

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 20, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting reconvened at 8:59 a.m. on March 20, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment, roads, and various road & bridge issues. Thomas noted that Joss Road was complete except for the placement of culverts. He also stated that a new culvert needed to be installed at Randy Kraft's turnoff on the county road. Fred said that the road could be lost if the culvert isn't replaced.

County Treasurer- Treasurer Keri Thompson met with the Commissioners and clarified reports sent by the state regarding anticipated revenue for FY 07-08. She also discussed an economic loan account that has an outstanding balance of \$8,570.50. Thompson stated that the auditors suggested transferring the money to miscellaneous General County and they will address the outstanding debt when the next county audit is conducted. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp to authorize the treasurer to transfer funds from the account to General County and the auditors rectify the account at audit time. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Thompson also noted that the Bank Head Jones funds the county has been receiving are federal funds and should be posted to General County to be used for roads. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to authorize the treasurer to transfer Bank Head Jones funds to the General County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed the extended warranty agreement between Wyoming Machinery and Niobrara County Road & Bridge. Davies did not think the contract should be between Wyoming Machinery and Road & Bridge; it should be between Wyoming Machinery and Niobrara County. The contract was amended to reflect this change and Ladwig signed it.

Dispatch Budget- Town of Lusk Mayor Pete Pier, City Council members Doug Greenough, Dave Hamaker, Pat Smith, Clerk/Treasurer Penny VenJohn, City Attorney Dennis Meier; Dispatch Supervisor Dixie Blaney and Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss the dispatch budget and funding. The Town has granted a 3% increase for the FY 07-08 budget, equating to approximately a \$1900 increase over last year's amount, but the Commissioners would like to see the Town of Lusk contribute more money to the funding of dispatch in accordance with the original contract established back in 1996. There was considerable discussion on the matter. The Town will take this information into consideration when finalizing their budget

Commissioners meeting recessed at 1:01 p.m. to conduct the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

Minutes-Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New York Life Insurance agent John Mellott met with the Commissioners and presented information on health care plans that might be available to the county. They have plans that cover groups ranging from two to fifty employees. Mellott will conduct a census of the employees and meet with the Commissioners at their April 17, 2007 meeting.

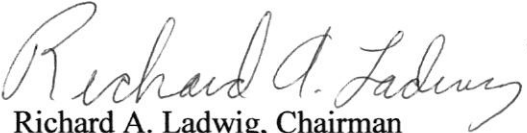
The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of February from the Clerk of Court for \$729.70

Catering Permit-Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on March 24, 2007 for the Sigvartsen-Wieser wedding reception. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to sign the agreement with Wyoming Behavioral Institute (WBI) to provide services for involuntary commitments under Title 25 at a rate of \$685.00 per day. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:




Becky L. Freeman, Clerk