

Commissioners Proceedings
Niobrara County, Wyoming
March 4, 2008

The Niobrara County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on March 4, 2008. 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 roads and fences. Thomas also discussed the 28 Road project, the Stage Road Bridge replacement and the gravel haul wages. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to set the hourly wage for gravel hauling at \$95 per hour. Thomas advised the board that he would contact the applicants regarding the wages.

Colonel Reiner, J3 Army Air/Operations, and Sergeant Rory Norbert with the Wyoming National Guard met with the Commissioners and Fred Thomas to discuss the Guard's recent assistance in snow removal. Thomas was presented with a Certificate from the Wyoming National Guard and the 133rd Engineer Company for his tremendous support while the Guardsmen were here. Thomas was also presented with a medallion of excellence from the 115th Fires Brigade.

The group also discussed the upcoming LEPC meeting. Colonel Reiner stated that he would like to attend this meeting to discuss the Guards' capabilities for disaster response and law enforcement assistance.

Minutes-Pfister moved, seconded by Zerbst Rapp, to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Attorney-County Attorney Doyle J. Davies met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. They also discussed the road access issue in the Niobrara Park Addition.

The Commissioners acknowledged the following statements of earnings for the month of February from the County Clerk for \$4,735.60 and from the Sheriff for \$871.00.

Resolution 08-05 Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve **RESOLUTION 08-05**, which allows individuals to purchase equipment from Wyoming Surplus on behalf of Niobrara County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Catering Permit- Zerbst Rapp moved, seconded by Pfister, to approve the catering permit for the Lusk Liquor Store to sell alcoholic beverages at the National Wildlife Turkey Federation Banquet on March 8, 2008 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Pier & Public Works Director Denis Peterson met with the Commissioners to discuss the 1 % sales tax issue, what projects might qualify under the tax, and whether a Joint Powers Board should be formed once a project is agreed upon and qualifies.

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

County Sheriff- Public Health Nurse Lisa Mellott and Sheriff Rick Zerbe met with the Commissioners to discuss the wellness program that they are trying to implement in the Sheriff's office and changes to his office policies that would include pre-employment, random, and for cause drug testing.