

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 Foshier, 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.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment:

February 2008 payroll- 74,781.38; Lusk State Bank- Payroll taxes-20,914.71; Aflac Insurance- Employee pd. Ins.- 1,199.06; Alisha Frye- TANF Grant administration 2nd half- 3,700.00; Allbright's True Value- Supplies, parts- 170.70; AlSCO- Shop towels & coveralls; 157.86; Ann T. Schnelzer Law Office- GAL- 500.00; Avaya Communications- Phones- 83.38; Bartow Oil- Diesel- 7,977.51; Becky L. Freeman- Travel expense- 160.69; Birch Telecom- Phones- 41.71; Black Hills Chemicals- Supplies- 233.29; Bloomers- TANF Grant- 377.55; Boulder County Sheriff's Office- Schools- 275.00; Brice's Refrigeration- Equipment maintenance- 387.56; Cameron T. Brown- TANF Grant asst. team leader for Spark Program- 300.00; Canon Financial Services, Inc.- Copier maintenance- 199.70; Casper C'mon Inn- TANF GRANT Spark program travel- 539.94; Casper Planetarium- TANF Grant Spark program travel- 25.00; Chris Bacon- TANF Grant Spark class- 180.00; CIT Technology Financing Services, Inc.- Copier- 122.00; Clerk of the District Court- Jury expenses- 2,166.61; Dee's Painting- Painting- 950.00; Elk's Youth Foundation- Necrology- 35.00; Community Drug- TANF grant- 18.00; Connecting Point Computer Centers- Copier maintenance agreements-634.18; Crimestar Corp- Records Mgmt System & Annual license fees- 1,250.00; D & R Builders- Maintenance- 199.00; Debbie Rose- TANF Grant Spark program-100.00; Decker's Foods- Supplies, inmate meals- 152.20; Dennis C. Meier- Office rent- 600.00; Dept. of A & I- Computer expense- 1.80; Dept. of Health-Community & Rural Health- County's quarterly share of p.h. nurse salary- 3,848.16; Dolphin Capital Corp.- Neopost postage machine payment-259.70; Doyle J. Davies- Office rent- 1,000.00; Fire Nebula Web Design- Computer expense- 220.00; Fresh Start Convenience Store- Fuel- 2,677.90; GSSC.- Ankle monitoring-124.00; Gillette College- MSHAW Training- 486.36; Glenrock Components, Inc.- Supplies- 160.06; Greg Bryant- TANF Grant asst. team leader for Spark Program- 300.00; H. Rick Hollon- GAL - 924.00; Heartland Embroidery, Inc.- Uniforms- 24.00; Heather Irvine-Goddard- SPARK Team leader & reimbursement for SPARK travel expense- 1,791.50; Herbert K. Doby- Court appointed attorney- 330.00; Hiway Super Service- Repairs- 775.02; Honnen Equipment Co.- Parts- 260.75; Hospital Auxiliary- Necrology- 70.00; Jamee Hansen- TANF Grant asst. team leader for Spark Program- 275.00; Jane Stearns, MS, LPC- Employee medical- 175.00; Jeane Stratton- Ancillary Support- 60.00; Jim's Plumbing & Repair- Maintenance- 519.50; Katie Clay- TANF Grant asst. team leader for Spark Program- 300.00; Keri Thompson- Reimburse for new equipment and travel expense- 1,400.75; Kester Akers- Phone- 33.28; Kinsco, LLC- Uniforms- 52.99; Komatsu- Equipment- Parts- 105.39; Kristin Hunter- SPARK Team leader- 1,600.00; Lawson Products, Inc.- Parts- 81.93; Lichen Research Center- Computer expense- 250.00; Linda Fosher- Reimburse for jury expenses- 53.80; Lusk Herald- Publications- 851.81; Lusk State Bank- Supplies- 23.83; Natrona County Attorney- Court appointed attorney- 473.75; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc.- Maintenance- 260.00; Niobrara Community Education- TANF-CNA Training- 35.00; Niobrara County Fair Board- TANF Grant- 50.00; NCHD- 1% Option tax- 13,095.50; NEA- Radio tower & maintenance- 89.68; Niobrara Feed & Supply- Uniforms- 87.96; Niobrara Health & Life Center- Involuntary commitment- 2,884.25; Niobrara Senior Center- Rent- 450.00; Office Depot- Supplies-326.00; Orchard Trust- Deferred Comp.- 13,860.00; Plainsman Printing & Supply- Supplies-184.89; Platte Co. School Dist. # 1- Random drug testing fees- 156.25; Poor Boy's Steak House- TANF Spark program travel- 481.76; Q Business Source- Supplies- 264.80; Qwest- Local & long distance phone service- 1,456.10; Rawhide Drug Company- Supplies-

95.50; Rawhide Lube & Repair- Repairs- 99.00; Regional West Medical Center- Autopsy- 928.60; Richard A. Ladwig- Travel expense- 258.30; Schindler Elevator- Quarterly maintenance – 818.67; Sean Dreesen- Maintenance- 275.00; SourceGas- Utilities- 3,383.98; The Home Health Agency- Inmate medical- 504.00; The Pizza Place- TANF Spark program- 305.18; Torrington Office Supply- Supplies- 377.26; Town of Lusk- Utilities- 2,401.35; True Colors- Schools- 567.00; UW Ag Comm & Tech.- Supplies- 24.00; UW College of Ag & Coop Extension Services- Supplies, new equip.- 147.58; Valley Motor Supply- Repairs-502.24; Verizon Wireless- Phones- 356.36; Visa- Travel expense, supplies, new equipment- 5,626.05; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing- Copier payment- 269.00; Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.- Autopsy- 265.00; WYDOT- Stage Road Bridge engineering- 3,942.31; Wyoming DEQ- Pit Fees- 150.00; Wyoming Machinery Co.- new equipment, parts- 8,590.91; Wyoming Women's Center- Inmate meals- 1,879.92; Xerox Corp.- Copier- 304.44;

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until March 18, 2008.

Niobrara County Commissioners

Richard A. Ladwig

Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:



Becky L. Freeman

Becky L. Freeman, Clerk