

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SAGUACHE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE
PROPOSED MARIJUANA REGULATIONS
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The Hearing was Called to Order by Board Chair, Jason Anderson, at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Jason Anderson explained the purpose and process of the Hearing to all present.

Public Comments:

Sherry Hougan – we need to have regulations, and is scared and not safe. We need to come together as a community to regulate.

Makalya Tarlow- did vote for MJ, its' not regulated now and is glad the county is putting regulations, she supports the use of MJ but we need regulations, its taking over, she is in support of the regulations.

Cindy Reindhart- she thinks we need regs & supports

Michael Scully – seen community go downhill but can't put it on pot. The regulations are not clear. Specify difference between hemp, med grows, retail. The security system is not clearly understood. What is that? Need to be more clear on regulations, so others can understand.

Whitney Gordon – She is a med grower she agrees it shouldn't be six (6) plants per person isn't enough to her to grow.

Jacob Altenger – recently moved here. Four years in Afghanistan suffers from medical conditions, marijuana treats all those problems, and says it is not addictive. When you grow for yourself but six plants is not enough. He has a plant count of 25 but needs a higher amount. There is a lot of med growers for themselves.

Justin Frain - people are moving to CO for safety to grow, docs prescribe the amount they need and county shouldn't step in. They pay taxes as well.

George Whitten – if people think they get to grow without paying taxes and should get clear set of rules for this. It's up to the county to regulate.

Ed Davis – 850 lots, residential community, take a stand against this, there is regs on HOA and people just come to grow pot and then leave the mess.

Cole Krantz – he owns the trout ranch and is for the regs. He would like to know who regulates the water.

Arthur Serna – if county is too strict it will do more harm than good. 12 and 36 is stifling and need to raise the bar for it. They should have a doc note, county regulate, and we can benefit from this crop.

Wolfe Straghenburg – good beginnings and need to regulate. We need to let everyone know how much will you contribute and let the county know what you want.

Jopa Paul Maxwell III – where will the money go and it is not against the law, there is a huge franchise with this and it should be addressed.

Tracy Henderson – need to make it easier for people in the Baca, to become legal growers, have an app to make it legal.

Bill Vestal- Crystal Stix – discrimination on large families the lot size 50, 5, 1 is crazy, The County needs money he knows that.

John Huffman – he heard that it, it's important to regulate but regulating med patients isn't fair. Alfalfa takes more water, it shouldn't be regulated so harshly.

Lita Bishop – thank you to the task force, protection the citizens. If these pass will the regulations be enforced. In order for the regulations to be put in they need to be sure they can regulate. There are illegal grows of MJ. What will the mess bring if illegal grows happen?

Jason Steefenk – he is in the middle, there are growers who are trying to be legal. These regs are hurting them, the illegal growers aren't going to follow the new regulations.

David Bash – he is wanting to talk about Hemp, there is a moratorium now. He thinks that the moratorium is illegal.

Wayne Peck DWR – new people around here have no idea about the water, or what you can grow with your own domestic well, someone asked who will regulate water, Division of Water Resources are but we can't let people just pump it out.

Bob Peterson – it would be great to see the money go to enforcement. Can we put it to the youth? Is a wall a fence, will you be able to resend the moratorium on the hemp. Who informed the Board of this idea, Diane Dunlop?

Caren Kurshner – 4 home grows – will give her suggested changes to Maez, repetition, patient needs more plants.

Mike Manthy – tag each plant

Josh Denbum – doctors prescribe and should grow their amount of medicine, should tag them to regulate. People are trying to grow their medicine pay tax money for tags.

Jim McClosky – this is our first step, and need to create something that will work for all of us. Tomatoes & vegetables are regulated and Marijuana is a plant and should be regulated.

Susan Wolfrey – until you go overboard and cross the line if so it goes to court.

Bill Vestle – County should do an excise tax.

Todd Holden – has lived here for 12 years, don't bother us if 6 to 12 plants, and please don't forget the little guy.

Wert Fleming – my concern is searching property, treason against the state. If cops come to my property with no reason isn't fair.

Calvin Tibs – this is a healing medicine, the plant gave money to him for his children, fed his family and economy needs boosted.

Laura Enzer – the first American Flag was made out of hemp. It can make anything, for marijuana doctors prescribe for patients.

Ben Vasquez – there are laws in place. There are mobile homes that run down property and they are burning trash.

Deborah Cobb – we should have wholesale marijuana warehouses where extra plants will go.

Yada Bean – he needed the medicine and the illegal growers will not listen don't put a cap on medical license who grow their own. Unclearly written this is a safe place for people to grow for epilepsy and cancer.

Dave Callaby – construction permit, commissioners need to get permits too.

Bob Pederson – “You have to live on the property” a house on one acre, and other lot is greenhouse but lots are next to one another

Jacob Altinger – this law is benefiting the commercial business stopping, marijuana will push people to cocaine and heroin you can make food from hemp, it threatens industries but not people.

Jason Irwin – multi-dwelling properties, would each resident get their own grow, May 15 is plant start.

Jason Box – he is involved in Pee Wee, booster club, take offense on 6 or 99 he has 24 med plant count, security. He tried to be on taskforce.

Dan – there is too much abuse on the card.

Armand Peloquin – he has PTSD, leukemia, if he has to purchase a plant he can't afford to pay the fees.

Keith Vollmar – he is for medical but when you purchase with a POA or HOA you need to follow the rules.

Caren Kershner – she planted up to June 15th for hemp. State implemented more laws on marijuana so look them over to not duplicate.

Yada Bean – if you have a prescription opiate pills, marijuana and some do sell and sheriff can go after them.

Jopa Jones – he will be watching the funds, scaring the locals, *residency requirements*!

Jacob Altinger – he doesn't want people ditching the mess let us help you get there people out.

Cole Krantz – look at water consumption

Dan Mundel – Commercial growers should not be allowed in residential areas, be more specific on residency requirements.

Allen Henderson – east coast smoked there. But moved here because he needed it. It's a natural substance that we can use.

Robert Marquez – he is allowed 6 plants he doesn't have money to build the wall. You make regulations put tags enforced.

Wes Moores – Thank you to commissioners, sheriff and LU for putting this on.

Patty Reigel – she is the mayor, she knows people who are growing illegally. Turn in out of state license plate neighbors.

ADJOURN: There being no further comments, the Hearing was Adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LOVATO TO ADJOURN AT 3:25 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carla Gomez
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DATE MINUTES APPROVED: June 21, 2016

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