

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 1996**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Modoc met in regular session this 17th day of September, 1996. The following supervisors were present: Nancy J. Huffman, Ron McIntyre, Ed Carver, Ben Zandstra and Joe Colt. County Clerk Maxine Madison, Auditor Judi Stevens and Director of Administrative Services Michael Maxwell also present.

Meeting called to order pursuant to law by chairperson Huffman. Following the flag salute, the invocation was offered by Supervisor Zandstra. Supervisor Huffman noted that the agenda was posted on September 11, 1996.

**MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:**

Larry Trotter, President of Modoc County Employee's Association comments on the Transportation Manager position, Range 48. He informs members that the MCEA would like to make sure that the position is advertised and hired based on merit.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Assessor Johnson reports the property lien date is effective January 1, 1997. Packets will go out the first part of January and the return date has not changed, it is April 1, 1997. She informs members that they are working to get the new computers set up for the new lien date.

Siskiyou County is setting up a seminar on Board of Equalization appeals. It will be the first part of October with date to be determined later. Board members and county staff will be invited to attend the seminar.

Director Maxwell received a request by FAX this morning from RCRC to add an item to the agenda as an emergency item. The item will be request support for a bill introduced to provide a pilot program on Plumas National Forest to improve the forest health.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to add agenda item 5a, as an emergency item as follows: "Request support for a bill introduced to provide a pilot program on Plumas National Forest

**2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: RE POLICY FOR STORING OF EQUIPMENT AT OLD MILL PROPERTY.**

Mr. Cyriakos G. Nichols questions members regarding the storing of equipment at the old mill property and whether there is a policy and if there is he believes it should be reviewed and changed. He questions the storing of property by Sierra Power.

Assessor Johnson responds that in order for equipment to be assessable it has to be in the county on March 1, 1996. The state utility lists property on the utility roll. The State Board of Equalization sets the utility tax and transmits the roll to the county on or before August 1 each year.

**3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: ( DAV, VFW, AM LEGION)**

**a. COUNTY PERSONNEL-PARTICIPATION IN MILITARY FUNERALS.**

Chuck Camarato informs members that there is an Honor Guard in the county that performs at various functions. At least four of the Honor Guard are county employees and most of them work at the Modoc Medical Center in non critical positions. He requests the board to support the Honor Guard and would like authorization for the employee to attend funerals as members of the Honor Guard if requested.

Board members discuss the issue and direct Director Maxwell to send a memorandum to department heads that the Board supports the Honor Guard and encourages department heads to allow participation by employees if the workload allows for time off.

**b. SUPPORT OF ED CARVER CONTINUING AS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:**

John Sockett, Chuck Camarato, Sean Curtis and Tiny Swisher representing county Veterans groups read a letter requesting the Board of Supervisors retain Ed Carver as the Modoc County Veterans Affairs Officer.

Director of Administrative Services explains to the representatives that the Veterans Service Officer must be a veteran and that this is an unfunded position.

**c. INFORMATION REGARDING A 5 ACRE SECTION IN NEW CEMETERY FOR VETERANS.**

Chuck Camarato informs board members that the Alturas Cemetery Board of Directors is willing to donate 5 acres of the new cemetery for a Veterans cemetery. The cemetery would be available to veterans and their spouse for free burials for county residents.

Director Maxwell advises board members that he does not know the procedure for establishment of a veterans cemetery at this time. He requests more information regarding the matter and the regulations for establishment of a county veterans cemetery.

**4. ROAD DEPARTMENT ITEMS:**

**a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: READING AND ADOPTION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGER, RANGE 48, IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.**

Director of Administrative Services Maxwell reads proposed ordinance establishing a position in the Road Department of Transportation Manager at Range 48.

Supervisors discuss the requirements for filling a county position. It is suggested that a letter be placed in the newspaper explaining the procedure for filling county positions. A position is noticed "in house" and if an applicant is not selected to fill the position from those applications, at that time it is advertised in the newspaper and public applications are received.

Motion by Supervisor Zandstra, seconded by Supervisor Colt and unanimously carried, to adopt Ordinance number 250-60 as an urgency ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Section 25123 of the California Government Code establishing the position of Transportation Manager, Range 48, in the Modoc County Road Department.

**b. INCREASE ROAD DEPARTMENT REVENUE BY \$40,000 (MATERIAL AND LABOR REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT 5445) AND INCREASE SALARIES AND BENEFITS EXPENDITURES BY \$40,000.**

Road Commissioner Pedersen informs members that the budget adopted for the 1996/97 FY does not include any moneys for the position of Transportation Manager. Salaries and Benefits will need to be increased by \$40,000. The total cost of this position will be funded by the Modoc County Local Transportation Commission. Material/Labor Reimbursement revenue will need to be increased by \$40,000. The net effect to the Road Department's operations and budget will be zero.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to increase Road Department Revenue by \$40,000 Account #5445 Material and Labor Reimbursement and increase Salaries and Benefits expenditures by \$40,000.

**c. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE 1996/97 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISCRETIONARY GRANT, ON BEHALF OF MODOC COUNTY, TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS.**

Public Works Director Pedersen informs members that the application is a joint application with the City of Alturas. If the application is approved by the CIWMB, funding would be in addition to the grant that was received by Modoc County last fiscal year.

Motion by Supervisor Zandstra, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-45 authorizing Modoc County's application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for 1996/97 Household Hazardous Waste Grant. Director of Public Works is authorized to execute all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, and agreements and amendments for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

10:15 a.m. Board in recess.

10:30 a.m. Board meeting reconvenes with all present as heretofore.

