

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 1, 2006

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 1, 2006 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.

Landowners Dan Hansen and Pat Miller met with the Commissioners to discuss the growing prairie dog population and the problems associated with this growth. He inquired if the Commissioners could obtain funding from the Predator Board or the Animal Damage Mgmt Board to assist in controlling the growing prairie dog population. After consulting with County Attorney Davies, it was determined that the landowners should make this request through the Weed and Pest District and the Predator Control Board.

Minutes- Ladwig moved, Pfister seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 Commissioners' Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of July from the Sheriff for \$1,701.18 and from the County Clerk \$4,428.50.

The Commissioners signed a letter authorizing Communicomm Services to drill a hole in the wall of the museum, which is owned by the county, for the installation of internet services.

Catering Permit- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the Catering Permit for 3 Sisters' Truck Stop to sell alcoholic beverages at the Hammer/Eddy Wedding reception being held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on August 19, 2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Part-Time Circuit Court Magistrate Appointment- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the appointment of William J. Schnackenberg as part-time Magistrate of Niobrara County to perform wedding ceremonies only. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Official Bond & Oath- The Commissioners approved a bond & oath for Linda Decker as Treasurer of the Library Board.

TANF Grant- The Commissioners received confirmation of funds awarded to Niobrara County under the TANF/CPI Grant. The grant amount is \$48,290 and the grant runs from October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007. A contract is to follow.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with Commissioners and discussed county business. Davies presented an agreement between the Congregational Church of Lusk and the Niobrara County Board of County Commissioners laying out terms of use for the church for the Primary and General Elections. The Commissioners signed the agreement.

They also addressed an ad in the paper regarding closure of a road. They are trying to determine if it is a county road and if it is, then they will have the sheriff patrol the road and remove any barricades that might be present.

The Commissioners and County Attorney Davies entered into executive session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. They reconvened the regular session at 11:07 a.m. No action was taken.

Terry Browder met with the Commissioners to discuss the installation of a new auto gate on S-Bar road. The Commissioners informed him that it is their policy that if someone wants a new auto gate placed on a county road, then the individual must purchase the auto gate. The county will install the auto gate, which then becomes part of the county's inventory and the county assumes all liability and maintenance issues surrounding the auto gate. Browder voiced

his concerns over this policy. The Commissioners will discuss this with Fred Thomas and have Thomas contact Browder.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- The Elected Officials and Department Heads met with the Commissioners and discussed departmental operations. Freeman discussed the upcoming elections, and Griffith noted that the funding she had requested from the State (\$28, 880) to help alleviate the costs to the county associated with the implementation of the CAMA system was received.

The Commissioners and Sheriff Zerbe entered into Executive Session at 2:01 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:03 p.m. No action was taken

Sheriff- Sheriff Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss staffing issues in dispatch. Zerbe inquired about implementing a shift differential for the midnight shift and after some discussion, the Commissioners authorized this plan.

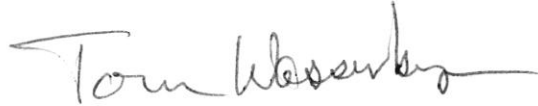
Civil Fees-Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to schedule a public hearing for August 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. to receive public comment on the proposed increase of civil fees; collected by the sheriff; from \$20 to \$35. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Payroll & the following vouchers were approved for payment: July Payroll-61103.89; Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes- 15980.99; Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 356.34; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, maintenance & repairs- 255.05; Avaya Communications- Phones- 140.08; Communicomm Services- Internet & network- 501.70; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 116.15; Decker's Foods- Supplies, meals, meds- 435.60; Davidson's- New Equipment- 5660.10; Fire Nebula Web Design- Computer Expense- 167.19; Fresh Start- Fuel- 2587.76; Hiway Super Service- repairs- 50.00; Jordan Automotive- Vehicle repair- 201.72; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 128.76; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.- Law library- 159.50; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense-250.00; Loyal American Life- Employee pd ins.- 32.61; Lusk Herald- Publications & help wanted ads- 670.25; Niobrara Electric Association- Radio tower and maintenance-195.99; Office Depot- Supplies- 463.78; Orchard Trust Co.- Deferred Comp.- 11,275.00; Plainsman Printing- Supplies & ballots- 2627.94; Qwest- Phone- 985.42; Sperry Drug- Supplies- 28.78; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 208.59; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 2327.75; Ultramax Ammunition- Supplies- 1800.00; USP Communications- Phones- 185.52; Valley Motor Supply- parts- 40.40; Verizon Wireless- Phones- 375.78; Visa- Travel, vehicle repairs, schools, postage-919.63; Becky Freeman- mileage- 205.15; Niobrara County Treasurer- Postage- 35.60; Keri Thompson- Mileage & supplies- 66.84; Citicorp Vendor Finance- 122.00; Connecting Point Computer- Copiers- 178.42; Dex Media East, LLC.- Supplies- 41.31; Dillon Precision Products- Supplies, new equipment- 238.74; Glenrock Components, Inc.- Supplies- 5.95; Lusk Mini Storage- Storage unit- 45.00; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repair- 32.00; Wyoming Investigators Assoc.- Dues- 50.00; Ed Buchanan- Dep. County Attorney- 3600.00; Doyle J. Davies- Office expenses- 830.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier & maintenance fees- 639.43; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1 % Option tax- 10747.75; UW Ag & Communications- Supplies- 41.00; Business Office Systems- Copier- 46.57; DayDots- Supplies- 53.50; Escape Conference- Registration fee- 45.00; Tammie Jensen- Mileage & supplies- 338.11; Aspen Publisher, Inc.- Law Library- 2399.40; H. Rick Hollon- Court appointed attorney- 76.21; Dennis C. Meier- Rent- 600.00; Brice Refrigeration- Maintenance- 5266.27; K-D Maintenance- Maintenance Contract, balance due on previous contract & supplies- 12312.61; WAM-WCCA- County window project- 625.00; AlSCO- Shop towels & coveralls- 125.54; Anderson Highway Signs- Supplies- 482.76; Farm Plan- Parts- 148.55- Hose & Rubber Supply- Parts- 94.26;

Peterbilt of Wyoming- Parts- 216.29; Wyoming Machinery- Parts & extended warranty- 3762.04; Kester Akers- Phone & Internet- 29.63; Niobrara Circuit Court- Garnishment- 557.35; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 2071.44; E S & S- Supplies, new equipment & ballot coding- 5426.29; Rhondele's Excess Baggage- New Equipment- 212.79; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Townsend Co.- Inc.- Joint O & M- 43.42; H. Rick Hollon- Guardian Ad Litem- 2880.56


There being no further business, the meeting recessed until August 15, 2006.

NIOBARRA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk