

10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order pursuant to law by Chairman Williams. Supervisors Terry Williams, Mike Dunn, Patricia Cantrall and Willy Hagge present. Supervisor Nancy Huffman absent. Auditor Judi Stevens, County Administrative Officer Michael Maxwell, County Counsel Vickie Cochran and County Clerk Maxine Madison are also present.

Following the flag salute Supervisor Cantrall offers the invocation. Chairman Williams notes the agenda was posted on December 13, 2001 as required by law.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:

No matters initiated by the public.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

CAO Maxwell states he has two items to add to today's agenda: One of the items is an emergency item for the Sheriff. It came to his attention after the agenda was posted that proof of purchase must be submitted for items bought with Domestic preparedness Equipment Grant promptly after January 1, 2002. The items must be purchased immediately in order to receive the State reimbursement.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to add the following item to the agenda as 1c Consideration/Action: request to purchase fixed asset items from Domestic Preparedness Equipment grant funds. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

CAO Maxwell states that the Social Services director requests an item be added to the agenda for authorization to recruit to fill the position for Social Worker Supervisor as she received a letter of resignation after the agenda was posted.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to add item 4d to the agenda as follows: Consideration/Action: request authorization to recruit to fill the position of Social Worker Supervisor. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

1. REVIEW AND DECIDE WHETHER TO TERMINATE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR DROUGHT. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS SHOWING PROMISE FOR THE COMING WATER YEAR, THE IMPACTS FROM THIS YEAR'S DROUGHT CONTINUE. RECOMMEND CONTINUING THE EMERGENCY. (Office of Emergency Services, Officer Ballard)

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to continue the Local Emergency for Drought as recommended by Officer Ballard. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

1b. MODIFY THE BUDGET TO SHOW REVENUES OF \$6,960 WITH MATCH FROM COUNTY OF \$1,740 IN SALARY/BENEFITS. ALSO SHOW EXPENDITURES OF THE SAME AMOUNT. BUDGET IS ATTACHED. (Office of Emergency Services)

Officer Ballard informs members that the grant application has been approved and the funds are available for reimbursement. The funds will pay for additional studies of hazardous materials movements within Modoc County.

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve request to modify the Office of Emergency budget to increase revenues in the amount of \$6960 with match from the County in the amount of \$1,740 in salary and benefits. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

**1c. REQUEST TO PURCHASE FIXED ASSET ITEMS FROM DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT.
(Sheriff)**

Sheriff Mix informs members that the Domestic Preparedness Grant was approved at the August 20, 2001 Board meeting. The total grant is \$26,029 and he was recently notified that proof of purchase for the items purchased from the grant funds must be submitted promptly after January 1, 2002. He requests authorization to purchase fixed assets with funds to be reimbursed from grant funds.

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to approve the purchase of fixed assets as requested with Domestic Preparedness Grant funds. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

**2. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DONATED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE MODOC COUNTY LIBRARY: RACK FOR CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE (VALUE - \$86.84); 2 BOOKTRUCKS (VALUE - \$564.89). NOTE: VALUES INCLUDE TAX, SHIPPING AND HANDLING.
(Librarian)**

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve the request of Librarian Baker to accept the items from Friends of the Modoc County Library. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

10:10 a.m. Supervisor Cantrall absent.

3. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL EXTRA HELP PERSON IN OUR OFFICE TO WORK DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 11. NO BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IS NEEDED, WILL USE BUDGET THAT WAS APPROVED. (TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR)

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve the request for Treasurer/Tax Collector to hire extra help to work December 19th through January 11th. AYES: 3 ABSENT: Supervisors Huffman and Cantrall

10:15 a.m. Supervisor Cantrall present.

4a. REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO START RECRUITMENT TO FILL THE VACANT FRAUD INVESTIGATOR POSITION. RANGE 176. (Social Services)

Board members question Social Services Director Cravens whether the funding is in the budget and how long the position has been vacant. She stated that the position has been vacant since November 4, 2001 and that the position is fully funded.

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve request to authorize Social Services Director to start recruitment to fill the vacant Fraud Investigator position at Range 176. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

4b. REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO EXTRA HELP LIST, FOR TRANSPORTATION. (Social Services)

Director Cravens stated that this will be extra help and there would not be extra money taken out of the budget for this.

