

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 7, 2006

The Niobrara County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9:06 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 and discussed roads, equipment, and the crushing project. He updated the Commissioners on the condition of S-Bar Road. Thomas needs to rent a dozer to rework the road as there are currently portions of the road fenced off due to erosion.

Thomas presented information regarding the purchase of an extended warranty for the loader. The cost for a three year, 5,000 hour warranty is \$2,560. The cost for coverage on the power train for 3 years and 5,000 hours is \$1,920. Ladwig moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the purchase of the three year, 5,000 hour extended warranty for the new loader for \$2,560. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rock Crushing Pit- Thomas informed the board that he had a conference call with Benchmark of Torrington to discuss the rock-crushing project and the approaching deadline for completion. Benchmark suggested a meeting with the Commissioners to address concerns they have regarding the penalty phase of the contract and the specifications on the gravel. Commissioner Wasserburger called a Special Meeting for March 10, 2006 at 11:00 in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

Bridge Work- Thomas discussed information he received from the state regarding bridges that need work and or cleanup around them. Thomas will try to get assistance from the Honor Farm in Newcastle to help move logs and clean up debris. He also stated that there were local individuals with skid steer loaders that had offered use of their equipment to move dirt and gravel.

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

Official Bond & Oath- Ladwig moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the bond and oath for Rod Pfister as Treasurer of the Niobrara Conservation District. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioner Ron Pfister abstained from voting.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following receipts for the month of February from the County Clerk for \$2,842.50, the Clerk of Court for \$1,556.98, and the Sheriff for \$1,140.71.

Proposed Jail Expansion- County Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners and presented information he gathered regarding costs to expand the jail. This jail expansion proposal originated from a joint meeting between the Town of Lusk, the County Commissioners, and Steve Elledge of the Wyoming Business Council. Elledge informed the boards that because the jail is an income generator, it would qualify for funds from the Business Council. Wasserburger stated he would contact Elledge and discuss this proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Elected Officials and Department Heads- Elaine Griffith, Keri Thompson, Rick Zerbe, Becky Freeman and Town of Lusk Mayor Pete Pier met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. Thompson reported they were busy with auto and commercial vehicle registrations. Griffith updated the board on training she and her staff is attending. She also stated