

# PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2016

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –  
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Beth Heckert
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Beth Heckert, Bob Kleker, Brett Johnson, Dan Penland, Danny Jordan, Doug Engle, Eric Guyer, Jodi Merritt, Lee Ayers, Lorenzo Mejia, Mark Orndoff, Nichole Houchins, Kelly Madding

- Beth Heckert opened the meeting at 11:30 am
- Opening Remarks: Beth Heckert welcomed everyone to the November PSCC meeting.

## Agenda topics

### MINUTE ADOPTION

**BETH HECKERT, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
A quorum was not available to adopt the minutes for October, this matter will be set over to the January meeting.	

### MARIJUANA IN JACKSON COUNTY

**KELLY MADDING, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p>Kelly Madding, Director Development Services, provided a presentation on Marijuana in Jackson County that included a video and pictures from the sky around various areas of the county. It was identified that there were very few places within Jackson County where marijuana production grows wasn't observed. Outdoor marijuana plants can get as tall as twelve feet and as wide as ten feet. The smell from the marijuana plants could be smelled even at 1,500 feet. The Southern part of Oregon is considered prime climate area for growing marijuana.</p> <p>Since the Marijuana Ordinance was adopted in March of 2016, Jackson County's code enforcement department has received over 300 complaints in 6 months. To put this in perspective, Jackson County usually receives a total of 300 complaints a year. About half the complaints are regarding marijuana being grown on rural residential land. By the end of 2016, the County will have conducted over 100 code enforcement hearings on marijuana, this is about twice the number of hearings the County holds in a year. The County's Code Enforcement is Complaint Based, which causes a difficulty in predicting the workload, and due to the marijuana complaints has far exceeded the estimates.</p> <p>In 2015, approximately 5% of Oregon's population resided in Jackson County, yet in the very same year, Jackson County had approximately 16% of the registered Medical Marijuana Growers and 13% of the Medical Marijuana Grow-sites licensed under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. In addition, in April 2016, Jackson County had 9,277 registered patients with the Medical Marijuana Program.</p> <p>As of July 1, 2017 Counties will receive 10% of the States recreational marijuana tax revenue. The marijuana tax revenue is based on the number of licenses the OLCC issues. Currently, Jackson County has 30% of the producer licenses issued by the OLCC; if you add Josephine County to Jackson County, the producer licenses equals almost 50%.</p> <p>Looking forward, the growing of legalized marijuana will stress the capacity of our water systems. The Oregon Medical Marijuana Program does not regulate whether water rights are used lawfully. Jackson County lacks the necessary tools needed to assure the Medical Marijuana growers aren't illegally using the state's ground water. This can only be resolved through the Oregon Legislature.</p> <p>The Jackson County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2016-3 in March of 2016 to regulate recreational and medical marijuana within the County. To view the complete presentation, follow the attached link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHRJbtJ5I0&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHRJbtJ5I0&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p>	

**Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: January 24, 2017**

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:22 pm**