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to approve request to hire two additional people to the Extra Help List for transportation. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

4c. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FOR FUNDING YEAR 2002. (Social Services)

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 01-74 authorizing the execution of a subgrant for Community Services Block Grant for funding year 2002. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

4d. AUTHORIZATION TO RECRUIT FOR SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISOR POSITION DUE TO VACANCY (RESIGNATION GIVEN TO DIRECTOR CRAVENS 12/17/01) (Social Services)

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall seconded by Supervisor Hagge to authorize Director of Social Services to recruit for the position of Social Worker Supervisor due to vacancy.

Discussion regarding filling the position and the salary/range for the position. She stated that they advertise, screen and test the applicants, and then she uses a panel to interview those candidates.

Vote on the motion. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

5a. PERSONNEL MATTER: WE ARE REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL OF PERMANENT STATUS AND A MERIT INCREASE FROM RANGE 176 STEP B TO STEP C FOR DEBORAH HOLUB AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2001. SHE HAS COMPLETED HER PROBATIONARY PERIOD. THE BOARD APPROVED HIRING DEBORAH AT STEP B ON NOVEMBER 14, 2000. DEBORAH IS A HALFTIME EMPLOYEE AND WILL BE GOING FROM RANGE 176 STEP B ($\$2,463 \times \frac{1}{2} = \$1,231.50$) TO RANGE 176 STEP C ($\$2,586 \times \frac{1}{2} = \$1,293$). (Health Services)

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve request for permanent status and a merit increase for Deborah Holub from Range 176, Step B to Step C, effective December 1, 2001 as she has completed her probationary period. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

5b. APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH WORKER (CHOW). (Health Services)

Director of Health Services Smith presents proposed job description for Community Health Outreach Worker.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to approve the Community Health Outreach Worker as presented by Health Services Director Smith. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

5c. APPROVE CALWORKS SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FY 01-02. (Health Services)

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve CalWorks Special Services Agreement for FY 2001/02. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

10:25 a.m. Supervisor Cantrall absent.

10. PERSONNEL MATTER: PROMOTE ALICE MARRS FROM RANGE 182 STEP A - \$2,418.00 TO RANGE 182 STEP B \$2,539.00 AS SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HER PROBATIONARY PERIOD. EFFECTIVE DATE IS DECEMBER 1, 2001. THIS POSITION IS AN ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR I POSITION. (Auditor)

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve request to promote Alice Marrs from Range 182 step A \$2,418.00 to Range 182 Step B \$2,539.00 as she has successfully completed the required probationary period. Effective date of increase is December 1, 2001. AYES: 4
ABSENT: Supervisors Huffman and Cantrall

10:30 a.m. Supervisor Cantrall present.

12. RELIEVE THE CURRENT MODOC COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES AS SHE IS RETIRING AND APPOINT SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR TO THE MODOC COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002. (Administrative Services)

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve the request to relieve the current Modoc County Public Guardian of Public Guardian responsibilities and to appoint Social Services Director to the position of Modoc County Public Guardian effective January 1, 2002.

County Counsel Cochran inquired why the date is January 1, 2002 as she has papers to be filed naming the Public Guardian and she would need to file extra papers, but she could make changes accordingly.

Supervisor Cantrall asked if the Board could make it effective today if it doesn't present a problem. CAO Maxwell stated that he chose January 1, 2002 as this was the date there would no longer be a Public Guardian, but it is a Board appointment and they can make it effective today.

Supervisor Cantrall rescinded her previous motion. Supervisor Hagge rescinds his second to the motion.

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to terminate Lillian Schoenheide as Public Guardian and appoint Director of Social Services Cravens as Public Guardian effective December 18, 2001. AYES: 4
ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

10:35 a.m. - County Counsel Cochran absent.

10:37 a.m. - Supervisor Cantrall absent.

12b. APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION PUBLIC HEALTH FISCAL OFFICER AT RANGE 178 (\$2,370--\$3,040) (Administrative Services)

CAO Maxwell informs members that he included a memo to the Board refreshing their memory as to what took place with a recommendation on the request to reclassify this position. The fiscal officer position was actually recommended by the reclassification committee for denial. They also recognized that there might be a problem associated with the job description of Administrative Assistant and the duties of the Administrative Assistant as outlined in the original request for reclassification. The request for reclassification was brought to the Board members with a recommendation that a survey be carried out on the position and that a recommendation be brought to the Board based upon the survey results. The County carried out the survey and the personnel analyst analyzed the survey and made a recommendation that the job description that was

currently in place that the employee was doing was not adequate to cover her current responsibilities. This is the new job description to be considered today. If the Board chooses to approve it, it will be subject to meet and confer comment by the Employee's Association. The other actions that he recommends that the Board take today are also subject to review and meet and confer and a letter was forwarded to the union for their review and it will be returned if they have any comments. They have until the 28th to comment and if they don't comment by then, the letter indicates that the County will presume they have no problem and will move forward.

