

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

April 1, 1991

Meeting called to order pursuant to law by Chairman John Schreiber.

PRESENT: Supervisors Schreiber, Anderson, Jones, Polson and Huffman.

Flag salute. Chairman notes the agenda was posted March 28, 1991.

MINUTES:

Supervisor Anderson requests permission to read the minutes from the closed session March 18, 1991. The minutes from the closed session are not available at this time. Supervisor Polson advises Board members that he will locate the minutes and file the same.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Huffman, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of March 18, 1991 as filed.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:

Modoc County Librarian Chism invites Board members to the opening ceremony for National Library Week and the Barbara Bush Children's Book Section, Monday, April 15, 1991 at noon.

GRAZING FEES:

Sean Curtis presents draft resolution to support the continuation of the Public Lands Improvement Act of 1978. The Modoc County Farm Bureau is opposing the proposed increase in grazing fees on public lands. The current fee per animal is \$1.97 the proposal is to increase fees to \$8.70 per month.

Ron Schluter reviews the fee value per animal and the loss of tax value to the county. There are approximately 188 beef cattle and sheep producer permittees in Modoc County.

Willie Hagge, Modoc County Cattlemen's Association advises members that if the fee is raised it will not be feasible to run cattle on public lands. If you add all the costs involved in running cattle it is as high or higher than rental for private lands.

Sean Curtis advises Board members that the fee hike could result in reduced property assessments for ranch property and fewer ranch jobs. Modoc County is the leading cow calf- county in California and is one of the top cow-calf operation counties in the west.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Huffman, and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 91-20 to support the

continuation of the Public Lands Improvement Act. The Board finds it is beneficial to helping maintain the stability of the livestock industry and the support it provides the local economy.

SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT:

Mike Maxwell reports on Solid Waste Task Force meetings; they have met twice and another meeting is planned next Thursday. Some of the Task Force members held meetings in their communities regarding Solid Waste problems and possible solutions. Mr. Maxwell will present the recommendation of the Task Force at the next Board meeting. Board members may establish an assessment fee following a public hearing.

Public hearing to establish solid waste assessment fee for the County of Modoc will be held Monday, April 15, 1991 at 11:15 a.m., at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Works Director Maxwell discusses the various alternatives available for the county having to do with solid waste. He estimates the cost of dump operations to be \$434,000.00, there are 27,200 parcels in Modoc County and many are absentee owners.

The Task Force is considering several proposals the most popular being keeping gate fees and charging a lower assessment fee approximately \$26.00 per parcel.

ALTURAS LANDFILL:

Public Works Director Maxwell reports on the Alturas Landfill. The life expectancy of the landfill is 6 years. He reports that the county may have to spend money on engineering for a study for a new cell that will meet the state requirements. Water Quality Control has informed Director Maxwell that they will require the lining for cells opened in the Alturas Landfill in the future.

BELLI BUILDING REPORT:

Community Programs Director Maxwell informs Board members that it is expected that the Social Services Department will be into the Belli Building by July 1, 1991.

COURTHOUSE BASEMENT REMODELING REPORT:

Public Works Director Maxwell discusses the courthouse basement remodeling. He informs members that a great deal of reorganization will be required as there are many items stored in the basement by county departments. Mr. Maxwell informs members that he intends to send a memorandum to Department Heads regarding items stored in the basement to determine whether it can be destroyed or does it need to be kept and stored.

CORRESPONDENCE RE: MUSEUM:

A letter is read from Ann Odgers regarding a statement in the newspaper that she resigned from the position of Museum Curator voluntarily without a layoff by the county. Mr. Maxwell acknowledged that she did receive a layoff notice due to shortage of funds.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS INTO DUMP GROUNDS FOR TULELAKE DUMP CLOSURE PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN MODOC AND SISKIYOU COUNTIES:

Motion by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and unanimously carried, to approve the transfer in the amount of \$38,463.41 from General Relief-Support and Care to Dump Grounds.

DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION:

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Polson, and unanimously carried, to direct Auditor Tedrick to transfer \$18,492.78 from the contingency fund into the Sheriff Department and Jail budgets to cover the increase in salaries under the current Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Modoc and Deputy Sheriff's Association.

HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT:

John Dederick, Chairman of Hospital Advisory Board, presents a report including the goals of the hospital advisory board. The Board is considering moving the clinic back into the hospital and also moving the physical therapy offices into another area. Reduction in personnel is discussed, this would include the layoff of 4 temporary employees and 3 permanent employees. Mr. Dederick advises members that Board members will receive copies of minutes of all Hospital Advisory Board meetings and he will appear at Board meetings once a month. Mr. Dederick will send a letter to all hospital employees inviting them to come to the Advisory Board if there is a problem.

Supervisor Polson states that he has received complaints that Hospital Department Heads are unable to talk to Mr. Mitchell and that employees are unhappy.

Mr. Mitchell informs Board members he is at the hospital a minimum of 8 hours per day and that staff meetings are held on a regular basis. He advises members that he has spoken to each department head that a layoff is anticipated and they each agree that it is a necessary procedure.

Following discussion of the layoff request... Board members reiterate their decision to support the Hospital Advisory Board.

Board members take action on recommendation by the Hospital Advisory Board requesting reduction of hospital staff which would eliminate four temporary and three permanent employees, being an annual savings of \$125,000.00.

HOSPITAL FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORT:

Hospital Administrator Mitchell presents February Financial & Statistical report.

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:

Treasurer & Tax Collector Monroe requests authorization to purchase fixed assets, a form buster. The approximate cost of the form buster is \$1200.00 plus tax. Mrs. Monroe advises members that she has the funds in her budget for the purchase and this will be very helpful timesaver for the department.

Matter referred to County Administrative Officer for report and recommendation regarding the purchase.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES-EFFECT OF GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET ON CONTRACT COUNTIES:

Doreen Wysocki, Department of Health Services, discusses the proposed elimination of the State's Local Health Services (contract counties) Program. Modoc County is one of 12 counties that are part of the Local Health Services (Contract Counties) Program, the counties receive approximately \$3.3 million and the share for Modoc County is approximately \$137,000.00. The program provides public health nursing and environmental health services to the counties. The counties involved are all under a population of 40,000. The Governor has announced that he intends to delete the program from the state budget effective July 1, 1991.

Letters regarding the proposal have been received by Board members.

Dr. Richert County Health Officer discusses the matter with Board members and submits a copy of a letter he wrote to Governor Wilson setting forth his concerns if the Local Health Services Program is eliminated from the state budget and funds to be shifted directly to the counties.

Board members discuss the matter.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, and unanimously carried, to direct County Administrative Officer to write a letter urging Governor Wilson to maintain the Local Health Services Program in the State budget.

12:30 p.m. NOON RECESS

2:00 p.m. Board meeting reconvenes with all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Huffman, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following consent agenda items as presented.

MENTAL HEALTH:

Addendum to Mental Health contract No. 90-04, being agreement between the County of Modoc and Larry W. Holcomb to provide out services.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT:

Probationary step approved for Joe Moreo, Agricultural Inspector, from Range 43A to 43B effective March 1, 1991.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:

Proclamation adopted proclaiming April 1991 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE CAO SALARY:

Proposed ordinance read setting the salary for County Administrative Officer at a flat salary of \$52,000.00 effective April 1, 1991.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Polson, and carried, to adopt Ordinance No. 250-18, to set the annual salary for the County Administrative Officer at \$52,000.00 effective April 1, 1991.

AYES: Supervisors Polson, Jones, Huffman and Schreiber.

NOES: Supervisor Anderson

AB 833:

AB 833 Forest practices regarding timber harvesting plan is discussed. Under existing law, the board of supervisors or planning commission of any county which the State Board of Forestry has adopted specified regulations may request a public hearing on any timber harvesting plan submitted for lands within the county. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to hold a hearing, prior to taking any action on the plan. AB 833 would prohibit the department from approving any plan if after the hearing the board of supervisors objects to the plan.


Motion by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and unanimously carried, to oppose AB 833. County Administrative to write a letter opposing AB 833.

MATTERS INITIATED BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Supervisor Huffman discusses sterilization of equipment brought into the county from other areas. Supervisor Huffman to discuss the matter with Agricultural Commissioner Greenbank and report at a later date.

Supervisor Polson discusses the proposal for California Highway to use radar for enforcement on Highway 395. He requests statistics be presented to the Board as to the reduction in accidents on highways that radar is used and also information as to how many counties and cities are using radar enforcement. County Administrative Officer requested to obtain the requested information and report to the Board. The matter to be placed on the agenda at a later date for further discussion.

No further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting is adjourned, to meet in regular session on Monday, April 15, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.



Maxine Madison, Clerk of the
Board



John H. Schreiber, Chairman