

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
March 6, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on March 6, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerbst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Library – Debbie Sturman, Leslie Hammond, and Pat Bruch met with the Commissioners and updated them on activities at the library. Debbie Sturman discussed the library's website and historical information they are compiling such as cemetery plots, obituaries, and genealogical information. They also discussed the children's programs and the time involved to run these programs as well as day-to-day activities. Due to this increase in activity, the board presented a proposal to the Commissioners to fund an additional employee from March until June, a cost of approximately \$6,727.89, and then fund the 08-09 budget with this additional position. The Commissioners took this under advisement, but Ladwig stated he was hesitant to commit funds for an additional position when the next fiscal year's funds are unknown at this time.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and updated them on the progress of the gravel-hauling project. Thomas stated he would be going back in April to finish the approaches. Thomas also discussed additional roadwork and equipment repairs.

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed Kirtley Road. Davies also discussed a letter he received from Wyoming Behavioral Institute (WBI) regarding involuntary commitments. The letter states that WBI would offer a much-discounted rate for involuntary commitments under Title 25 for Niobrara County. The rate is a bundled cost of \$685.00/day, which includes \$135.00/day payment for their psychiatrist, and covers normal treatment costs. Davies stated he would discuss this contract with Natrona County's county attorney.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Ladwig, to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of February from the County Clerk for \$3,177.75 and from the Sheriff for \$12,147.50

Special Districts- The Commissioners signed a letter confirming the formation of the Niobrara Senior Citizen Service District as a special district and submitted it to the Dept. of Revenue. The Dept. had no formation document on file for the district.

The Commissioners noted a letter from the Dept. of Agriculture regarding 2007 Emergency Insect Management Grants.

The Commissioners also noted the NACO brochure regarding National County Government Week Notice April 22-28, 2007.

Radio Tower Lease- The Commissioners received notice that the special use lease for the radio tower, currently held by the County, will expire on May 1, 2007. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to complete the special use lease application and extend the lease for one year, which will expire May 1, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wyoming Community Gas- - Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to sign the Gas Management Service Agreement, effective June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Local Emergency Mgmt Committee (LEPC)- The Commissioners set the date of March 20, 2007 for the LEPC meeting.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Linda Fosher, Elaine Griffith, Keri Thompson, Denise Smith, Rick Zerbe and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners and discussed county and office business. Linda discussed the security enhancements and renovations in her office.

The Commissioners met with Sheriff Zerbe and discussed the dispatch budget.

Rory Norberg met with the Commissioners to introduce himself on behalf of the National Guard and informed them of his position as a county emergency preparedness liaison between

the National Guard and Emergency Management. Norberg stated that if there were any natural disasters and we needed the National Guard, we would contact him and he would be onsite to work with emergency management and provide communication with the Guard.

Fred Thomas stopped back in, said the gravel hauling is done for this year, and asked if he could buy two trailer pups for \$1500/ea. The Commissioners asked if he thought they were a necessity. There were concerns about wear & tear on the trucks, but they authorized him to go and look at them.

Kale Klabutzel with Innovative Benefits met with the Commissioners and discussed health insurance plans available to the county. He presented different scenarios that might be feasible to the county and left health appraisal forms for employees to fill out. He will take that information and develop a proposal for the county to consider.

