

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FEBRUARY 20, 1996

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Modoc met in regular session this 20th day of February, 1996. The following supervisors are present: Nancy J Huffman, Ron McIntyre, Ed Carver, Joe Colt and Ben Zandstra. County Clerk Maxine Madison, County Counsel Hugh Comisky, Jr., Auditor Judi Stevens and Director of Administrative Services Mike Maxwell also present.

Meeting called to order pursuant to law by Chairperson Huffman. Following the flag salute, the invocation was offered by Supervisor Zandstra. Chairperson Huffman noted that the agenda was posted on February 14, 1996.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:

Sean Curtis, Land Use Committee member discusses with members the importance of keeping separate the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Fish and Game Department. The MOU is between the County and State Department of Fish and Game and Mr. Curtis is concerned that there is *no per mtr of 04/16/96* misunderstanding that the MOU is also with the WCB. He reports on the public hearing regarding conservation easements and in particular the Clover Swale Conservation Easement acquisition.

1. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

2. PERSONNEL MATTER: RULON OYLER--5 YEAR SERVICE AWARD.

Rulon Oyler was presented a five (5) year service award certificate for his dedication and service to Modoc County in the Department of Public Works, Building and Grounds Department. Rulon's responsibilities include maintenance of nine county buildings, from the Courthouse to the Community building in Adin, and the care of all seven parks throughout the county, which includes anything from lawn mowing to sprinkler system repair. He has a three man full time crew plus part time crews, many trustees, GAIN workers, and job training workers sponsored by other agencies which he supervises.

MODOC MEDICAL CENTER ITEMS:

a. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Theresa Jacques, FSM presents Financial overview for December 1995.

b. A/R TRANSFER REQUEST.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to approve the request to relieve the Hospital Administrator and Financial Services Manager from active accountability for the collection of the following debts in the amount of \$15,583.69. Thirty Nine accounts totaling \$2,938.52 to go to Small Claims and sixty four accounts in the amount of \$12,645.07 to be referred to a collection agency.

c. MOUs/CONTRACTS:

- 1. EMERGENCY OB COVERAGE - PANNER.**
- 2. EMERGENCY OB COVERAGE - RICHERT**
- 3. ANESTHESIA COVERAGE - PANNER.**

The Hospital Board of Trustees recommends that the contracts be approved as requested. County Counsel Comisky has reviewed the contracts

Motion by Supervisor Zandstra, seconded by Supervisor Colt and unanimously carried, to approve the contracts as presented and authorize Hospital Administrator to sign the contracts between the Modoc County Medical Center and Dr. Panner, Dr. Richert for OB coverage. The Agreement for Anesthesia Services contract between the Modoc Medical Center and Dr. Owen is approved and Chairman of the Board is authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the County of Modoc.

- 4. ROAD DEPARTMENT ITEMS: (John Pedersen, Road Commissioner)**
 - a. REQUEST PERMISSION TO HIRE ASSISTANT ENGINEER AT RANGE 51, STEP F.**

Road Commissioner Pedersen requests permission to hire an Assistant Engineer at range 51, step F. The candidate has the education and requirement to place him in this range. The individual has worked for the Dept. of Water Resources and other state agencies and is qualified for the position in this range. The position is to fill a vacant position in the office and has been advertised.

Motion by Supervisor McIntyre, seconded by Supervisor Zandstra and unanimously carried, to approve the request to authorize Road Commissioner to hire an Assistant Engineer in Range 51, Step F.

- b. REPORT ON AWARD OF BIDS FOR PROPANE, ASPHALT CONCRETE AND PREMIX, AND ASPHALT EMULSIONS FOR 1996 CALENDAR YEAR.**

Road Commissioner Pedersen reports that several bids were received. The fuel bid has been readvertised to provide for a card lock system in the Alturas area.

5. PRESENTATION OF PLANS FOR INTERNET SERVICE TO START IN MODOC COUNTY IN APRIL, 1996. (SCOTT ADLER, CITIZENS TELECOM REP.)

Librarian Uyttenhove updates board members on the internet system in the library and the educational program in the library to teach groups and individuals how to use the internet.

Scott Adler, Product Manager for Western Regions Telephone Operations with Citizens Telecom from Elk Grove, CA, presented information to board members and the public regarding the establishment of local internet service by Citizens Telecom. Within the next 60 to 90 days Citizens Telecom customers will be able to access Internet based services without it being a long distance call. There will be testing for two or three months before it is available to customers. The rates for Internet are \$9.95 for 10 hours of use monthly, \$14.95 for 25 hours of use and additional hours charged at \$1.20 per hour. \$24.95 for 100 hours of monthly use. If all goes well they expect it to be up and running in June, 1996 in this area.