CAO Maxwell explains that the recommended action today is reclassification of administrative assistant position and then a recommendation for the range 178.

10:40 a.m. Supervisor Cantrall present. County Counsel Cochran present.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve the job description for Public Health Fiscal Officer at Range 178 (\$2,370--\$3,040), contingent upon meet and confer with the union. AYES: 3 ABSTAINS: Supervisor Cantrall ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

12d. APPROVAL/RECLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PUBLIC HEALTH, RANGE 158 (\$2145 - \$2737) TO PUBLIC HEALTH FISCAL OFFICER, RANGE 178 (\$2,370 - \$3,040) (Administrative Services)

Supervisor Cantrall inquired if there was money in the budget for this position and CAO Maxwell stated that this was actually less money as it came in at Range 180 and this is Range 178.

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve reclassification of Administrative Assistant, Public Health, Range 158 to Public Health Fiscal officer, Range 178. AYES: 3 NOES: Supervisor Cantrall ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

12c. APPROVAL OF CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEING RECLASSIFIED AS PUBLIC HEALTH FISCAL OFFICER AT STEP D OF RANGE 178. CURRENTLY 158E (\$2,607) TO 178D (\$2744) (5 ¼%) EFFECTIVE 7/1/01. (Administrative Services)

CAO Maxwell stated that this item is actually establishing the Step and Range 178 for the position, and to have a 5% increase. Therefore, Step D is recommended which amounts to a 5.25% increase from her current salary. This is subject to final review by the union.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to approve the current Public Health Administrative Assistant being reclassified as Public Health Fiscal Officer at Range 178, Step D effective July 1, 2001. AYES: 3 NOES: Supervisor Cantrall ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

12e. APPROVAL OF EQUITY ADJUSTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS. ADJUSTMENT TO BRING EQUAL TO DEPUTY ROAD COMMISSIONER) CURRENT RANGE 211F + 15 @ \$4129 TO 255F @ \$4440) EFFECTIVE 1/1/02. APPROX. 6 MONTH COST \$2,529. (Administrative Services)

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve the request for adjustment to Deputy Director of Public Works salary to bring it equal to Deputy Road Commission salary. The Range is 211 and he is in Step F at \$4129 and will go to 255F at \$4440 effective January 1, 2002. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

CAO Maxwell explains that this establishes equity between two deputies within the Public Works and Road Departments. The \$2529 additional funds is for a six month period. He suggests the funds be transferred from the contingency fund.

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to transfer \$2529 from the contingency fund into Public Works Department Salaries budget.

12f. DECLARE THE MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 131A HENDERSON STREET, ALTURAS, FORMERLY USED BY THE MODOC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, "SURPLUS PROPERTY". (Administrative Services)

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to declare the modular office building located at 131A Henderson Street, Alturas, CA formerly used by the Modoc County Department of Mental Health as surplus property. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

12g. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER AGREEMENT TRANSFERRING THE MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING AT 131A HENDERSON STREET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE SUM OF \$30,000. (Administrative Services)

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to approve Transfer Agreement transferring the modular office building at 131A Henderson Street to the Department of Education for the sum of \$30,000. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

10:55 a.m. Board in recess. Board meeting reconvenes 11:08 a.m. with all members and staff present as heretofore.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING DEPARTMENT (PLANNING DIRECTOR KESSLER) NORM AND ELSIE VOGT HAVE FILED AN APPLICATION FOR PARCEL MAP WAIVER REQUESTING DIVISION OF 8.47 ACRES INTO TWO PARCELS, 4.11 AND 4.36 ACRES. (Planning Department)

Planning Director Kessler summarized the appeal issue. This hearing was continued from last meeting and County Counsel was requested to review and make a recommendation on the matter. County Counsel Cochran states that she needed to look at deed/easement further and that a right of way is given to people not property and further mentioned that this creates a land locked parcel. She cannot say yes or no at this time as to County's liability.

Realtor Stevenson states that the Appellants (Vogts) want to sell the property and have applied for a lot division, which is with the preliminary title report. She further states that BLM's process is specific and they agree the land is a nuisance to the public but until land tenure is in place, nothing can be done. Once in place, tender of purchase can be consummated.

Board members state that they would like to go forward with this today.

No further comments from the public, Chairman Williams closes the public hearing.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall to affirm the appeal as submitted by Vogt's. AYES: Supervisors Hagge and Cantrall NOES: Supervisors Dunn and Williams. ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman Motion fails. The decision of the Planning Commission is affirmed.

8. PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE AND ADOPTION TO ESTABLISH THE WILLIAMSON ACT AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE. (Planning Department)

Planning Director Kessler states that the proposed ordinance was summarized at the last meeting. Board waived further reading of proposed ordinance. Planning Director Kessler states there is a resolution to establish an agricultural preserve, and also the proposed ordinance that adopts the administration rules for the preserve.

No comments from the public. The hearing is closed.

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to adopt Ordinance No. 325 to establish the Williamson Act Agricultural Preserve. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

9. ADOPT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE WILLIAMSON ACT.(Planning Department)

Planning Director Kessler states that this information was presented to the Board at the last meeting for consideration. He informs members that he considered fees from other counties to come up with the fees for Modoc County.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 01-75 establishing fees for the Williamson Act. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

Supervisor Hagge inquired when applications can be accepted and Director Kessler advises him they can be accepted January 1, 2002. The Ordinance will not be effective until 30 days after adoption.

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to add an emergency to the agenda as follows: 8a Consideration/Action: adopt resolution establishing an Agricultural Preserve. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

8a. ADOPT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 01-76 Establishing an Agricultural Preserve. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

AWARD PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR CANTRALL TO MARY FLOURNOY FOR 45 YEARS' CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND MODOC COUNTY:

Supervisor Cantrall presents a certificate of appreciation to Mary Flournoy for 45 years contribution to public service and Modoc County. Mrs. Flournoy has made arrangements for parties and events at Warner Mountain Nursing Home helping in many ways at the nursing home.

6a. APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT DEED AND RIGHT OF WAY CONTRACT FOR THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON COUNTY ROAD 69 NEAR CANBY. (Road Department)

Motion by Supervisor Dunn, seconded by Supervisor Hagge and carried, to approve the Highway Easement Deed and Right of Way Contract for the Bridge Replacement Project on County Road 69 near Canby. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

6b. AUTHORIZE THE ROAD COMMISSIONER TO HIRE BILL MELTON AS A SEASONAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF RESIDENT ENGINEER ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIT RIVER BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 69, AT A PAY RATE OF \$46.00 PER HOUR WITH NO BENEFITS, WITH A \$50.00/DAY PER DIEM, AND WITH MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$0.325 PER MILE. (Road Department)

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to authorize Road Commissioner to hire Bill Melton as a seasonal Transportation Engineer at a pay rate of \$46.00 per hour with no benefits, with a \$50.00/day per diem, and mileage reimbursement of .325 cents.per mile as requested. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

8c. AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF CAROL IRWIN AS AN ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT I, CLASS CODE 012, SALARY RANGE 58, STEP A, SALARY \$1,300 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002, TO BE PAID BY THE ROAD FUND. (Road Department)

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to authorize Road Department to hire Carol Irwin as an Accounting Assistant I, Class Code 012, Salary Range 58, Step A, at \$1,300 per month, effective January 1, 2002. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

12:00 p.m. Board in recess. 1:45 p.m. Meeting reconvenes with Board members and staff present except Supervisor Cantrall and Auditor Stevens are absent.

1:50 Supervisor Cantrall present.

11a. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER TO NATIONAL FOREST COUNTY/SCHOOL COALITION SUGGESTING THEIR APRIL CONFERENCE BE UTILIZED PRIMARILY FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRAINING. (Land Use Committee)

Sean Curtis presents proposed letters for consideration of Board members.

Motion by Supervisor Hagge, seconded by Supervisor Cantrall and carried, to send the proposed letters to the National Forest County/School Coalition suggesting their April Conference be utilized primarily for Resource Advisory Committee Training. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

11b. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF FOREST SERVICE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) PROJECT PROPOSAL: RAC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PART-TIME. (Land Use Committee)

Sean Curtis handed out format for projects. Supervisor Dunn inquired if the Forest Service could supply part-time Administrative Assistant at no charge. Mr. Curtis states that the Forest Service is charged with providing service to RAC and they take it out of their budget. Supervisor Hagge stated it was \$5,000 for this year only

Motion by Supervisor Cantrall, seconded by Supervisor Dunn and carried, to not object to Supervisors review of projects. AYES: 4 ABSENT: Supervisor Huffman

13. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CAO Maxwell reports that the lawsuit Judy Johnson v. Modoc County case is over and the County won. Approximately \$4,000 in costs of travel for CAO Maxwell was not paid.