**5 a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: ADOPT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A BILL INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE A PILOT PROGRAM ON PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST TO IMPROVE THE FOREST HEALTH.**

Director of Administrative Services Maxwell reads letter from Plumas County Board of Supervisors requesting a letter of support or resolution from Modoc County in support of a pilot program on Plumas National Forest to improve the forest health. The project is sponsored by the Quincy Library group and they have drafted a bill for improvement of the forest health.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Zandstra and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-45 in support of Plumas National Forest pilot program to improve forest health.

**5. CONTRACT APPROVAL: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH TEACH, INC. WELCOME BABY! PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE COMMUNITY BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY THE FEDERAL PREVENTION PROGRAM), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,075.00 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997. (Administrative Services)**

Motion by Supervisor Zandstra, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to approve the contract with TEACH, Inc. Welcome Baby for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/20/1996**

**b. REQUEST BOARD TO INCREASE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING & GROUNDS BUDGET EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM 1410-7130 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES \$600, INCREASE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS & GROUNDS BUDGET EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM 1410-7180 PROFESSIONAL & SPECIALIZED \$400, TO REPLACE THE AIR CONDITIONING COMPRESSOR LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE JUSTICE CENTER. (Public Works Dept.)**

**c. INVENTORY TRANSFERS/DELETIONS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. (Administrative Services)**

Supervisor Zandstra removes Consent Agenda item "a" as he was not present at the August 20, 1996 meeting. Supervisor Colt removes Consent Agenda item "c" for discussion.

Motion by Supervisor Carver, seconded by Supervisor Colt and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agenda item "b" as presented. Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Carver and unanimously carried, to transfer the funds and to increase in Public Works Buildings and Grounds Budget in the amount of \$1,000. from contingency fund for the replacement of the air compressor located at the South end of the Justice Center.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver and carried, to approve Consent Agenda item "a" as presented. AYES: Colt, Carver, McIntyre, Huffman ABSTAINS: Zandstra

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to approve Consent Agenda "c" as presented.

#### **7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Bob Brooks informs members that the Hospital Administrator started work today, Financial Officer started August 27th, Director of Nurses started today September 17th. Redding Medical Center Administrative Consultant and Indian Valley Hospital Director of Nurses are also here today. He reports that it looks like it will be a good transition. The consultant is going to speak to Rotary today regarding the hospital.

District Attorney Comisky reports that he attended the RCRC water meeting in Yreka, CA. He reports that the meeting was very beneficial, the Sierra Study that was referred to indicated the value of water. State law allows the counties to adopt a management plan to control groundwater and to prevent the exportation of that ground water. He is reviewing management plans from other counties and will prepare a draft plan for members to review.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

Supervisor Zandstra reports that the group crossing the Applegate Trail arrived in Surprise Valley on Saturday. He reports that the Modoc County Health Services is providing training for the "Naturals Helpers" program for selected students at the Surprise Valley Elementary School. Students recently attended a training session at Spanish Springs, this is a follow up to help to prevent another tragedy to young people. He reports that Jack Hoover who served on the Resource Conservation Board passed away suddenly and will be missed on the committee.

Supervisor Colt reminds Board members of the dinner for Senator Leslie on Friday, October 11, 1996 at Lake Almanor. He reports that LTC has asked CalTrans for a turn lane on Pencil Road. If Board members have road projects that would like submitted to the LTC he requests they bring them to his attention or another member of LTC. He discusses a proposed committee to check on roads and determine the future of roads in the county and how they are going to be maintained. The committee will determine how the county can serve the most people with limited funds.

Supervisor Carver reports that he has attended the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting as an alternate. He is meeting with the cemetery board of directors regarding a section of the new cemetery for a Veterans Cemetery. He met with Senior Citizens and the PSA II representative was present.

Supervisor Huffinan reappoints Supervisor McIntyre as a representation of Modoc County to CSAC. Supervisor Huffinan is appointed alternate member to CSAC representing Modoc County. She received a resignation from Marion Palmer from the Modoc County Planning Commission effective September 13, 1996. She requests the matter be placed on the agenda for October 1, 1996 for appointment to fill the vacancy. She reports she attended the stewardship meeting and barbeque in Cedarville.

Supervisor Huffman and Supervisor Colt request that a letter of thanks be sent to the two members of the Planning Commission that recently resigned. Director Maxwell to check to see if the Planning Commission recognized their service. Supervisors Huffman and Colt request a letter or resolution from the board.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

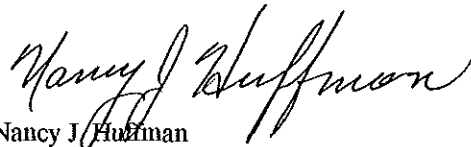
Director of Administrative Services Maxwell reports regarding a disagreement between Judge Baker and Judge Dier regarding an action taken by Judge Baker in the dismissal of Court Executive Officer. Copies of a letter dated September 26, 1996 from Judge Baker to Court Executive Officer has been received and read by Board members. County Counsel Comisky reads a letter from Judge Dier regarding the action and requesting that Court Executive Officer be placed on administrative leave with pay until the disagreement is resolved. He informs members that Becky Dederick was placed on administrative leave commencing September 16, 1996. Director Maxwell will keep the board informed regarding the matter.

County Counsel Comisky advises board members regarding the position of presiding judge and who is entitled to hold the position of presiding judge in a two judge county.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting is adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.  
12:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Maxine Madison  
Clerk of the Board



Nancy J. Huffman  
Chairperson

