

7:00 p.m.

Special Joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Alturas City Council for report and public comments regarding Alturas Mill Acquisition. Present: Supervisors John H. Schreiber, Melvin L. "Andy" Anderson, Don E. Polson and Nancy J. Huffman. Absent Supervisor M.W. Jones. Alturas City Council Charlie Johnson, Chip Massie, Ron McIntyre and Jim Porter. Absent City Council member Lavon Coffin. Also present District Attorney Sorensen, City Attorney Baker, County Clerk Madison, City Clerk Pennell. Approximately 30 persons are present in the audience for the hearing.

Meeting called to order pursuant to law by Mayor Johnson. Flag salute.

Chip Green representing MEDC, Jim Marr representing Alturas Chamber of Commerce, Jim Gordon consultant for California Rural Business ventures, Mike Maxwell Modoc County Planning Director present to answer questions regarding mill acquisition.

Mr. Green explains that the Board of Supervisors and City Council scheduled this joint hearing for input from local citizens and to let them know what led up to the proposal. He informs the audience that they are "trying to prevent a bankruptcy sale and keep jobs in the county." At the conference in Sacramento the committee found that WTD, Inc. expected to sell the plant by February 10, 1992 and they wanted to extend the time for the sale.

Audience members question whether it will be expensive to bring the mill up to operating standards, environmental problems, and air pollution restrictions. The audience is concerned with whether timber is available.

The audience is advised that funding for the purchase will be from grants. The offer to WTD, Inc. is in the "one million" range. Before the county/city would purchase the mill there would be a feasibility study. Mr. Maxwell informs the audience that the cost of the feasibility study would be from planning grants. The county/city would be required to provide soft match which would be staff time. It is anticipated that the mill will be leased for operation.

Chairman Polson and Mayor Johnson thank the audience and participants for their attendance and inform them that they will keep the community advised of the progress of the mill acquisition and that there will be other meetings for public input.

Nothing further at this time the meeting adjourned. Board of Supervisors to meet in Special Session Thursday, February 13, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse, Alturas, CA.

8:50 p.m.


Maxine Madison, Clerk

Don Polson, Chairman