



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - VICE CHAIR ; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES; DISTRICT 3 - JEFF HEMPHILL ; DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 5 - TOM HAMMOND

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

5:30 PM

Lassen County Fairground
Jensen Hall
195 Russell Ave
Susanville, CA 96130

5:32 P.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Present: Supervisors Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond.

Also Present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Egan, County Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer, Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Present: 5 - Chris Gallagher, Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill, Aaron Albaugh and Tom Hammond

Excuse: 0

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute, invocation was offered by Supervisor Albaugh.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Gallagher, that this Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION

SUBJECT: Discuss possible amendments to Title 18 of the Lassen County Code regarding commercial cannabis cultivation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Possible future implementation and environmental review costs if an ordinance is adopted.

ACTION REQUESTED: Provide direction to staff.

CAO Egan reminded the Board commercial cannabis cultivation is illegal in Lassen County. There are no allowances in any of the ordinances. The topic has

been discussed on multiple occasions and the possibility in allowing some form of cultivation. Measure M is in place to tax commercial cannabis and dispensaries. CAO Egan stated he and the Board of Supervisors agreed it would be more beneficial to have a session where discussion was held to receive direction before committing resources to drafting what legislation will allow and to express desires, concerns and direction to staff.

Treasurer/Tax Collector Nancy Cardenas gave a detailed overview of Measure M, taxation on illegal cannabis cultivation, and taxation on hemp. CAO Egan stated the tax was authorized by the voters, cannabis is to be taxed by quarter in any quarter cultivation is occurring. An indoor controlled environment could be all four quarters. In most outside grows it's going to be two or three quarters.

Supervisor Hammond asked County Counsel Uhrhammer how Lassen County's cannabis ordinances and tax measure is, compared to other counties. County Counsel Uhrhammer stated there were inconsistencies that needed to be corrected, but not completely different from other counties. How Measure M was implemented was a little confusing. Small changes could be made, but it would have to go back to the voters to make significant amendments to it.

Additional discussion was held pertaining to taxation on illegal cultivation, measuring grows and aerial photos of illegal grows.

Supervisor Albaugh asked about legal commercial cultivation and state grant funding. Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon stated when Proposition 64 was passed by the voters, it set aside an account for a portion of the state wide taxes on marijuana operations that would go into that fund and the grant program administered by the Board of State Communities and Corrections. The City of Susanville is also entitled to funding.

Sheriff Growdon discussed prior illegal cannabis cultivation and the process of abating. County Counsel Uhrhammer briefly discussed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson discussed a pilot program for the next grow season.

Agricultural Commissioner Craig Hemphill gave a brief report regarding hemp.

SPEAKERS: Nick Taiks, Carol Clark, Antonucci, Kerri Cobb, Art Barker, Catrina Shocke, Carol Ann Kona, Tim (didn't disclose last name), Joe turner, Daniel Ferrera, Jason Ingram, Curtis Bortle, Willis Stout, Bob Wait.

Supervisor Hemphill recommended to move forward with an ad hoc committee. Supervisor Gallagher agreed to an ad hoc committee. The Board agreed to establish an ad hoc committee. Supervisor Albaugh stated the committee would consist of two Board of Supervisors, two members of the public, and his choice

of Lassen County Department Heads. Supervisor Albaugh added he, solely would be selecting the panel and would make the announcement in two weeks.

CAO was absent from 7:06 p.m. - 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board