

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WY
September 4, 2007

The Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 4, 2007. Present were Commissioner Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Ronson B. Pfister, Arlene Zerst Rapp, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman.

Road & Bridge- Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas met with the Commissioners and discussed road and bridge issues. Thomas said that BenchMark of Torrington would be faxing an agreement between Platte Valley Construction and Niobrara County for the 28 Road Reconstruction Project. Thomas also discussed temporary phone lines. Qwest requested to work in our easement and install their phone lines. Ladwig didn't see any problem with that occurring.

Thomas said he has had several people contact him regarding Niobrara Park Addition Roads, but he said he won't be able to blade those roads until we receive more moisture. He also gave user rights to the Town of Lusk to use the pile of roto mill located off of Hwy 20.

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed who the Commissioners might appoint to serve as Guardian Ad Litem for Niobrara County. Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to enter into an agreement for GAL services with Ann T. Schnelzer at a cost of \$500.00 per month for one year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Solutions for Life- Bob Shinmori met with the Commissioners to discuss whether or not the County would participate in the Juvenile Diversion Program. After considerable discussion about this program and the funding that SFL will provide with the county being the fiscal flow through entity for the program, Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to support the mentoring/community service project with SFL. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Commissioners stated that they want to be included in the hiring process of a coordinator/administrator, they want to be active in the job description phase, and any flow over money be placed in salary mode. Richard would like to open the process up as well as being involved.

Application for Private Road- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerst Rapp, to extend the grant of temporary access for Deb Holter or the applicant's lessee. **MOTION CARRIED**

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Elaine Griffith, Keri Thompson, Denise E. Smith and Becky Freeman met with the Commissioners and discussed county operations.

Thompson discussed the bid from Dee's Painting for painting the Treasurer's Office. The bid requests \$400 down and \$800 due upon completion.

Zerst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the bid of \$1,200.00 from Dee's Painting, with clarification on which rooms are to be painted in the Treasurer's Office. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Griffith discussed updating an easement book and cleaning.

Smith discussed the Governor's Natural Resource Tour, noted that record books are due, and that they are busy with trainings and meetings.

Freeman discussed the training she attended in Cheyenne for the WYOReg voter registration system.

Pfister discussed the flooring at the fairgrounds and noted the bid received from Steve Coon Construction for \$8,533 for the repair and construction of steps and a pad on the south side of the Courthouse.

Zerbst Rapp noted that representatives from Senator Enzi's, Senator Barasso's, and Representative Cubin's offices will be here Sept. 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

She also discussed a NEWEDC meeting she attended.

Petition of Affidavit for Reduction of Taxes- The Commissioners acknowledged the following petitions for reductions of taxes from:

Citation Oil & Gas Corp, (\$1,059.28) from 2007 Tax Rolls No. 1-2007;

Lusk State Bank (Attention Wyoming District Council of the Assemblies of God), (\$759.18) from 2007 Tax Rolls No. 2-2007

Petition of Affidavit for Cancellation of Taxes – The Commissioners acknowledged a petition for cancellation of taxes from Boggy Creek Production Co., (\$605.13) from 2006 Tax Rolls, No. 25-06.

Fairgrounds Floor Replacement- Enviro Engineering, Inc. submitted a proposal for \$25,000 to remove the asbestos in the floor at the fairgrounds. Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to accept the bid from Enviro Engineering for \$25,500 for the removal of asbestos in the floor at the fairgrounds **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of August from the County Clerk for \$4,260.26 and from the Sheriff for \$13,000.65.

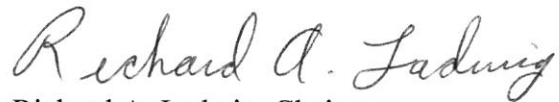
NEWEDC- After some discussion, the Commissioners chose not to fund the request from NEWEDC for additional money at this time.

