

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NIOBRARA COUNTY  
August 7, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed the 28 Road Reconstruction project. He informed them that he made arrangements with Clayton Sides and the Town of Lusk for water on 28 Road.

Minutes- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2007 Public Hearing and the July 17, 2007 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of July from the County Clerk for \$5,498.00 and from the Clerk of Court for \$620.00.

Petition to Cross A County Road- Terrance Browder submitted a petition to cross the S-Bar Road to install a power line encased in a 2 7/8" diameter pipe conduit. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the petition. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dept. of Revenue- The Commissioners acknowledged a Notice of Valuation Change on Exco Resources, Inc. changing the mineral designation from natural gas to oil.

The Commissioners acknowledged a thank you card from Justine Swenson for the Commissioners Scholarship.

The Commissioners cancelled the September 18, 2007 meeting due to the WACO convention, which is being held September 18-20, 2007.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and continued discussion on the Guardian Ad Litem selection.

The Commissioners held a phone conference with Wyoming County Commissioners' Association Executive Director Joe Evans to discuss legislative financing and the Select Committee on Local Government Financing.

2007-2008 Tax Levies- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the tax levies for FY 2007-2008. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners approved a bid from Dee's Painting for the Clerk of Court's office for \$472.00

Official Bond & Oath- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the official bond & oath for Theresa Modine as Treasurer of the Niobrara Senior Citizen's Service District. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Keri Thompson, Rick Zerbe, Elaine Griffith, Linda Foshier, Becky Freeman, and the Commissioners discussed county business and office operations.

Sheriff Zerbe stayed and discussed the cost for new counters to be installed in detention. He had originally estimated a cost of approximately \$5,000 but the bid came in at \$9,233.40 for 16' of metal cabinets and stainless steel drawers. After some discussion, the Commissioners authorized Sheriff Zerbe to proceed with the cabinet/counter top repairs with the \$5,000 taken out of detention's budget as planned and the balance taken out of maintenance budget.

County Treasurer- Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and requested authorization to invest in the Multi-Bank Securities and/or ADP Clearing & Outsourcing.

**RESOLUTION 07-07**- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp to approve **Resolution 07-07** authorizing the Niobrara County Treasurer to open accounts, close accounts, endorse checks and order for the payment of money, withdraw funds on deposit, and transfer funds on deposit with Multi-Bank Securities and/or ADP Clearing & Outsourcing Services, Inc.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Thompson also addressed the Specific Purpose Tax and Hospital Bonds. She was inquiring when to stop the tax. Ladwig suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Todd Bishop to discuss this further.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment-74,406.07 July payroll; 20,139.69-Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes; 13,835.00- Orchard Trust Co. Deferred Comp.; 40.76- Loyal American Life- Employee pd. Ins.; 840.66 Aflac Insurance- Employee pd. Ins.; 70.04 Avaya Communications- Phones; 669.00 Brice's Refrigeration, Inc.- Maintenance; 371.70 Communicomm Services- 6 mo. internet; 116.15 Dept. of A & I- Computer expense; 205.69 Decker's Foods- Inmate meals, supplies; 140.24 Deluxe Business Checks & Solutions- Supplies; 890.59 Wyoming Dept. of Transportation- Stage Road Bros-; 13061.72 Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% Option tax; 3389.30 Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel; 120.00 General Security Services Corp.- Ankle monitoring; 666.15 Jordan Automotive- Vehicle repairs; 190.86 SourceGas- Utilities; 166.4 Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.- Law Library; 250.00 Lichen Research Center- Computer expense; 2180.06 Lusk Herald- Publications; 56.00 Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage, supplies; 655.88 Niobrara Electric Association- radio tower, maintenance, repairs; 567.72 Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment; 141.41 Qwest Business Service- Phones; 1367.28 Qwest- Phones; 17.82 Sperry Drug- Supplies; 37.04 Torrington Office Supply- Supplies; 1895.00 Town of Lusk- Utilities; 1000.00 Doyle J. Davies- Office expense; 26.85 Valley Motor Supply- parts; 225.00 Verizon Wireless- Cell phones; 62.98 Walt's Lathe & Machine- repairs; 5812.98 Computer Software Associates, Inc.- Financial package; 336.40 Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers; 206.46 Also- Shop towels & coveralls; 450.00 Niobrara Senior Center- Rent; 56.96 Jeanne Stratton- Ancillary Support; 2973.34 Dept. of Health Community & Rural Health- Co quarterly share of P. H. Nurse Salary; 4004.45 Bartow Oil- Oil & fuel; 564.00 The Home Health Agency, LLC.- Inmate medical; 1164.66 Visa- Supplies, transports, travel expense; 3037.48 H. Rick Hollon- Guardian Ad Litem, Court appointed attorney; 132.40 Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts; 199.70 Canon Financial Services- Copier; 105.15 Keri Thompson- Supplies; 2860.20 Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals; 625.00 WAM-WCCA Energy Lease Program- County window project; 2870.97 Honnen Equipment Company- Parts, repairs; 41.78 Birch Telecom- Phone; 30.26 Kester Akers- ½ phone & ½ internet; 785.71 Alisha Frye- TANF Grant coordinator; 122.00 Citicorp Vendor Finance, Inc.- Copier; 540.00 Lusk Mini Storage- 1 yr. storage unit rental; 269.00 Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier ; 600.00 Dennis C. Meier- Office rent; 3600.00 Ed Buchanan- Deputy County Attorney; 9875.00 K D's Maintenance- Maintenance contract ; 549.26 Xerox Corporation- Copier; 818.67 Schindler Elevator Corporation- Quarterly maintenance agreement; 11.00 Niobrara County Clerk- Recording fees; 4740.50 Niobrara Health & Life Center- 72 hr. involuntary commitment; 123.91 Becky L. Freeman- Travel expense & supplies; 427.94 Absolute Solutions- Radios; 2015.93 Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial- Supplies; 8213.74 W.A.R.M. Property Insurance Pool- Property insurance premium; 30.38 Peterbilt of Wyoming- Parts; 260.00 Niobrara Search &

Rescue- Training; 50.00 Paul's Welding- Maintenance; 100.00 Wyoming County Assessor's Assoc.-Dues; 25.00 WACERS-Dues; 196.91 Dawn Otten- Travel expense; 2300.00 USPS- Postage; 86114.60 Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.- Loader payment; 2037.42 Kaufman Glass- Supplies; 30.00 Dave's Knothole- repairs; 237.50 Communication Technologies, Inc.- Repairs; 45.00 ESCAPE Conference- Registration fee; 160.00 Fire Nebula Web Design- Computer expense; 22479.00 Motorola- Radios ; 1925.55 Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.- Supplies; 50.00 Wyoming Association of Sheriff's & Chief- Dues; 550.00 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc.- Maintenance; 300.00 Wyoming DEQ- Pit fees; 52.50 Jim's Plumbing & Repair- Maintenance

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until August 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Richard A. Ladwig*  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

*Becky L. Freeman*  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk