

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN
GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
JERAL HALL**

**CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
JOE WOOD, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The meeting held in the EOC was called to order by Chairman Wise at 10:30 a.m., CT.

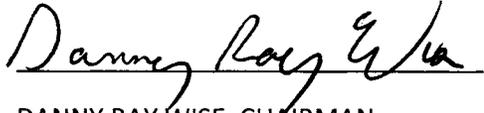
Chairman Wise stated a motion to advertise is needed for the proposed Moratorium Ordinance on Medical Marijuana.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to reconsider the December 9, 2016 motion to advertise the proposed Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Sheriff Kimbrel handed the Commissioners a packet with information on Amendment 2 which passed on November 8th. Sheriff Kimbrel stated the Sheriff's Association is involved with the legislature and are working with them to figure out a plan to govern the aspects of the legalization of medical marijuana. Sheriff Kimbrel stated in the years leading up to Amendment 2 passing, the Sheriff's Association tried to get medical marijuana legislated. The legislature thought they had done this when they developed a substance called Charlotte's Web, which is a liquid derivative of THC from the cannabis plant. The legislature then turned this over to the Health Department to determine who will be permitted to grow the marijuana and where the Charlotte's Web could be obtained. Sheriff Kimbrel stated there are three (3) places in the State of Florida licensed to grow the marijuana at this time. Sheriff Kimbrel stated the FDA does not recognize marijuana as a medication for any health problem or disorder, and a doctor cannot write a prescription for the medical marijuana. Sheriff Kimbrel stated a card can be obtained from the Health Department, and then taken to the doctor's office. If the doctor determines medical marijuana could potentially help someone's symptoms and not make their condition worse, based on the guidelines given in the amendment the doctor will sign off on the medical marijuana card. Sheriff Kimbrel explained the medical marijuana would not be available at a pharmacy, but would be sold at a shop specifically for medical marijuana. Commissioner Bailey asked where the Charlotte's Web to be sold in these shops is obtained? Sheriff Kimbrel stated there are three (3) places now in the State of Florida which are licensed to grow marijuana, and before then the product may have been imported from a State where medical marijuana was already legal. There was further discussion about medical marijuana. Sheriff Kimbrel stated there are no rules in place as of now to govern where medical marijuana shops are allowed to

open. Sheriff Kimbrel stated as a Commission, the Board will need to decide where these shops will be allowed to open so they will not end up near a school, church, or other such facility. Sheriff Kimbrel stated these shops are only allowed to take cash, no checks or credit cards, because federal banks are not allowed to take the money. The federal government does not recognize the State's legalization of medical marijuana. There is an increase of the chance of robbery at these medical marijuana shops because of the amount of cash transactions. Sheriff Kimbrel stated in the future the Board may want to draft an Ordinance stating these shops need a licensed, armed guard on staff instead of relying on the local law enforcement to guard the shops. Sheriff Kimbrel stated there are numerous counties throughout the State which have passed moratorium ordinances on medical marijuana shops. There was further discussion about the moratorium ordinance. Commissioner Bailey stated he would like to see some healthcare professionals around the County involved in the process of studying medical marijuana and the impact it will have on the community. Mr. Joe Wood stated he has spoken with the City Manager and she is in contact with the City Council because the ordinance the County may pass would not cover the City of Blountstown. Commissioner McDougald stated the voters have spoken on this issue and he is in favor of respecting their decision, but this ordinance would slow this process down and the County would be able to get some control of the situation before the Amendment comes into effect. Commissioner McDougald stated he is in favor of the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

- ❖ The Board voted unanimously 4-0 to advertise the Special Meetings on the Moratorium Ordinance. (This motion was made in the Special Meeting on December 9, 2016.)
- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to schedule the Special Meetings for December 21st at 5:01 p.m. and January 2nd at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.


DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK