

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
December 5, 2006**

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on December 5, 2006. Present were Commissioner Chairman Tom L. Wasserburger, Commissioners Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Hospital District- Hospital District Board Chairman Mel ZumBrunnen and Hospital Administrator Robert Brummond met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of transferring the Hospital buildings owned by the county, to the District. After some discussion, it was decided to delay this request because the District will be participating in a strategic planning event. They will review the option of transferring the property later.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed roads, easements, pits and the gravel-crushing project. Thomas noted that he had been contacted by individuals concerned about the conditions of their roads due to extensive heavy truck traffic. Thomas informed the Commissioners that the roads are on the list for repairs. Thomas also discussed the gravel pit road and conversation he had with WYDOT regarding the condition of the road. WYDOT wanted the county to place a 24' top on the road but the road currently meets county road standards so no additional product will be added by the county. They also discussed culverts and Thomas said he could extend one culvert and add an 18" culvert in the road but no further improvements will be added at the county's expense.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. Davies discussed a letter he received from the Attorney General's Office regarding the termination of parental rights. The letter advised him that in order for the Office of the Attorney General to pursue the termination of parental rights, they must receive a written request from the County Attorney and be appointed as a Special Assistant County Attorney.

RESOLUTION 06-14- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve **RESOLUTION 06-14-Appointment of Dan S. Wilde, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Jill E. Kucera, of the Attorney General's Office as Special Assistant County Attorneys for the purpose of pursuing the termination of parental rights in Juvenile Action # J3-012 and Civil Action # 17-83 as requested by the Department of Family Services. MOTION CARRIED**

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

County Treasurer-Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners to discuss issues that the auditors found during the annual county audit. There is an outstanding balance of approximately \$21,000 for the SLIB Hospital Grant. Keri has tracked every transaction with the grant and it appears that the Hospital District owes the county for invoices paid out by the county. She will discuss this matter with Hospital District Chairman Mel ZumBrunnen. There is also an outstanding balance of \$8500 from an economic development loan made to Lane Johnson by the County. To date, the county has not been able to collect on this loan. The auditors would like these balances either written off or reconciled with the entities and individuals as soon as possible.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of November from the County Clerk- \$3,614.25 and from the Sheriff for \$15,128.16.

Homeland Security- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the LEPC Grant for Niobrara County for \$1485.79 ending September 30, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED.**