

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 21, 2006

The Niobrara County Commissioners reconvened for their regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 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 to discuss equipment, roads, and basic operations.

The Commissioners had a phone conference with County Attorney Doyle J. Davies to discuss the letter drafted by Benchmark of Torrington to Mobile Concrete regarding the deadline for completion of the rock-crushing project. Davies addressed items he would like to see changed in the document before the Commissioners sign. He stated he would contact Benchmark with these changes and request a written reply from the contractor by April 4, 2006.

S-Bar Road- Due to recent moisture, Thomas recommended closing S Bar Road to thru traffic until further notice or July 1. The Commissioners agreed with this recommendation. Thomas will contact dispatch, emergency services, and landowners to advise them of these developments.

Thomas updated the Commissioners on costs to rent a dozer to do work on S Bar Road. He received quotes from several companies with prices ranging from \$14,000 per month to \$14,160 with delivery charges of approximately \$1600 for a round trip. Thomas did note that there was an older dozer for rent from Jack's Truck & Equipment in Gillette for \$10,000 with approximately the same delivery fees. He will inspect the machine for undercarriage and A- frame damage before making a decision.

Wyoming Community Gas- Wyoming Community Gas Marketing Representative Stephanie Reeves met with the Commissioners to discuss the Gas Management Service Agreement. Reeves updated them on some changes in the renewal agreement and explained the hedging process for natural gas purchases. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to renew the Gas Management Service Agreement with Wyoming Community Gas. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Niobrara Tobacco Prevention- Jeanne Peterson met with Commissioners and presented information about this program. Funding for this program is provided by grants from the State and the Master Settlement Agreement, which results from settlements of tobacco lawsuits. The goals of this program are to eliminate exposure to second hand smoke, reduce youth tobacco use, increase quit attempts and promote use of state sponsored cessation services and include and educate populations most affected by these issues.

Minutes- Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting, with spelling changes, and the March 10, 2006 Special Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) - Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Homeland Security EMPG

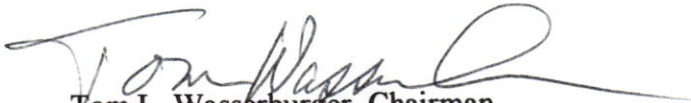
award of \$13,638 for FY 2006 (October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2007).

MOTION CARRIED.

Conoco & Union 76 Fleet Fuel Card Applications- The Commissioners chose not to renew this application at this time.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman



ATTEST:


Becky L. Freeman, Clerk