

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
June 7, 2005**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of May from the County Clerk for \$2,475.25 and from the Clerk of Court for \$559.98.

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2005 regular meeting, the May 27, 2005 special meeting with grammatical corrections, and the June 3, 2005 special meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- The Commissioners met with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads, auto gates, gravel pits, & equipment. Thomas informed the board the he had bladed the Senior Center parking lot.

Meridian Road- Landowners Dale Gunn, Dwight Krein, & Jerry Morehead met with the Commissioners to discuss the condition of Meridian Road. Damage to the road has occurred due to the combination of heavy truck traffic and recent moisture. There was some discussion of placing pit run gravel on the road but it was noted that it would break down quickly because the pit run gravel does not meet county road standards specifications. Budget constraints and proximity of gravel sources are problems that prohibit immediate improvement of this road. The Commissioners assured the landowners that this road was on the list of roads scheduled for improvements.

County Attorney- The Commissioners met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed a contract between the State of Wyoming, Department of Family Services and Niobrara Clerk of District Court. Davies also discussed proposed amendments that Planning and Zoning would like to incorporate into their existing resolution. There was continued discussion about the Manville Spur and how to transfer ownership within the city limits of the Town of Manville.

Petition to Cross County Roads- The Commissioners met with Justin Kremers, representing the Kremers Ranch and discussed the petition to cross County Roads. The Kremers want to bore a water pipeline on the north end of the 28 Road that bisects their ranch. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the petition to cross the county road. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 05-04- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Resolution 05-04, authorizing the county to execute that certain "Communications/911/Dispatch Services Operations Agreement". **MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor's Natural Resource Tour- The Commissioners received information from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture regarding the Governor's Natural Resource Tour. The Governor is asking the commission to submit nominations of five individuals and two alternates from Niobrara County who are concerned with environmental, agricultural, recreational, economic, or mineral resource issues to participate in this event. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2005 and the tour will be held Sept. 26-27, 2005 in Cody Wyoming.

Official Bond & Oath- Approved the bond & oath for Penny VenJohn as Treasurer of the Town of Lusk.

Department of Family Services (DFS)/Clerk of District Court (CDC) Cooperative Agreement- The Commissioners received Amendment Number One to the existing cooperative agreement between Dept. of Family Services and the Clerk of District Court. This amendment constitutes the first amendment to the Cooperative Agreement and adds one (1) year to the original Agreement and includes language changes required by the Office of the Attorney General. The expiration date of this agreement now reads June 30, 2006. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve Amendment Number One to the Cooperative Agreement.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Dept. of Revenue- Acknowledged the notice of valuation change for Boggy Creek Production Co. This notice reflects a valuation change increase of \$1,047.16.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- The Commissioners met with Treasurer Rhonda Holdbrook, Sheriff Rick Zerbe, Librarian Debbie Sturman, Extension Office Coordinator Denise E. Smith, Assessor, Elaine B. Griffith, Clerk of Court Linda Foshier, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman to discuss county operations.

Holdbrook discussed upcoming vehicle registration changes and the need for new laser printers. She noted there should be some grants available to help defray costs.

Foshier noted that NEA tested the circuits in her office and they tested fine Griffith discussed the GIS presentation scheduled for June 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners room. She also discussed difficulty her office is having with the current GPS system. She noted that it is not picking up the required satellite readings.

Sturman asked the Commissioners if the Library could use the lawn at the Old Jail to hold their book sale. The commissioners approved this request. She also discussed maintenance issues with the air conditioner and ballasts.

Commissary Account- Sheriff Zerbe met with the commissioners to discuss a balance remaining from the old commissary account. Zerbe noted that there was roughly \$3,000 remaining in the account and wanted approval to use this money to purchase a new dishwasher, refrigerator, and washer. All of these items are used for the inmates and the commissary funds were generated by inmate purchases. Zerbe was authorized to use the commissary funds to purchase a washer, dishwasher, & refrigerator for the jail.

2005 Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling Project- The Commissioners reviewed the \$1,591,000 bid from Mobile Concrete, Inc. of Casper to crush 250,000 cubic yards of gravel. They held a phone conference with company representative Art Boatright and discussed the proposed bid. After considerable discussion, Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister to award the crushing project bid to Mobile Concrete, Inc. for \$1,410,000. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Benchmark of Torrington- The commissioners held a conference call with Bob Taylor of Benchmark of Torrington to discuss the new bid price on the crushing project. There was discussion about core testing requirements, number of test required, and prices. Taylor said he would check different labs to try to obtain the best price for Niobrara County. The commissioners authorized Benchmark to contact Art Boatright about this contract and Taylor noted that if the county was satisfied with the bid, then Benchmark would draw up notice of award.

Commissioners Renewal Scholarships- The Commissioners received four (4) applications for one (1) renewal scholarship. The commissioners awarded the renewal scholarship to Kyle Lund. The alternates, ranked in order of selection, were Erin Smith, Anna Fahy, and Joe Kruse.

Town of Van Tassell- Town Councilman Cody Bruegger met with the Commissioners to request a fire truck in Van Tassell. The commissioners advised him to discuss the matter with the Rural Fire District.

Homeland Security 2003 Government Portion- A request for approval to use local government portions of the 2003 funds set-aside for critical infrastructure was received from the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. Joe Moore, Director of the State Office of Homeland Security, had originally proposed this program at the WCCA Board Meeting held in Evanston, Wyoming. Moore was seeking permission to use the local government portion (\$852,500) of the 2003 funds for an Integrated Records System requested by the Department of Criminal Investigation. The system would integrate all local criminal databases together, allowing counties to share criminal history and background that may not be on the National Criminal Information Center system (NCIC) and it would integrate the Regional Information Sharing System (RISS Network) into all four regions in the United States together allowing local law enforcement officers to run inquiries on individuals through their systems and gain criminal history and intelligence background on the individual anywhere in the United States. Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the Homeland Security proposal to use the local government portion of the 2003 funds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

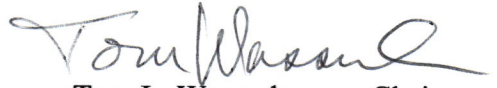
The meeting recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m. to hold a public hearing.

The regular meeting reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Liquor License Application- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister to award the liquor license to Arlene Zerbst Rapp D/B/A Paleo Park. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until June 21, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman



ATTEST:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk


**PUBLIC HEARING  
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County Commission Chairman Tom L. Wasserburger called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday June 7, 2005 in the Commissioners Room at the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Liquor License Applicant Arlene Zerbst Rapp was in the audience.

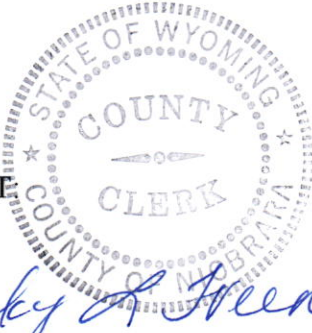

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the application for a retail liquor license for Arlene Zerbst Rapp D/B/A/ Paleo Park. This is the county's second license, which was formerly held by Velma Schneider at Mule Creek Junction. Zerbst Rapp is planning to use the license in conjunction with her business. The term of the license is for six months- from June 8, 2005 to January 6, 2006. Beside the applicant, no one attended to show support of or opposition to the application.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

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