costs to be around \$10,000 to complete this task. He will contact the Commissioners with a more concrete figure after more pictures are taken of the chimney. They also discussed what equipment was needed to remove the old air conditioning unit from the Library.

ESRI- Jeff Garland of ESRI gave a presentation on GIS software. Those in attendance were Elaine Griffith, Dawn Otten, Cheryl Lund, Andy Martin, Rhonda Holdbrook, Rick Zerbe, and Fred Thomas. The Assessor currently has a GIS program, but it is becoming obsolete. This presentation provided information showing the benefits to not only the Assessor's office but to the Sheriff's office and Road & Bridge as well.

Road and Bridge- Thomas discussed county roads and how all of the recent moisture and heavy truck traffic has caused some roads to be severely damaged to the point of needing to be closed. Thomas noted he was receiving calls from landowners about the conditions of the roads. There was discussion about putting load limits and restrictions on some of the roads. County Attorney Doyle J. Davies suggested drafting a resolution to implement these changes.

County Attorney- The Commissioners met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed a letter agreement for temporary construction easement and permanent easement with landowners Wayne R. and Kathy Ann Tatman and Michael E. and Jeanine S. Larson. They also discussed the recycling bins, the Manville Spur and the Qwest claim. They also briefly discussed the County Attorney's budget request.

Claude Smith met with the Commissioners to discuss the BLM Regional Management Plan and Prairie Dog control. Smith is concerned about the prairie dogs destroying the livestock forage.

Governor's Natural Resource Tour- The Commissioners submitted one name for the Governor's Natural Resource Tour. Commissioner Ron Pfister will attend the event, which will be held in Cody, Wyoming on September 26-27, 2005.

Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners noted a change of valuation for DNR Oil & Gas, Inc. for \$1,726.68.

Guardian Ad Litem Contract- The Commissioners received a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) from the Supreme Court of Wyoming. During the 2005 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed the Guardian Ad Litem Bill, which established a state-funded

program for Guardians Ad Litem in abuse, neglect, and CHINS actions. This is a matching program with the Counties matching 25% of the state money. It was also noted that this is a reimbursable program. The program goes into effect July 1, 2005. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Guardian Ad Litem M.O.U. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Eastern Wyoming Mental Health- The Commissioners received a contract for employee assistance programs. Some clauses in the contract needed clarification before the Commissioners will sign it. This matter was tabled until further notice.

Library Board Appointment- Library Board Member Lisa Pischel's term expires June 30, 2005. The library board has submitted Pischel's name for reappointment. Wasserburger moved, seconded by Ladwig, to reappoint Lisa Pischel to the Library Board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2005 Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling Project- Benchmark of Torrington submitted a notice of award to be signed by the Commissioners. There were also contracts to be signed by the contractor, Niobrara County and Benchmark of Torrington. Upon review of the contracts, it appeared that the incorrect bid prices were listed. After a phone conversation with Bob Taylor of Benchmark discussing the bid price and confirming the \$1,410,000 price, Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to sign the notice of award. **MOTION CARRIED.**

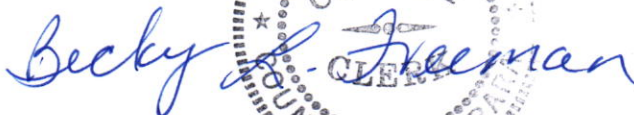
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be July 5, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room in the Niobrara County Courthouse.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman

ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

