

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
May 3, 2005

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 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 April from the County Clerk for \$2,440.75 and from the Sheriff for \$15,695.00.

Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2005 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following business was conducted:

Road & Bridge- The commissioners met with Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas and discussed roads, pits, and equipment. Thomas noted that Warren Broyles is satisfied with the road but wants flared ends on the culverts. He would pay for them if the county would install them. Thomas estimated it would take 2-3 hrs to install. Broyles would also place rock.

Benchmark of Torrington- Thomas met with BenchMark at the Manville pit to prepare for bid. Thomas estimated that Benchmark would probably figure rock based on cubic yards. It was noted that the bid needs to read that gravel needs to be stockpiled close to Lusk and available for at least five years.

County Equipment Rates- Thomas presented a list of hourly rates for use of county equipment. The rates are as follows:

Pickup with Labor	\$45.00/hr
Pickup with Foreman	\$65.00/hr
Pickup with Welder & Labor	\$65.00/hr
Backhoe	\$75.00/hr
Blade	\$150.00/hr
Loader	\$110.00/hr
Ford Tractor	\$75.00/hr
End Dump	\$65.00/hr
Water Truck	\$75.00/hr
Lowboy	\$90.00/hr
Belly Dump	\$90.00/hr

Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to accept the proposed rates to use County equipment as presented by Road & Bridge Foreman Thomas. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Also discussed bridges and damages to these bridges and cleanup that needs to be done. Thomas discussed purchasing a skid steer loader. There was also discussion about using the Honor Farm in Newcastle to assist in cleanup.

County Attorney- Met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and discussed the Silver Springs phone line damage.

Davies has drafted a letter to the State regarding North Lance Creek easement.

Salary Raises in Mid-Term- Davies also discussed an Attorney General's opinion he received from the county clerk regarding mid term pay raises for employees. The AG's opinion suggests that if mid term raises are to be awarded, it must be done in July and January to coincide with the newspaper publications of salaries and the raises must receive commissioner