

Noise Ordinance Meeting

April 14, 2021

10:14 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Amber Smith

Guest(s): Nic Scott, member(s) from the Chronicle

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Stamper said that in 2019, Lewis County enacted a noise ordinance. Commissioner Stamper received a call from constituents concerning noise complaints. There were anti-harassment orders for both parties. Sheriff Snaza said there have been instances where people are purposely harassing their neighbors within the bounds of the ordinance. The current ordinance and interpretation do not allow a fix. This is not an isolated incident. Periodically, there have been complaints toward the ordinance. Amber Smith said there was considerable consideration for decibel readings when the ordinance was drafted. The current ordinance does not specify intent. Amber Smith asked for time to review other counties to look into more options. Sheriff Snaza offered his support to find good solutions and a way to enforce them. Sheriff Snaza said there has been voluntary compliance by citizens since the enactment of the noise ordinance.

Meeting ended 10:43 a.m.