

**General Discussion: October 10, 2017**

**10:30 a.m. – BCC Conference Room**

Commissioners Simon G. Hare, Lily N. Morgan and Daniel E. DeYoung; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Chair Simon G. Hare called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**1. Ordinance No. 2017-002**

Commissioner Hare and Commissioner DeYoung expressed support for a rule allowing existing lawful marijuana grow sites in some zones to continue, but only for three years. That rule would apply to rural residential lots of fewer than 5 acres. Commissioners also supported a rule requiring grow sites in those zones to be 100 feet from property lines and 200 feet from the nearest home. The Board agreed to discuss this further at the next County Administration Workshop.

**2. Assistant County Counsel I and II Job Descriptions**

Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, mentioned last week Commissioner Hare and Commissioner DeYoung proposed hiring an attorney, a code enforcement officer and a sheriff's deputy to deal with land-use violations at marijuana grow sites that will be paid for by the industry stream. Commissioner Morgan questioned the three-person team when the state is already acting in the matter. Commissioner DeYoung replied that a cannabis deputy would be like a beat cop who knows the players, but could also be available to deal with more than only marijuana-related crimes. Commissioner Hare said the county's code enforcement officer should not go into some locations alone for safety reasons and Mr. Hicks agreed that having a deputy along would lessen the county's liability in dangerous situations. Commissioner Hare suggested the new hires could deal with a backlog of about 700 land-use violation cases that may or may not be marijuana-related. The Board agreed to discuss this further at the next County Administration Workshop.

**3. Other** (*ORS 192.640(1)* “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects”.)

None reported.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.