

County Manager Update

October 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Mindy Brooks, Gabe Anzelini, Doug Carey

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Marijuana / Ordinance 1271: The commissioners discussed proposed federal changes regarding marijuana / cannabis.

Mindy Brooks said Lewis County Code (Ordinance 1271) provides that marijuana production, processing and retail is allowed with a federal license, which currently is not available.

She said the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration has proposed moving marijuana from Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act ("CSA") to Schedule III of the CSA. The move, she noted, likely would mean that the federal government would begin providing licensing for marijuana production, processing and retail.

Mindy said County Code allows one licensed retail facility per zip code.

The group discussed creating a task force to review the proposed changes and draft potential code changes regarding marijuana production, processing and retail.

Meeting ended at 9:42 a.m.