

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIORARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
November 2, 2006**

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. Present were Commissioner Chairman Tom L. Wasserburger, Commissioner Ronson B. Pfister, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Commissioner Richard A. Ladwig was unable to attend due to a family medical matter. Commissioner-Elect Arlene Zerbst was also in attendance.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006 Meeting with a minor grammatical change. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of October from the Clerk of Court for \$840.20 and the County Clerk for \$4,597.25.

Cancellation of Taxes- The Commissioners acknowledged petitions for cancellation of taxes for Jim's Water Service, \$160.98 cancellation # 00721; IMB Credit, LLC. \$7.28, cancellation #722; and Conoco Inc. (Conoco/Phillips Co.) \$103.44, cancellation # 723.

Official Bond & Oath- The Commissioners acknowledged an Official Bond & Oath for \$3,000 for Gail Mahnke as Supervisor of County of Niobrara Weed & Pest Control Board.

Catering Permit- Pfister moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve a 24-hour catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Friends of NRA Banquet being held November 11, 2006 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds, contingent upon receipt of an approval letter from the Town of Lusk. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hospital Equipment Grant- The Niobrara Health & Life Center sent a letter to the Commissioners regarding hospital equipment they plan to purchase, with grant funds, within the next three months.

Fisher Roofing & Restoration- The Commissioners received a compilation proposal from Fisher reflecting all work to be done. The final amount is \$176,688.04, which includes the 6% discount.

Windmill, Spanish Diggings and Baars Road- Shawn Bruegger, Tom & Traci Bruegger, Dave Birch, Kevin Gaukel and Lee Tschacher met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed creation of a new county road. The concerned parties want the county to abandon approximately 2 miles of Windmill Road (1 mile south and 1 mile east) in exchange for approximately 3 miles from Spanish Diggings Road over to Fred Bruegger's house and connect up to Baars Road. Essentially, this would create a loop making a better road for the school bus, mail delivery, and general use. The Commissioners took this suggestion under advisement.

County Road Easements- Verla & Prosper Etchemendy met with Commissioners to discuss county easements. They had questions & concerns regarding control of roads once easements were granted. Verla expressed concerns over granting an easement and then having no control over the road, especially who might hay or mow the barrow pit. County Attorney Doyle J. Davies informed the Commission and the Etchemendy's that an easement could be drafted subject to certain stipulations regarding the maintenance of the barrow pit.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment and the road projects slated for 2007.

Art Boatright of Mobile Concrete met with the Commissioners and Fred Thomas to discuss the gravel-crushing project. They also discussed a letter Art received from Benchmark of Torrington addressing concerns regarding Mobile Concrete's ability to complete the crushing by the November 15, 2006 deadline. Benchmark suggested that any changes to the contract needed to be written up as either an addendum or a change order.