

SPECIAL MEETING:

The Board of Supervisors of Modoc County met in special session this 29th day of March, 1994 at 1:30 p.m., there being present Supervisors Schreiber, Colt, Carver, McIntyre and Huffman. District Attorney Sorensen, Director of Administrative Services Maxwell and County Clerk Madison also present.

Meeting called to order pursuant to law by Chairman Colt. Flag salute. Chairman notes the agenda was posted as required by law.

1. REPORT - STATE ACTION RE: MELVIN CARTER PAROLE TO MODOC:

Supervisors Colt and Huffman, Director of Administrative Services Maxwell and District Attorney Sorensen present report/update regarding the group going to Sacramento regarding Melvin Carter being paroled in Modoc County. Supervisor Colt states that "he was very proud of the group of young ladies that went to Sacramento and that they certainly presented a good image of the County". It is reported that in the meeting with Governor Wilson that he was sympathetic but that he had no answers. The Governor did tell the group that the paroling of Melvin Carter would not cost the county any money. The group met with Director of Department of Corrections Gomez and that they are willing to spend any amount of money to secure this parolee in Modoc County but unwilling to move him to another area. Director Gomez advised the group that if Melvin Carter is moved from the Conservation Camp that he can still be paroled on private or state land in the county. A cost of \$500,000.00 per year is stated as the cost to keep Melvin Carter in Modoc County under the conditions outlined by Dept. of Corrections.

Sheriff Mix advises the group that legislation is in the process of being written to change the law making a 2nd rape a capital crime.

Statements by members of the audience.

Chairman Colt reads the following letter from Diane Henderson, Forest Supervisor:
(date, title,)

A Special Use Permit was granted to the California Department of Forestry in 1987 to operate and maintain the Devil's Garden Conservation Camp to house approximately 120 inmates for conservation work in Modoc County. I am of the opinion that recent actions by California Department of Corrections (CDC) to place Mr. Melvin Carter, a parolee under strict supervision by CDC, is not consistent with the special use permit granted to CDF at the facility.

If the State refuses to move Mr. Carter to another location, as authorized officer of this Special use Permit I am considering administrative action to require CDF to comply with the permit. This could possibly include termination of the permit. Because of the potential long term impacts to Modoc County, I would appreciate knowing your position, including specifically whether you would support or oppose such administrative action.

Sincerely,
Diane K. Henderson, Forest Supervisor

Discussion of the letter and the impact of the closure of the conservation camp on Modoc County. The conservation camp has 25 employees with an estimated \$600,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 a year to the economy of the county.

2. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION - LETTER OF SUPPORT - FOREST SERVICE ACTIONS RE STATE OF CALIFORNIA USE PERMIT FOR CONSERVATION CAMP:

Motion by Supervisor McIntyre, seconded by Supervisor Schreiber and unanimously carried, to send a letter to Forest Supervisor Henderson supporting her position and direction to require CDF to comply with the special use permit granted at the Devil's Garden Conservation Camp.

3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION - FURTHER RESPONSES AND COUNTY ACTION RE: MELVIN CARTER PAROLE TO MODOC:

Director of Administrative Services Maxwell reports that letters were sent to 23 RCRC rural county members requesting their support. He presents information regarding how many parolees are released to counties other than non committing counties. The smaller populated counties have 31% of parolees released to their counties that are not committed from their county. Larger counties have 11% returned to their counties that are not committed from those counties. Modoc County has 36% of the parolees released from counties other than Modoc.

Audience members are requested to support the county officials, and don't give up if we do not get immediate results.

Representative from Fall River Valley submits 1000 signatures in support of the County. It is reported that 796 signatures from Fall River Valley were presented prior to this time.

Chairman Colt thanks audience members for their attendance and their support.

Nothing further to come before the board at this time meeting is adjourned. Board to meet in regular session Tuesday, April 5, 1994 at 9:00 a.m.



Maxine Madison, Clerk



Joe Colt, Chairman