CAO Maxwell seeks direction on memo sent out to Department Heads regarding reports and whether the Board wanted to schedule them for 1 hour before the Board meeting or at the end of the meeting. Following discussion Board members direct the reports be scheduled for 9:30 a.m. before the Board meetings.

Discussion of reassignment for responsibility of State Fair activities for display for Modoc County as Ron McIntyre has requested to be removed. Discussion regarding replacement ensued, as there are two candidates interested. Supervisor Cantrall suggested they come to the first Board meeting in January to show their ideas/suggestions. Clerk Madison states that papers need to be submitted to reserve space for the state fair exhibit. There is \$1,000 in the budget for this.

CAO Maxwell states that he and Supervisors Dunn and Williams will meet December 19th to screen applications received for the position of Veterans Service Officer. Interviews will be scheduled the last week of December or first week in January and it will be on the agenda for appointment on January 8, 2002.

CAO Maxwell reports that the Forest Services Coalition Funds that were to be here in November are not in yet. He called and was told that the funds were transferred last week to the State. The Department of Finance has indicated that Title 1 and 3 Funds, which is the roads, schools and Supervisors projects should be in within a week to a month. He has received a list of equipment that the Volunteer Fire Departments have indicated that they want to spend the \$100,000 for this year. The funds will be distributed to the fire departments on an equal basis.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Supervisor Williams reports that he received a letter from the Dept. of Community Services and Development regarding the Audit for Modoc-Siskiyou Community Action Agency and they stated that their review did not disclose any findings requiring corrective action.

Supervisor Hagge reports that he attended a burn barrel meeting December 6th with the California Air Quality Resource Control Board and they stated that Modoc, Lassen and Siskiyou did not fit exemptions. He further stated that on February 21 they would hold a meeting and make their decision. He suggests that all members of the Board should attend the meeting that is in Sacramento. Supervisor Hagge asks Board members to read the article in the Herald & News regarding Del Norte County filing for bankruptcy and seeking assistance from the State.

Supervisor Dunn reports that he attended the MCEA Christmas party. He also wanted to brief the board on his meeting with department heads and Barry Silva regarding proposal on how to tie courthouse into computer network using nonproprietary software. CAO Maxwell states that the project has been put on hold as that particular project was not funded under budget so we will wait to see what the State budget situation is after the first of the year.

Supervisor Williams submits a written report of the following meeting he attended since the last Board meeting: Modoc County Transportation -MCTC which the Regional Transportation Improvement Program resolution was adopted. The Likely US395 Storm Drain Project, Cedar Pass SR 299 Truck Escape Ramp was discussed. He also attended the Outdoor Residential Waste Burning meeting on burn barrels, Modoc Fire Safe Council, the Public meeting in Cedarville

concerning Alturas Coal Fired Power Plant and the Modoc County Land Use Committee meeting.

CAO Maxwell informs the Board that the public hearing tonight would be to talk about alternatives and get direction from staff and City Council whether to undertake project, as Foster Wheeler has pulled out. There are grant funds out there and it is up to the Board of Supervisors and City Council whether they want to expend staff time and funds to develop this project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

County Clerk Madison reports that the new AccuVote Voting system has been received and the staff was training last week for 4 days on the new system. She stated that it will be quicker and simpler and will not entail use of punch cards. She also stated that precinct officer training will be done at a time closer to election.

2:40 p.m. Board in recess until 6:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

6:45 p.m.

Mayor Dick Steyer convenes the meeting to order with the following City Council members present Dick Steyer, Jack Ochs, Joe Coffin, George Andreasen and John Kerr. Supervisors Terry Williams, Mike Dunn, Willy Hagge and Patricia Cantrall are present. Supervisor Huffman is absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Alturas City Council and the Modoc County Board of Supervisors, in joint session, are seeking public input on the construction of a 300 mw Gasification Fluid Bed Combined Cycle coal fired power plant. The power plant is being considered as a joint County and City owned project and may be located at the old sawmill property just west of Alturas.

Planning Director Kessler discusses the feasibility study and explains that the study was not intended as an instruction document, it was a worse case scenario document.

Questions from audience members. Frank Vierea and Bret Miller of Foster-Wheeler answer questions and discuss the project. Air Quality is discussed by Air Quality Control Officer Moreo.

8:37 p.m. Meeting in recess. 8:50 p.m. Meeting reconvenes with City Council and Board members present as heretofore.

Mayor Steyer makes a statement. Statement by Supervisor Cantrall. Comments and questions by audience members.

Mayor Steyer thanks audience members for attending and their interest.

Nothing further at this time the meeting is adjourned. The Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

10:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Maxine Madison, Clerk of the Board



Terry Williams, Chairman