

PA Update

May 4, 2021

3:28 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Lee Napier, Chris Panush, Becky Butler, Kevin McDowell, Amber Smith, Jan Self, Michelle Sauter, Natalie Dunlap

Guests: Frank Corbin, Edna J. Fund, Nic Scott, Claudia Yaw (3:31 p.m.)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler said the state recently announced an additional \$10 million in marijuana funding.

Commissioner Swope asked if the county could allow retailers so it can collect a share of the funding.

Kevin McDowell said individuals have applied to the State Liquor and Cannabis Board for the seven available licenses, but that the establishments cannot move forward until the federal government approves the retail sale of marijuana.

Lee Napier said retailers are allowed in LAMIRDS, not rural areas. She said retailers and producers both would be required to get special-use permits.

Commissioner Stamper said he is concerned about potential sites for marijuana retail sales. He said he wants the potential sites identified.

At 3:41 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes to discuss the northern spotted owl, the Middle Fork Water Sewer System, the Salkum Water System, TransAlta and Equity Capital Funding v. Weist and Lewis County.

Executive Session began at 3:44 p.m.

At 4:04 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 4:09 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

At 4:11 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 4:13 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.