

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 21, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on January 2, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Matt Kingsley. Absent: Mark Tillemans.

PLEDGE Supervisor Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no-one wishing to address the Board during public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.

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MORATORIUM** CAO Carunchio noted that the interim urgency ordinance adopted by the Board on November 7 that establishes a moratorium on commercial cannabis activity in Inyo County, giving time for the County's local ordinances to be enacted and take effect, expires in a day or two. An ordinance extending that moratorium was presented for enactment. Vice Chairperson Totheroh opened the public hearing at 8:38 a.m. Lowell Shade of Stewart Valley said he was happy about some of the changes that the Planning Commission made to the County's draft cannabis ordinances yesterday. He urged the Board to look into options for allowing growers to get involved in the State licensing process now, such as a registry that would show the State they are actively pursuing local licensing. Vice Chairperson Totheroh closed the public hearing at 8:41 a.m. It was clarified that no changes were made to the County's draft ordinances, and that the Planning Commission only voted to recommend changes by the Board. Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo made himself available to the Board to discuss options mentioned by Shade. CAO Carunchio provided the Board with a possible timeline for approval of the County's ordinances, and said given the Planning Commission's contrary recommendations after so much public outreach, it might be wise to invite the Commissioners for a presentation on January 2 and then hold the first reading of the ordinances on January 9. Planning Director Cathreen Richards reviewed the Commission's recommendations. County Counsel Rudolph warned of Brown Act issues. CAO Carunchio suggested agendizing the Commission's visit as a joint meeting. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to enact an ordinance titled, "An Interim Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Extending the Interim Ordinance 1216 Prohibiting Commercial Medical and Recreational Marijuana Activities, Including Commercial Cultivation, Distribution, Storage, Manufacturing, Processing, Provision or Sale of Cannabis Products in the Unincorporated Area of Inyo County." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Tillemans absent.

ADJOURN Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO*
Clerk of the Board

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant