

**MINUTES
MONTAGUE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 6:00 PM
WORKSHOP**

CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM
ROLL CALL Robustellini, Benson, Keller and Singleton
ABSENT: Hammond
OTHERS: Sprague
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

1. Discussion of the Coordination Process and a Broad Brush Resolution
2. Discussion of the Coordination of the Montague Airport
3. Discussion of Trademark America, Inc. proposal to contract services pertaining to Coordination

Robustellini called the workshop to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. Discussion of the Coordination Process and a Broad Brush Resolution

Benson began by referring to two of Del Norte County resolutions that were available on line. One resolution is specific to only one topic and the other is more of a broad brush listing numerous topics.

Benson said that he actually spoke with J. Serina at Del Norte to find out how their coordination was working. Serina told Benson that the coordination resolution and letter will get you an audience/hearing with the agency, but not necessarily get you any satisfactory results. Serina said that when you get your audience/hearing with the agency to be polite. You may have to do a little pushing.

Keller said that our resolution should be written in a way that it will cover multiple agencies, so when we do write our letter on an issue we won't have to write or re-write our resolution..

Singleton said that she remembered Mr. Intiso volunteered to help the City write the first letter at no charge. Once we have the first letter, we can use it as template for future letters and then attach our resolution to it.

Benson agreed, stating that if the broad brush resolution was written in that way, then we could also back up other jurisdiction, such as happy Camp and the dams; Fort Jones and Etna on the water; and on timber and etc... the water and timber issues could affect our city and its economy.

The city can write their own letters to the agencies addressing a specific issue, but the resolution attached to the letter should be written by someone with the knowledge to know what to put in it.

Benson said that as a direct result of other cities and issues such as transportation, fish and game (water), the forest service (timber) and FAA (airport) would all have an economic impact on Montague.

2. Discussion of the Coordination of the Montague Airport

Keller stated that she feels the Montague Airport is our biggest case.

Benson has been researching the NIPAS and obtained copies of NIPAS correspondence from the file of the Yreka City Attorney, Mary Frances McHugh. The most recent attempt was in 2007, and the FAA response was still the same, the thirty minute, thirty mile rule. Unless we can come up with another reason to consider, the FAA will continue to reject our request.

Keller, Benson and Robustellini discuss airport traffic and fuel.

Benson stated, that at one time we thought we had more traffic than the County Airport. I have some statistical information that I got off the internet that gives traffic estimates for the County Airport.

Keller believes that the numbers are artificially inflated.

Robustellini thought we had more home based aircraft (26) than the county's (16).

Benson said that they must also be counting touch and goes as part of the traffic number and that home based aircraft is very important and a significant part to estimating airport operations. The take offs, landings, and the touch and goes and home based aircraft is all part of it.

Keller felt that by not having an FBO on duty may affect our traffic status because there is no one there to count the drop ins and local traffic.

Who does the counting of the traffic at the County Airport and where does the internet get its information? This question brought up other issues.

Transportation: Everyone must pass by our airport and thru the downtown to get to the county airport

Contracts: UPS contracts with Redding Aero and all of the local banking, medical and other business are contracted with America Flight.

Safety: If we are unable to get NIPAS status, we can try for more funding to repair and maintain the runway through the FAA on the grounds of safety.

Keller said that the County Airport sells both Jet-A and 100-low lead. All we have is 100-low lead. All of the bigger helicopters use the Jet-A and we don't have that type of fuel to offer them. To get it would be costly.

Robustellini said that the larger jets cannot land at our airport because the runway is too short. Our runway is about 2280 to 2800 feet long and the county airport is about 7484 feet long.

3. Discussion of Trademark America, Inc. proposal to contract services pertaining to Coordination

Benson said that Etna and Fort Jones are looking to join together regarding the water issues in their valley. Etna has signed on, but Fort Jones is still thinking about it, but probably will sign on also.

Siskiyou County has already signed with Fred Kelly Grant (Trademark America, Inc), hereinafter (Grant) for \$10,000.

Montague already received a proposal in the amount of \$1,500 from Grant to write our resolution.

Keller said that due to the complexity of the resolution, we may want to hire Trade Mark to prepare it.

Clerk suggested the council might want to consider an Ad-hoc Committee to meet with Grant to discuss our resolution and go over the issues before hiring him.

Benson didn't believe an Ad-hoc Committee was necessary, as we have already met with his representative and have a proposed agreement and samples of resolutions. Keller agrees.

Benson says that we need to look for a reason why we have been turned down so we don't write the same letters.

Keller said that she will be out of town when the next council meeting is held, but said that she would vote to have the matter on the agenda for the council to decide whether or not to hire Trademark America (Grant). She was for it.

Robustellini, Benson and Singleton also agreed.

The clerk was instructed to place the matter on the agenda for council approval.

Keller makes the motion to adjourn the workshop meeting.
Seconded by Singleton. Ayes: all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

ATTEST:

CITY OF MONTAGUE:

Janie Sprague, City Clerk

John Hammond, Mayor