Board members and audience members question Mr. Adler and Mr. Wissmath, Alturas Citizens Telecom representative regarding Internet. Chairman Huffman thanks the group for the presentation.

Recess.

Board meeting reconvenes with all members present.

6. REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM COUNTY CLERK TRUST ACCOUNT #4500 INTO ELECTIONS FIXED ASSET BUDGET #7870 FOR PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FOR ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT,

County Clerk Madison requests transfer of funds from County Clerk Trust Account #4500 into Elections Fixed Asset budget #7870 for purchase of computer for Elections Department. The request is for transfer of \$4,000. The request has been approved by the Data Processing committee.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Zandstra and unanimously carried to approve the transfer of \$4000.00 from County Clerk Trust Account #4500 into Elections Fixed Asset budget #7870.

b. REQUEST TO PURCHASE BACKUP COMPUTER FOR ELECTION BALLOT COUNTING AND ELECTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

Motion by Supervisor Carver, seconded by Supervisor McIntyre and unanimously carried, to approve the purchase of computer plus the equipment needed for network system for ballot counting and election management program.

7. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STANDARDIZED/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8607 (e)(1). (Sheriff Mix)

Administrative Services Director Maxwell presents information on requirement of GC 8607(E)(1), it basically states that the county is establishing and accepting a standardized emergency system. Sheriff Mix states that until a county approves this that their ability to receive reimbursement for costs on any emergency would be impaired or they would not be eligible for reimbursement. Sheriff Mix and Director Maxwell recommend that the resolution be adopted and he further advises board members that 98% of the requirements are already a part of the county procedure in emergencies. Sheriff Mix will provide a list of names to be on the committee.

Motion by Supervisor Carver, seconded by Supervisor McIntyre and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-12 , and approve the proposed Agreement for Participation the the Modoc County Operational Area Emergency Management organization, and authorizes the Chairman to sign and further authorizes the Sheriff of Modoc County, to organize the modoc operational area Emergency Management organization.

11:59 a.m. Board in Recess.

1:30 p.m. Board meeting reconvenes with all members present.

8. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: LETTER OF SUPPORT OF SB 848. INCREASE OF STATEWIDE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON MULTI-LINE HIGHWAYS. (Road Commissioner Pedersen)

In order for the county, city or state to justify a lower speed limit than 65 an engineering and traffic study must be made to determine 85% of the traffic speed limit to set the speed limit. The study must be done every 5 years in order for the speed limit to remain at the posted speed if lower than 65 miles per hour. If this were done the county would have to do 60 engineering studies each year for five years.as The county has approximately 300 county roads. SB 848 would extend the time line to 1/1/97 to justify 65 miles per

hour. According to a memo from the California Highway Patrol Commissioner, effective March 31, the 65 m.p.h. speed limit will apply to city, county and other state highways. If the roads are not signed at a lower speed the 65 m.p.h. limit will be enforced as of March 31, 1996.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor McIntyre and carried, to send letter of support of SB 848 (Kopp) regarding speed limit increase of 65 m.p.h. and this bill would maintain the maximum speed limit at 55 mph on two land highways, unless ETS is completed to support a higher speed.

Ayes: Supervisor Colt, Zandstra, Huffman, McIntyre.

Noes: Supervisor Carver

9. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: APPOINTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAND USE COMMITTEE: (Supervisor McIntyre)

Supervisor McIntyre requests that this matter be continued until the March 5, 1996 board meeting.

10. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: RESOLUTION ADOPTING RCRC RESOLUTION 95-04 IN SUPPORT OF RURAL COUNTIES AREA OF ORIGIN ALTERNATIVE TO BE OFFERED TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

Supervisor Huffman presents information to members regarding the action of RCRC resolution. Supervisor McIntyre questions whether this issue has been presented to the Land Use Committee for comment and recommendation.

Motion by Supervisor McIntyre, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-13 in support of rural counties' area of origin alternative to be offered to the State Water Resources Control Board during its water rights proceedings and the CALFED process. Director of Administrative Services Maxwell to send a copy of the resolution to the Land Use Committee.

11. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: COUNTY POLICY (COUNTY PAYCHECK ENVELOPES USED TO DISPERSE SOLICITATIONS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES) (Director of Administrative Services Maxwell)

Director of Administrative Services Maxwell discusses proposed policy regarding county pay envelopes used to disperse solicitations to county employees. He reads a letter from County Counsel regarding the policy stating that if the material is distributed to county employees only and a benefit to all county employees. The information must be presented to the

Auditor's Office ready to be placed in the pay envelopes. The County Auditor will determine whether there is an additional cost in staff time or postage which must be paid by the person presenting the solicitation.

Motion by Supervisor McIntyre, seconded by Supervisor Zandsttra and unanimously carried to adopt the county policy as presented. County Auditor to make policy available as requested..

12. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT- GOVERNOR WILSON'S MOVE TO CHANGE THE PREVAILING WAGE RULES THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT TO THE 50 PERCENT OR WEIGHTED AVERAGE METHOD.

Director Maxwell presents information regarding request for support of Governor Wilson's proposed reform of prevailing wage law. Support will effect prevailing wages in state by a small amount but it is at least moving in the right direction. Prevailing wage laws are nowhere close to being representative to rural counties as only 25% of the state workers in the state of CA (construction workers), are union, it is not fair, it causes an undue cost on construction on rural counties and cost the taxpayers a lot of money.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Carver, and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-14 in support of Governor Wilson's Plan of reform to state prevailing wage rates..

13. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: RESOLUTION OF COUNTY SUPPORT PROP. 197, MOUNTAIN LION MANAGEMENT.

Motion by Supervisor Colt, seconded by Supervisor Zandstra and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 96-15 to support Proposition 197, an act which requires the California Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game to study the population growth of the California mountain lion and create and adopt a management plan which protects the safety of California people, livestock and family pets.

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 1996.

This item is continued to the next board meeting.

15. FISH, GAME AND RECREATION MEMBER APPOINTMENTS.

Discussion of appointments. Recommendations of commission discussed.

Motion by Supervisor McIntyre, seconded by Supervisor Carver and unanimously carried, to appoint to the following members to the Fish, Game and Recreation Commission as follows:

Dan Hill reappointed 1st District, Jon King reappointed 2nd District, John Kerr reappointed 3rd District, Delbert Craig reappointed 5th District. Fourth District Supervisor McIntyre will recommend a person at a later meeting to fill the alternate position.

16. CONSIDERATION/ACTION USFS REQUEST FOR COMMENT PATTERSON GUARD STATION.

Director Maxwell reports that the Land Use Committee discussed this and have communicated with the Lakes. At the next meeting comments will be available re: Patterson Guard Station. Director Maxwell informs members that the deadline for comments will be requested from USFS.

Motion by Supervisor Zandstra, seconded by Supervisor Colt, and unanimously carried, directing Director Maxwell to request extension on comment period from USFS.

17. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS.

Director of Administrative Services Maxwell reports that he sent out notices to Dept. Heads for mid year budget reviews. He reports that the response to Mr. Armstrong will be ready for the next meeting.

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Supervisor Colt reports that he has been working in the recovery of the airplane that crashed near Cedarville. At the present time they are trying to dig up the airplane and are building a canal to drain the lake in order to recover the plane. He attended the hospital clinic opening and dedication.

Supervisor Carver reports that he attended the hospital clinic facility opening and dedication.

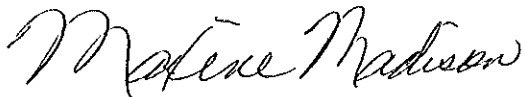
Supervisor McIntyre reports that he attended hospital clinic opening and dedicaton. Attended the JPA meeting for event center and approved the floor plan. They are going to move forward with bid process to come up with a cost plan. Attended the Wellness Plan meeting, it is private funds. He is concerned that this is a duplication of programs.

Supervisor Zandstra reports that he attended the Library Advisory Board meeting. He attended the RCD meeting at Bruno's. Ore-Cal representative

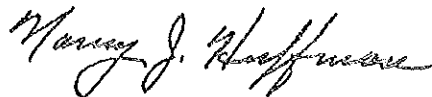
spoke on marketing juniper. One of the biggest factors in harvesting juniper is cost of transportation. He also spoke on promoting tourism and that one certain activity should be emphasized. He attended the East Lassen meeting and reports that Big Horn sheep have been introduced in the Cow Head massacre allotment area.

Supervisor Huffman reports that she attended RCRC Board meeting. The conference in September will be on laws and trial court funding, boot camps, cost of CY. There will be a RCRC meeting here in June with possibly 100 people attending. She attended Land Use Committee meeting. She reports on the water issue. RCRC meet with Wells Fargo Bank representatives to attempt to get them to do some of their lending in rural areas or RCRC will oppose merger of Wells Fargo and First Interstate Bank.

No further business to come before the board at this time, the meeting is adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.



Maxine Madison, Clerk



Nancy J. Huffman, Chairman