Catering Permit- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Catering Permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the Governor's Natural Resource Tour Dinner, September 11, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman, Clerk

August 2007 payroll-74433.95; Lusk State Bank- Employers taxes- 20172.18; Loyal American- Employee pd. Ins.- 40.76; Aflac- Employee pd ins.- 935.92- Orchard Trust-Deferred Comp.- 13835.00; Absolute Solutions- Equipment repairs, supplies, new equipment- 1166.38; Alisha Frye- TANF grant coordinator- 773.57; AlSCO- Shop towels, coveralls-161.57; Anderson Highway Signs & Supply- Signs- 1164.86; Avaya Communications- Phones- 70.04; Bartow Oil- Fuel- 3665.57; Becky L. Freeman- Travel expense-185.03; BenchMark of Torrington- Engineering fees- 8233.25; Birch Telecom- Phones- 41.78; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial- Supplies, maintenance-517.24; Black Hills Shooters Supply- Supplies- 351.59; Bloomers, LLC.- Supplies-38.95; Body Builders Body Shop- Vehicle repairs- 153.00; Canon Financial Services- Copier- 199.70; Casper Star Tribune- Advertising for 28 Road project- 406.90; CES- UW Car expense- 405.65; Cindy Starkey- Supplies- 65.08; CIT Technology Financing Services, Inc.- Copier- 122.00; Computer Solutions- Equipment maintenance- 1061.08; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers-464.13; Decker's Foods- Supplies, inmate meals, medical- 249.92; Dee's Painting- Painting- 872.00; Dell Marketing L.P.- New Equipment- 67.50; Denise E. Smith- Travel expense-262.23; Doyle J. Davies- Office expense- 1000.00; Dennis C. Meier- Office rent- 600.00- E. Lurz Plumbing- Maintenance- 76.29; Early Warning System- Radio tower repairs- 132.50- Ed Buchanan- Dep. County attorney- 3600.00; Fisher Roofing & Restoration- ½ of Courthouse painting – 24949.00; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel- 3351.73; GSSC- Ankle monitoring- 124.00; H. Rick Hollon- Guardian Ad Litem-1301.04; Herbert K. Doby- Court Appointed Attorney- 270.00; Hiway Brake & Alignment- Vehicle repairs-787.15; Hiway Super Service-Vehicle repairs- 79.00; Honnen Equipment Company- Parts- 12.39; Inclusion Solutions LLC.- New equipment- 4784.80; Jeane Stratton- Ancillary Support- 56.96; Jordan Automotive- Vehicle repairs- 391.34; Justin D. Moody DDS.- Inmate medical- 110.00; KD's Maintenance- Facility Contract-9875.00; Kester Akers- phone, internet- 31.19; Knudsen Law Office- Court appointed attorney- 200.00; Lawson Products- parts- 81.50; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 1150.00; LoisLaw- Law library- 2399.40; Lusk Herald- Publications- 515.60; Moore Medical LLC.- Supplies- 4.69; Niobrara County Clerk- Postage, easement recording fees- 43.75; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% Option Tax- 15627.48; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage, supplies- 61.46; Niobrara County Treasurer- Postage-26.00; NEA- Radio tower, maintenance-1331.02; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Office Depot- Supplies, new equipment- 1986.03; Plainsman Printing & Supply- Supplies- 163.14; Qwest- phones- 1287.27; Qwest Business Service- phones- 143.88; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 3112.01; SourceGas-Utilities-191.04; Southwest Public Safety- New equipment-527.06; Sperry Drug- Supplies- 24.74; Tammie Jensen- Travel expense, supplies- 469.92; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies-2328.56; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1980.64; Valley Motor Supply- Parts-130.76; Verizon Wireless- Phones- 247.61; Visa- Travel expense, supplies, new equipment- 2041.14; Wells Fargo Leasing- Copier-269.00; Wyoming Assoc. of Co. Officers- Registration fees for WACO- 340.00; Wyoming Machinery CO.- Parts- 440.55; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 304.44