

Commissioners Proceedings  
Niobrara County, Wyoming  
December 4, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on December 4, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chair, Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge-Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed the progress on the 28 Road Reconstruction Project.

Thomas also discussed the road projects he has slated for upgrades for the upcoming year.

Steve Coon met with the Commissioners and discussed the fairgrounds floor. He stated he would do a test patch with the product to see how it looks before completing the whole floor.

Dr. TePoel from the Niobrara Health & Life Center met with the Commissioners and commended the law enforcement in the community.

The regular meeting recessed at 10:09 to hold a public hearing on the renewal applications of retail liquor licenses for the Pronghorn Bar and Paleo Park.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:09 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the applications for renewal of retail liquor licenses for the above mentioned establishments. There being no one in attendance in opposition to or in support of the applications, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:11 a.m. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Pronghorn Bar's application for a renewal of a retail liquor license. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve Paleo Park's application for the renewal of a retail liquor license. Zerbst Rapp abstained from voting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of November from the County Clerk for \$4,120.75, from the Clerk of Court for \$996.66, and from the Sheriff for \$1,173.00.

Notice of Valuation Change-The Commissioners acknowledged a change of valuation for Hedges Oil Company, for the 2006 tax year, resulting in an increase of taxes totaling \$638.56.

Petition to Cross County Road- The Commissioners received a petition from Qwest to bore under the S. Mahnke road to install a 3 pair service line. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the petition of Qwest. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Rx Card- The Commissioners received information on a county Rx card that provides for prescription and pharmacy discounts. This was tabled until further information can be obtained on the matter.

Change Order #1- The Commissioners received change order #1 on the 28 Road Project. The change order provides for the use of Owner-supplied 18" diameter corrugated metal pipe to be utilized when necessary by contractor to extend existing culverts to match the post-construction roadway topography. The cost increase is \$720. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve change order #1. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pat Smith met with the Commissioners and discussed the possibility of installing an ice skating rink. She would like to see a joint involvement with the City. More information is required at this time.

Dept of Audit-The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Dept. of Audit stating that the Hospital District was not in compliance in regards to reporting information. This matter was tabled until the Commissioners could speak with the Hospital District.

Homeland Security Grant- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the HLS LEPC grant for \$1,229.18, with a 10% match of \$136.58 from the County. **MOTION CARRIED.** The award period for this grant is Oct. 1, 2007-July 31, 2008.

Predator Board- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to appoint Jack Hammond to the Predator Board as a Sportsman Board member and to reappoint Gene Kupke to the predator board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads-Keri Thompson, Denise Smith, Elaine Griffith and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. Richard extended a thank you on behalf of the Commissioners to everyone who assisted with the W.C.C.A. meeting.

County Attorney- Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and held a phone conference with Deb Holter's attorney, Dennis Meier, regarding the status of the public hearing for the application of a private road. Meier stated they were waiting to hear from State about temporary easement and when the land board meets, the temporary easement should become a permanent easement.

Per the phone request of Holter's attorney, the Commissioners extended the hearing date until January 2, 2008.

Linda Harris stopped in and introduced herself as the new director of the NEWEDC.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until December 18, 2007.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Richard A. Ladwig*

Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest: 

*Becky E. Freeman*

Becky E. Freeman, Clerk

November 2007 payroll-73,547.90; Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes- 20,374.64; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.-13,735.00; Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 1,199.06; Ag & Industrial Equipment- New equipment- 2,990.00; Allbright's True Value- Parts, supplies, repairs- 629.38; AlSCO- Shop towels, coveralls- 115.56; Anderson Highway Signs- Signs-512.98; Avaya Communications- Phones-70.04; Bartow Oil- Oil-166.80; Becky Freeman- Reimburse for new equipment, supplies- 495.05; Benchmark of Torrington- Engineering fees- 5,265.25; Birch Telecom- Telephone- 41.76; Black Hills Shooters Supply- Supplies- 219.70; Brice's Refrigeration- Maintenance- 558.03; Canon Financial Services- Copier- 218.20; CIT Technology- Copier- 122.00; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers- 358.55; Decker's Foods- Supplies, meals, meds, schools- 194.12; Dee's Painting- Painting-1,935.00; Dennis C. Meier- Office rent- 600.00; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 36.97; Dolphin Capital Corp.- Postage meter lease payment- 259.70; Doyle J. Davies- Office rent- 1,000.00; Early Warning Systems- New equipment- 883.00; Ed Buchanan- Deputy County Attorney- 3,600.00; Elaine Griffith- Reimburse for supplies, travel expense- 133.38; Enviro Engineering, Inc.- Asbestos abatement on fairground floor- 25,500.00; Fire Nebula Web Design- Computer expense- 52.50; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel-3,376.03; Gail Santistevan- Reimburse for notary renewal expense- 70.00; GSSC- Ankle monitoring- 124.00; H. Rick Hollon- Guardian ad Litem, court appointed attorney- 2,996.19; Hiway Brake & Alignment- Vehicle repairs- 417.72; Hiway Super Service- Parts, repairs- 225.08; Honen Equipment Co.- Parts- 25.67; Jeane Stratton- Mileage- 58.20; Jim's Plumbing & Repair- Maintenance- 36.00; Julene Lindberg- Schools- 157.14; K D's Maintenance- Facilities contract- 9,875.00; Keri Thompson- Travel expense- 145.50; Kester Akers- Phone- 31.29; Knudsen Law Offices- Court appt'd. attorney- 100.00; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 247.06; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 500.00; Lusk Car Care- Supplies- 70.00; Lusk Herald- Publications- 1,323.45; Mobile Concrete, Inc.- Gravel- 837.54; Niobrara Community Ed.- Schools- 245.00; Niobrara County Assessor- Reimburse for postage, supplies- 20.58; Niobrara County Clerk- Reimburse for supplies- 132.00; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% option tax- 16,077.20; NEA- Radio tower & maintenance- 236.73; Niobrara Feed & Supply- Uniforms- 24.90; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment- 367.04; Peterbilt of Wyoming- Parts- 411.97; Plainsman Printing & Supply- Supplies- 163.16; Platte County Sheriff Dispatch- Schools- 75.00; Platte Valley Construction Co., LLC.- Pay request #2 for 28 Road project- 204,034.59; Prairie Spray Service- Lawn treatment- 1,974.09; Qwest- Phones- 1,229.01; Qwest Business Service- Phones- 168.22; Rawhide Drug Co.- Supplies, flu vaccine- 841.43; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 32.00; Robert L. Zerbe- Maintenance- 682.50; Roscoe Steel & Culvert- Culverts- 2,063.88; Schindler Elevator Corp- Quarterly maintenance- 818.67; Security Insurance Agency- Bond- 200.00; Sheep!- Subscription- 21.00; Source Gas- Utilities- 172.46; Sperry Drug- Supplies- 38.17; Tammie Jensen- Travel expense- 128.93; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 154.61- Town of Lusk- Utilities-1,592.75; United Rentals, Inc.- Supplies- 59.85; Valley Motor- Parts- 144.33; Verizon Wireless- Cell phones- 347.44; Visa- Supplies, postage, new equipment, travel expense- 1,411.97; WARM- Crime Insurance- 239.00; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Parts- 84.97; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier lease payment-269.00; Wyoming Clerk of District Court Assoc.- Dues- 125.00; Wyoming Machinery- Parts- 348.88; Wyoming Sheriff's Association- Dues- 100.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 304.44;