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Bath County Planning Commission

Bath County Courthouse – Room 115 – 6:00 P.M.

November 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Loeffler, Vice-Chair Jason Miller, Monroe Farmer, Cynthia Rudnick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Ellen Black

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Bollinger (press)

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Ryder

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Loeffler called the Bath County Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA: None

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Sherry Ryder: Gave an overview.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on Zoning for Industrial Hemp Grower(s)

Sherry Ryder suggested there is a need to place setback requirements on grower, due to the odor and pollen that could cause health problems to residents nearby. This will need to include growers in Agricultural Zoned Districts for places that include close by residents. As well as those in or near Residential Zoned Districts.

Cynthia Rudnick gave the commissioners a website address, newschannel5.com, on Tobacco Farmers. She felt it was very interesting and wanted everyone to listen to it. This could happen to the hemp business as well.

The Commissioners were expecting County Attorney Mike Lockaby to be at the meeting to give information, answer questions and help on legal wording, for regulation.

Mr. Farmer would like to have more information on the odor and pollen distant travel as well as on odor during drying and processing.

The Commission doesn't understand why the State will not give them the information they should have in order to do their job. There must be more to it than what they know or being told. They need to have some answer before January to set regulations. Sherry will ask Mr. Lockaby for more information, be at the January meeting and will do more research herself.

MINUTES: Minutes of October 28, 2019

Chairman Loeffler passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Jason Miller.

Chairman Loeffler: I make a motion we approve the minutes.

Mr. Farmer: I second.

VOTE: 2-0-2 (Rudnick & Miller abstain) Minutes approved.

ADJOURN

Chairman Loeffler: I make a motion we adjourn.

Mr. Farmer: I second.

VOTE: Meeting adjourn.

Chairman Loeffler

Date