

Commissioners' Proceedings  
Niobrara County, Wyoming  
April 1, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order on April 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Chair, 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 construction meeting held regarding the 28 Road Reconstruction Project.

Petition to Cross County Road- Jerry Morehead, representing St. Mary's Land & Exploration Company, met with the Commissioners to submit a permit to bore across Meridian Road to install a 3" pipeline for disposal of production water. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the request to cross Meridian Road. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supreme Court- The Commissioners received a letter from the Supreme Court regarding video arraignments. The letter stated that the Court and the Board of Judicial Policy are in the process of studying the best way to implement video arraignment systems statewide, as a judicial branch program instead of each county implementing a system independently.

Election Districts- Upon the recommendation of the County Clerk, Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the election districts as presented below. **MOTION CARRIED**

**DISTRICT/PRECINCT**

- 1-2 WARREN
- 3-2 HAT CREEK
- 4-1 LANCE CREEK
- 6-1 NORTH LUSK
- 6-2 SOUTH LUSK
- 7-1 MANVILLE.

Wild Land Fire Mgmt & Operating Plan- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to sign the operating plan. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney- County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and presented an amendment to the maintenance contract clarifying the terms and conditions of the existing contract. Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve and sign the amendment reducing the amount paid monthly to 72.5% of the original monthly payment due to a reduction in work. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk of District Court-Linda Foshier met with the Commissioners to discuss Aflac insurance and inform the board about how well the policies covered her during her recent surgery.

Child Support Enforcement Agreement- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Cooperative Agreement for Responsibility between the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Unit, and the Niobrara Clerk of District Court. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bid for Painting- The Commissioners received a bid from Dee's Painting to paint  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the jury room and finish when wall is repaired, for \$560. The Commissioners tabled this bid until more information could be obtained about repairs to the west wall in the jury room.

Reschedule Commissioner Meetings- The County Clerk asked if the Commissioners would reschedule their August 19, 2008 and November 4, 2008 meetings due to the Primary and General Elections taking place on those days. The Commissioners chose to cancel the second meeting in August and move the November 4, 2008 meeting to November 7, 2008.

The Commissioners acknowledged statements of receipts from the Sheriff for the month of March for \$23,027.81 and from the County Clerk for \$3,165.25.

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

Natrona County Extension Office Agent Milt Green met with the Commissioners and Niobrara County Extension Office Agent Denise Smith and presented a handbook on county appointed and elected board member training classes. These classes offer instruction on proper procedures to follow in public meetings. The Commissioners suggested holding some kind of training after the General Election.

1% Specific Purpose Excise Tax- Todd Bishop with Kaiser and Associates met with the Commissioners and Niobrara County Treasurer Keri Thompson to discuss the proposed Specific Purpose Tax.

Resolution 08-07- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve RESOLUTION 08-07, (short title) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSITION FOR IMPOSITION OF A 1% SPECIFIC PURPOSE EXCISE TAX IN NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SPECIFIC PURPOSES IN SPECIFIC AMOUNTS, SAID PROPOSITION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NIOBRARA COUNTY ON AUGUST 19, 2008. MOTION CARRIED

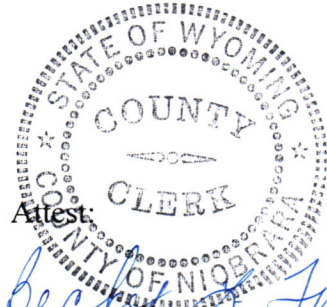
Financial Advisory Contract- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the contract with Kaiser & Company to serve as financial advisors for the above mentioned tax, pending legal review. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Payroll and the following vouchers have been approved for payment:

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until April 15, 2008.

Niobrara County Commissioners

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



Attest:

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

March 2008 payroll-70,706.58; Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes- 20,914.71; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.-13,490.00; Aflac- Employee pd. Ins.- 1,064.25; Absolute Fitness- TANF grant- 170.00; Alisha Frye- supplies- 5.15; Allbright's True Value- Parts, supplies- 534.95; Also- Shop towels, coveralls- 157.86; Anderson Carpet Sales, Inc.- Supplies- 26.85; Ann T. Schnelzer- GAL- 500.00; Arrow Electric, Inc.- New equipment-4,552.90; Avaya Communications- Phones- 76.71; Bartow Oil- Diesel-5,763.49; Benchmark of Torrington- Engineering fees- 537.70; Birch Telecom- Phones- 41.71; Bloomers, LLC.- Necrology- 30.00; Body Builders Body Shop- Equipment repairs- 191.00; Canon Financial Services- Copier- 199.70; Casper Star Tribune- Subscriptions- 50.70; CES- UW Car expense- 325.08; CIT Technology- Copier- 122.00; Computer Solutions- Equipment maintenance- 290.00; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers- 367.90; Covered Wagon Motel- TANF Grant- 40.00; Decker's Foods- Supplies, meals, meds - 872.84; Dell Marketing, L.P.- New equipment- 100.00; Dennis C. Meier- Office rent- 600.00; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 37.38; Dolphin Capital Corp.- Postage meter lease payment-259.70; Doyle J. Davies- Office rent- 1,000.00; Ed Buchanan- Deputy County Attorney- 3,600.00; Fresh Start Convenience- Fuel-3,153.19; Gall's, Inc.- Supplies- 220.75; GSSC- Ankle monitoring- 116.00; H. Rick Hollon- Guardian ad Litem, court appointed attorney- 602.00; Hiway Super Service- Parts- Gas/oil- 63.60; James Frye- Inmate medical- 108.56; Jane Stearns, MS, LPC- Schools- 175.00; Jeane Stratton- Mileage- 60.60; Jim's Plumbing & Repair- Equipment maintenance- 155.00; K D's Maintenance- Facilities contract- 7,159.38; Keri Thompson- Travel expense- 97.00; Kester Akers- Phone- 33.15; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; Lisa Mellott- Postage- 41.60; Lusk Herald- Publications- 193.53; Lusk State Bank- Supplies- 83.99; Motorola- Radios- 5,444.00; Nine One One, Inc.- Equipment repair- 150.00; Niobrara County Hospital District- 1% option tax- 14,970.95; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Reimburse for supplies, postage, transport- 100.72; NEA- Radio tower-28.89; Niobrara Feed & Supply- Uniforms- 23.75; Niobrara Health & Life Center- Inmate medical- 946.00; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Northern Exposure Computer Center- Supplies- 10.79; Office Depot- Supplies -882.98; Office of State Lands & Investments- Radio tower lease payment- 459.44; Peterbilt of Wyoming- Equipment repairs- 130.59; Plainsman Printing & Supply- Supplies, equipment repairs- 953.74; Pocket Press, Inc.- Supplies- 63.93; PMCH- balance of audit fees- 4,940.00; Qwest- Phones- 1,413.28; Qwest Business Service- Phones- 160.27; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 104.00; Respond First Aid- Supplies- 67.39; Ronson B. Pfister- Reimburse for equipment & supplies- 1,881.03; Safety-Kleen- Oil recycling- 234.43; Source Gas- Utilities- 2,310.12; Tammie Jensen- Travel expense- 324.61; The Home Health Agency- Inmate medical- 1052.00; The Pizza Place, LLC.- Schools, travel expense, jury expense- 390.24; Tori M. Licking, Ph.D.- Schools- 185.00; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies, new equipment- 490.38; Town of Lusk- Utilities-2,178.43; Tri-County Fire & Safety- bldg/equip. maintenance- 98.00; Tri-State Livestock News- Subscriptions- 49.00; UltraMax Ammunition- Supplies- 1,076.50; UW Ag. Comm. & Tech- Subscriptions- 29.00; USPS- Postage- 1,900.00; Valley Motor- Vehicle repairs- 33.39; Verizon Wireless- Cell phones- 387.74; Visa- Supplies, postage, new equipment, travel expense, uniforms- 2,277.41; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Repairs- 635.23; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier lease payment- 269.00; Wendy's- TANF grant- 94.39; WYDOT- Engineering, supplies; 4,977.78; Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy- Schools, uniforms- 1,868.00; Wyoming Search & Rescue Assoc.- Dues- 75.00; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 2,021.04; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 304.44