

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA 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.

Art said that Archeological concerns have been part of the delay as well as the availability of someone to shoot the pit. Art is now saying the end of January should be completion date. Mobile will continue to have a scale person available and possibly some aggregate.

Petition to Cross County Road- Pfister moved, seconded by Wasserburger, to approve the petition of Pat Miller to cross a portion of 20 Mile road to installing a 1" waterline across the road. The proposed location is described as follows: SW1/4SW1/4 Sec. 31, T36N, R65W.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Dust Suppression Grant- Wasserburger authorized Commissioner Pfister to move forward with this grant application with assistance from Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas.

Predator Board- The Commissioners assigned the following terms to the individuals appointed to the Predator Board as Sportsmen members: Gary Bayne- 3 year Term; Kerry Powers- 2 Year Term and Gene Kupke- 1 year term. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Transportation resident engineer Jim Barnes met with the Commissioners and discussed upcoming highway projects and the Ruffing Pit.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment: October 2006 Payroll- 59,996.67; Lusk State Bank- Employer's tax- 16,036.97; Aflac- Employee Pd. Ins.- 356.34; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, repairs, maintenance- 529.88; Avaya Communication- Phones- 70.04; Bloomers, LLC.- Supplies, door prize & centerpiece for WACO- 102.95; Bob Barker Co.- New equipment, inmate uniforms & supplies- 9,839.53; Communicomm Services- Internet & network- 141.95; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 213.23; Decker's Foods- Supplies, inmate meals & med- 454.64; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel- 2,311.46; Hiway Super Service- Tire repair & parts- 745.00; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 504.83; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; Loyal American Life- Employee pd. Ins.-40.76; Lusk Herald- Publications- 661.50; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage, supplies- 69.88; Niobrara Electric Association- radio tower, maintenance-525.77; Niobrara Feed & Supply- Uniforms- 46.50; Office Depot- New equipment, supplies- 3,333.99; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.- 11,350.00; Plainsman Printing- Ballots, supplies- 3,794.47; Sperry Drug- 415.59; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 869.29; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1608.86; USP Communications- phones- 193.09; Valley Motor Supply- Parts- 613.78; Verizon Wireless- Cell phones- 406.59; Visa- Supplies, uniforms, equipment- 3,768.21; Walt's Lathe & Machine- parts- 28.61; Computer Software & Associates- Supplies- 73.50; Niobrara County Treasurer- Postage- 63.00; Niobrara County Assessor- Reimburse petty cash- 27.29; Big Sky Ford- Vehicle repairs- 144.06; Citicorp Vendor Finance- Copier- 122.00; Connecting Point Computer- Copier- 631.67; Hornady- Supplies- 253.00; Kinsco, LLC.- Uniforms- 401.75; Lusk Mini Storage- Storage unit- 45.00; The Radar Shop- Recertify radios & repairs- 208.00; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 1,989.31, Ed Buchanan- Dep. County attorney- 3,600.00; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1 % option tax- 12,238.12; Brice's Refrigeration- Maintenance- 3,174.46; Dylux Technology, LLC.- New equipment- 1,980.00; Tammie Jensen- Travel expense- 125.43; Denise E. Smith- Travel expense- 53.40; Wells Fargo Financial- Copier- 236.00; Niobrara Clerk of District Court- Postage, supplies- 109.72; H. Rick Hollon- Court appt'd attorney & Guardian ad Litem- 3,844.27; Black Hills Chemical Co.- Supplies- 275.79; K-D Maintenance Service- Maintenance contract- 9,875.00; Leroy's Plumbing & Heating- Maintenance- 910.00; WAM-WCCA- County Window lease project- 625.00; AlSCO- Shop towels & coveralls- 139.14; B & B Auto Electric, Inc.- Parts- 310.00; Bartow Oil Co.- Diesel- 2,605.65; Great Western Tire Inc.-


Tires- 874.76; Honnen Equipment Co.- Parts- 156.69; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 89.15; Peterbilt of Wyoming- Parts- 10.22; Wyoming Machinery Co.- Equipment rental- 768.00; Kester Akers- ½ internet & phone- 29.80; Casper Star Tribune- Subscription- 202.80; Niobrara Circuit Court- Garnishment- 468.06; Home Health Agency, LLC.- Inmate medical- 1,276.67; Niobrara Health & Life Center- Sexual assault investigation- 666.75; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 2,371.32- 3 Sister's truck Stop- Election Judges meals- 29.36; Carmen Boussu- Election Canvass Board- 5.15; Bobbie Frye- Election judge- 36.05; Cheryl Lund- Election Canvass board- 5.15; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Jeane Stratton- Ancillary Support- 56.96; Pederson Planning- Planning & zoning- 182.25; Security Insurance- Bonds for elected officials- 679.15; W.A.C.O.- 2007 Dues- 250.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 491.94; Buck's Café- Spark Program- 205.85; Lynn Carlson- Supplies for spark program- 343.34; Decker's Foods- Spark program- 143.12; Hiway Super Service- Fuel for CNA student Program- 352.48; Melody Sturgeon- CNA Exam- 210.00; A T & T- phones- 47.37; Gubbels Ford & Chrysler- New Equipment- 17,100.00; Wyoming Dept. of Employment- Worker's Comp.- 422.01; Niobrara Hospital Foundation- Necrology- 35.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Tom L. Wasserburger, Chairman

Attest:

  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk