

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
April 4, 2006

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on April 4, 2006 at 9:05 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.

Road & Bridge- Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and updated them on the status of S-Bar Road, the bridge cleanup project, and the Manville Spur.

Thomas said that Kirk Sturgeon wanted to purchase the old lawn tractor that had been used at the courthouse to move snow, for \$100. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to sell the tractor to Sturgeon for \$100.

Thomas also discussed the arena at the Fairgrounds. He noted that it is in need of sand. The Commissioners authorized Thomas to obtain approximately twenty loads of sand, put ten loads in the arena and stockpile the remainder.

Equipment- Thomas presented quotes for a new blade. Originally, Wyoming Machinery offered \$95,000 trade-in for the County's two 1996 Cat blades with a difference of \$111,721 due to purchase the new blade. The Commissioners held a phone conference with Wyoming Machinery representative John Stearns to negotiate a lower price for a new blade. After some discussion, Stearns lowered the price to \$102,500, with the original trade-in price of \$95,000 for the two blades. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to purchase a Caterpillar blade from Wyoming Machinery for \$102,500 with interest free financing for one year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney-The Commissioners met with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies to discuss county business. Davies presented the Commissioners with a Scheduling Order setting a trial for December 4, 2006 in the matter of Qwest vs. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Niobrara; Dan Hart Patrol Services; Dan Hart Patrol Services, LLC; Benchmark of Torrington, P.C.; and Cole Lumber & Construction Company, LLC.

Executive Session- The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss litigation and reconvened the Regular Session at 10:31 a.m. No action was taken.

Conservation District- Heidi Sturman and Lisa Shaw met with the Commissioners to update them on the Wyoming Watershed Conference that was held in Riverton, Wyoming on March 21-22, 2006.

Minutes- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Receipts- The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of April from the Sheriff for \$24,887.54 and from the County Clerk for \$3,585.00.

Wyoming State Forestry Division- The Commissioners received notice that the FY 2007 premium of \$6,466.06 is due for participation in the Emergency Fire

Suppression Account. This invoice was forwarded to the Niobrara County Rural Fire District for payment.

Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners noted the following Notice of Valuation Changes for J P Oil Company, Inc. for tax year 2004 (\$70.83) and for tax year 2005 (\$144.19).

Election Districts & Precincts-Upon the recommendation of the County Clerk, Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to set the following districts and precincts for Niobrara County for the 2006 General Election Year:

District/Precinct	Name
1-2	Warren
3-2	Hat Creek
4-1	Lance Creek
6-1	North Lusk
6-2	South Lusk
7-1	Manville

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning & Zoning- Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, the Commissioners set a Public Hearing for May 2, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the existing resolution. The proposed amendment adds a new section regarding zoning change requirements to Class I, II, III and IV Regulations.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Diane Tadewald, Rick Zerbe, Elaine B. Griffith, Keri Thompson, Linda Fosher, and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners to discuss county business. Zerbe said he is busy delivering jury summons. He informed the Commissioners that he had placed a 15-passenger van on hold for two weeks. The cost of the van is \$18,775 and would be used to transport federal inmates.

Griffith stated she would be sending out assessment notices. Thompson said that she is busy collecting the second half of property taxes. Tadewald requested funding for summer help. Fosher stated that there would be a jury trial April 25-28. Freeman noted she would be attending training for the new election equipment the week of April 11-14.

Wasserburger stated that the legislative session had proven beneficial for Niobrara County. He also stated that after a conversation with Steve Elledge, it appeared that the Wyoming Business Council is not the avenue to fund the proposed jail expansion.

Mobile Concrete- The Commissioners received a fax from Mobile Concrete regarding the 2005 Gravel Crushing /Stockpiling Project. In the letter, Art Boatright, Mobile Concrete President, addressed the issues and concerns that were brought forth at the March 10, 2006 Special Meeting. The letter was forwarded to the county attorney and Benchmark of Torrington for their review.

Thompson Road- Bob and Bud Christianson, and Roy and Roxie Sharp met with the Commissioners and Road and Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas to discuss Thompson Road and address concerns they have with access and the difficulty in getting cattle trucks in and out of their property. The Commissioners noted that when the work on S-Bar Road is completed, and if the Christianson's are willing to grant a construction