Resolution 07-04- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp to approve RESOLUTION 07-04 authorizing the county to submit a grant application to the State Lands & Investment Board for a new roof for the old hospital portion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment: February 2007 payroll- 68,200.94- Lusk State Bank- payroll taxes- 17,974.08- Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 412.64; Allbright's True Value- parts- 32.34; Avaya Communications- Phones- 140.08; Body Builders Body Shop- repairs- 13.12; Brice's Refrigeration- Maintenance- 741.15; Decker's Foods- Supplies, inmate meals- 391.53; Fire Nebula Web Design- CAMA Troubleshooting- 30.00; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel- 2,482.98; Gall's Inc.- Homeland Security equipment- 11,895.86; General Security- Ankle monitoring- 124.00; Kinder Morgan, Inc.- Utilities- 3,200.28; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; Loyal American Life- Employee pd. Ins.- 40.76; Lusk Herald- Publications- 1,095.77; Niobrara Community Ed- Schools- 252.00; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage, inmate meals- 44.72; Niobrara Electric Assoc.- Radio towers, maintenance- 989.93; Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment- 1,967.24; Orchard Trust- Deferred comp.- 11,350.00; Plainsman printing- supplies- 485.49; Qwest Business Services- Basic (2 mos.) and long distance phone service- 1,543.90; Sperry Drug- Supplies- 65.27; Torrington Office- Supplies- 421.34; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 2,150.48; Valley Motor Supply- Pars- 324.57; Verizon Wireless- Phones- 475.25; Visa- Travel expense, transports, supplies- 1,382.47; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Repairs- 127.52; Whitaker Oil- Supplies- 2.58; Wal-Mart Community- Supplies, new equipment- 343.86; Niobrara Co. Treasurer- Postage- 56.34; Dawn Otten- CAMA Expense- 35.28; Citicorp Vendor Finance- Copier- 122.00; Connecting Point Computer- Copier service agreements- 200.03; Dept. of Transportation- Supplies- 30.00; Lusk Mini Storage- Storage unit rental- 45.00; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 520.67; Doyle J. Davies- Office rent & expenses- 1,095.34; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% Option tax- 15,340.15; Colorado State University- Supplies- 49.00; Nebraska Game & Park- Supplies- 12.90; Sheep! Magazine- Subscription- 21.00; Denise E. Smith- Mileage, supplies- 106.99; Tri-State Livestock News- Subscription- 49.00; Wells Fargo Financial- Copier- 377.00; Wyoming Sewing Center- Supplies- 80.00; Distinctive Homes- Clerk of Court security window balance and counter top- 4,738.18; Herbert K. Doby-Court appt'd attorney- 23.27; H. Rick Hollon- Court appt'd attorney and GAL- 780.00; Jerry Smith- Court appt'd attorney- 1,205.66; April VanHeule- reimburse for supplies- 68.44; Dennis C. Meier- Rent- 600.00; Black Hills Chemical Co.- Supplies- 193.99; D & R Builders- Maintenance- 43.00; K D Maintenance Services- Maintenance & service contract- 9,910.00- NE Safety & Fire- Maintenance- 225.00; Schindler Elevator Corp.- Elevator maintenance- 568.90; Team Laboratory Chemical- Supplies- 996.10; AlSCO- Coveralls & towels- 98.07; Bartow Oil co.- Diesel & hydraulic oil- 3,757.18; Frasier's Welding- Auto gates- 10,400.00; Honnen Equipment- Parts- 181.38; Lawson Products, Inc.- parts- 142.52; Platte Co. School Dist. #1- Random drug testing- 156.25; Wyoming Machinery Co.- Equipment rental- 1,584.50; Kester Akers- 1/2 Emerge. Mgmt phone- 29.56;


Home Health Agency, LLC.- Inmate medical- 288.00; Justice Education & Research Association- Schools- 1,050.00- Lois Law- Law library- 479.70; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 1,532.16; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Jeane Stratton- Ancillary Support- 56.96; Canon Financial Services- Copier- 199.70; Niobrara Senior Center- Necrology- 35.00; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 303.94; BenchMark of Torrington- 28 Road Engineering- 4,167.00; D R Wilson Trucking- trucking- 10,540.00; First Call- trucking- 14,025.00; Grave's Trucking- trucking- 6,375.00; Hiebert's Dirt & Trucking- trucking- 10,242.50; K & W Duncan Farms, Inc.- trucking- 13,472.50; Ben Lamp- trucking- 9,562.50; Lee Brown- Trucking- 14,407.50; Lucky Gate Inc.- Trucking- 24,607.50; Majestic Trucking LLC.- Trucking- 4,037.50; Harold Miller- Trucking- 14,492.50; Tracy J. Patterson- trucking- 11,687.50; Reed Trucking- trucking- 14,407.50; Schmid's Dozer Service- trucking- 13,600.00; Brett Smith- trucking- 8,840.00; T C Trucking- trucking- 94,307.50; Underground Enterprises- trucking- 212.50; Hiway Super Service- Fuel for C N A program- 121.82; Niobrara County Clerk- Recording fees- 28.00; Crimestar Corp.- Supplies- 1,250.00; Niobrara County Search & Rescue- Reimburse for supplies- 466.40; Contractors Depot- Homeland Security equipment- 10,625.00; Motorola- Radios- 40,981.00; Niobrara Health & Life Center- 1% Option Hospital equipment grant- 11,615.66

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until March 20, 2007.

NIOBARARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk