

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
August 5, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on August 5, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Niobrara County Courthouse. Those present were Chairman 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 roads, the rock crushing project, and equipment.

Thomas informed the Commissioners that the County needs to draft a letter to the Wyoming Women's Center regarding the Road & Bridge accessing dirt leftover from the Women's Center construction project. This dirt will be use to build approaches. This request will be forwarded to the County Attorney.

Thomas noted that the Hat Creek Project is complete.

Slagle Road- The Commissioners asked Thomas is there was any county maintenance being done on Slagle Road and he said that they have been maintaining it minimally. If there is a washout, they fix it or if it needs plowed, they work on it.

Minutes- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Commissioners acknowledged receipts for the month of July from the County Clerk for \$3,206.67, from the Sheriff for \$2,906.91, and from the Clerk of Court for \$890.20.

2008 Tax Levies- Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the 2008 Tax Levies as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cancellation of Taxes Order- The Commissioners acknowledged a cancellation order from the Assessor for Abraxas Petroleum, from the 2007 Tax Rolls for \$1,773.12, order number 731.

Chairman Richard A. Ladwig recessed the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to hold an LEPC meeting.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

John Mellott and representatives with Unum Insurance, met with the Commissioners to discuss insurance plans. The Commissioners took this information into consideration.

Town of Lusk- Pat Smith, Dennis Green, John Mellott, Dave Hamaker, and Denis Peterson met with the Commissioners to discuss the next round of Consensus Block Funding requests. The County is requesting funding for a sheriff's storage facility, gutters for the library, and an electrical study/rewire of the courthouse. The Rural Fire District is requesting funding for a concrete pad for parking in front of their building. The Town of Lusk is requesting funding for an automated water well system, Lusk Cemetery irrigation replacement, replacement of overhead doors at the Lusk Public Works building, and to remodel the Lusk Municipal Golf Course Kitchen.

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

Elaine inquired about the status of the IT room in the basement. Quotes are still needed for the construction of the wall and the wiring.

Linda discussed a jury trial scheduled for August 18, 2008, and inquired about the phone system. Richard asked her to contact Mobius to have them give a presentation.

There was also discussion about the cleaning of the courthouse.

WARM – Ladwig moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement amendments to the WARM Policy. **MOTION CARRIED.** WARM provides property insurance coverage for the county.

Jim Tangney submitted a bid of \$1,200 to the Commissioners for the construction of the IT room. This bid does not include any wiring.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment: July 08 Payroll- 79,805.00; Lusk State Bank- Payroll Taxes-22,285.38; Aflac Insurance- Employee pd. Insurance- 870.75; Wyoming Child Support Enforcement- Garnishment-440.00; Orchard Trust-Deferred Comp.- 14,660.00; Alisha Frye- TANF Grant coordinator- 1241.50; Allbright's True Value Hardware- Supplies, parts- 709.71; AlSCO- Shop towels, coveralls- 227.87; Ann T. Schnelzer- GAL-500.00; Avaya Communication- Phone-82.62; BenchMark of Torrington- 28 Road engineering fees-11,791.50; Birch Telecom- Phones-41.78; Black Hills Chemical- Supplies- 11.25; Bloomers-Necrology- 45.95; Body Builders Body Shop- Vehicle repairs- 702.44; Brice's Refrigeration-Maintenance-53.32; Business Office Systems- Postage machine- 53.32; Canon Financial Services- Copier-199.70; CIT Technology Financing Services, Inc.- Copier-122.00; Clerk of District Court- Postage-106.08; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copiers-477.54; Covered Wagon Motel- Schools-115.00; Croell Redi-Mix- Cattle guards- 3,000.00; D. C. Drilling Co.- Parts- 104.31; Decker's Foods- Supplies, meds, meals- 609.52; Dennis C. Meier- Rent-750.00; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense-86.63; Dept. of Health-County's quarterly portion of public health nurse salary- 3,907.93; Diane Tadewald- Mileage- 140.40; Dixie Blaney- Transcribing fees- 55.00; Dolphin Capital Corp.- Postage meter- 259.70; Doyle J. Davies- Rent- 1,000.00; Election Systems & Software, Inc.- Ballots, supplies- 6,890.68; FleetCor- Gas- 5,408.81; H. Rick Hollon- Court appointed attorney, GAL-628.00; Hiway Brake & Alignment- vehicle repairs-2,150.99; Hiway Super Service- Equipment repairs, gas-180.50; HSBC Business Solutions- Supplies- 23.69; Jeane Stratton- Ancillary Support- 60.60; Jim's Plumbing & Repair- Bldg. maintenance- 45.00; Jordan Auto- repairs- 3.06; Josh Keller- snow fence repairs-478.20; K D's Maintenance- Facilities contract- 7,159.38; Keri Thompson- Supplies- 68.54; Kester Akers- Phone-33.39; Law Enforcement Systems, Inc.- Supplies- 132.50; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 135.87; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; LoisLaw- Law library- 2,399.40; Lusk Herald- Publications- 259.72; Lusk Mini Storage-1 yr storage unit rental fees- 540.00; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.- Law library- 167.80; Mobile Concrete, Inc.- Gravel- 252.12; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc.- Fire extinguisher inspections- 550.00; Niobrara Health & Life Center- memorial- 35.00; Niobrara County- TANF Grant administration- 1,258.50; Niobrara County Hospital District-1% Option Tax- 13,131.28; Niobrara County Public Health- Tetanus shots- 18.00; Niobrara County Sheriff's Office- Postage, supplies- 111.54; Niobrara County Treasurer- Postage- 5.03; NEA- radio tower- 28.78; Niobrara Feed & Supply- uniforms, equipment repairs- 396.18; Niobrara Health & Life Center- Hospital Roof repairs grant, equipment-76,549.40- Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Office Depot- New equipment, I T Expense, Supplies- 823.56; Peterbilt of Wyoming- Parts- 219.54; Pier Funeral Home- Transports- 650.00; Plainsman Printing & Supply- Supplies- 174.41; Platte Valley Construction Co., LLC.- 28 Road Reconstruction- 300,064.50; Qwest- basic & long distance phone service- 1,532.72; Rawhide Drug Company- supplies, inmate medical- 107.67; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Vehicle repairs- 153.00; Solutions for Life- Inmate medical- 35.00; Source Gas- Utilities- 1,276.62; Thomas D. Browning- Court transcripts- 1,737.45; Thompson

Glass, Inc.- Library maintenance- 350.00; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 379.78; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 1,669.93; UltraMax Ammunition- new equipment- 622.00; UW Communications & Technology- UW Car expense- 262.92; Valley Motors- Parts, vehicle repairs- 139.86; Verizon Wireless- Cell phones- 319.39; Visa- Schools, gas, travel expense, supplies, postage, 1,090.00; Wyoming Assoc. of Risk Mgmt.- Property insurance premium-7,309.11; Walt's Lathe & Machine- Equipment repairs- 240.22; WAM-WCCA Energy Lease Program- County window project payment- 625.00; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier- 269.00; Westco- Gas- 6,684.90; Wyoming Assoc. of Sheriffs & Chiefs- Dues- 50.00; WYDOT- Stage Road bridge project-7,840.00; Wyoming Elks State Trust- Memorial- 35.00; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 2,071.44; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 369.76

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig

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Attest: *



Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk