

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 10, 2006**

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for a Special Meeting on March 10, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Tom L. Wasserburger, Richard A. Ladwig, Ronson B. Pfister, Bob Taylor and Brian Wakefield of Benchmark of Torrington, Mike Hays of the Lusk Herald, Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas, County Attorney Doyle J. Davies and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the county's options regarding the rock-crushing contract and gravel specifications.

Bob Taylor presented a timeline of the crushing project since the bid was awarded on June 15, 2005 to the proposed completion date of March 15, 2006. Issues addressed were the delay in the start of the crushing project, the lack of written communication from the contractor requesting any kind of extension on the project, and some of the product not meeting specifications. Taylor noted that the crushing could have begun as early as August 1, 2005; however the crushing didn't begin until the week of January 16, 2006 in part due to weather and archeological studies that needed to be completed.

The contract provides for a penalty phase in the event a project isn't completed on time and it provides lesser payment options for the product if it is of lesser quality than what the contract stipulates. The Commissioners noted that Mobile Concrete has been extremely good to work with and has done things for the county that aren't required in the contract such as providing someone to load the trucks for us. The Commissioners also noted that the county is not being hurt by this delay and they are continuing ahead with the project.

Benchmark suggested drafting a letter to Mobile Concrete laying out the timeline and then requesting something in writing from the contractor as to his proposed deadline. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, directing Benchmark to draft a letter, for their review, to Mobile Concrete to address the Commissioners concerns about a completion date, ask what Mobile Concrete suggests as a solution, and express the County's appreciation on the good working relationship they have. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Tom L. Wasserburger

ATTEST


Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

