

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