Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Candace Hooper, Deputy Prosecutor; Jeff Watson, Planner II; Lindsey Ozbolt, Planner II; Marc Eylar, Noxious Weed Program Asst.; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Darren Higashiyama, Operations Commander; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Holly Myers, Environmental Health Supervisor and 47 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING MARIJUNA-KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting continued from December 5, 2013 to discuss with County Staff options related to the growth and processing of marijuana in Kittitas County.

Doc Hansen, Planning Official reviewed a staff report. He stated that he had previously sent the Board three options for the administration of marijuana proposals for grow and processing. He outlined each option 1. Being do nothing. 2. Make marijuana growth a conditional use application process or option 3. Allowing small scale operation to have administrative review of conditional use permits (CUP). He stated that the three options he provided along with an example resolution from Douglas County is what he based his three options on. He strongly encouraged the Board to do nothing at this time and wait until the application period has ended to allow the Prosecutor time to review and/or regard it as an agriculture crop, as currently addressed by the County zoning code. He explained that the State restrictions are very detailed and it will be expensive and time consuming to enforce. He explained that the State Liquor Control Board (LCB) has been granted ample funds to administer this law and the more the County becomes involved in this process with any type of regulation, the more the LCB will want the County to enforce it, which will open the Kittitas County's jurisdiction

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to be liable for the success or failure. He stated that if the County decides to "not take a stand" then the conflict remains between the Feds and the State, and will not involve local jurisdiction.

The Board held discussion with County staff: Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Clay Myers, Undersheriff; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; regarding dates on licenses that the County is required to respond by (SO); Solvents Class 1A and Class 1B as well as whether or not the buildings constructed for this type of "crop" can be considered an Agriculture Building and discussion on the types of inspections that would need to be done (FM); Public Health Hazards (PH); who is responsible for dealing with the hazardous materials if classified to be hazardous (SW).

Clay Myers, Undersheriff questioned why all the applications haven't been sent to the County yet. Doc Hansen, Planning Official indicated that it is due to LCB requirements vs. County. Commissioner Jewell stated that they are State Licenses not County, and that the County is involved when there has been a building application applied for.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor encouraged the Board to allow legal review and to allow them the time to investigate what is the best defensible option for the County. He stated that at first glance it appears all three options offered by the Planning Official Doc Hansen are defensible, but requested additional time to give appropriate answers.

Doc Hansen, Planning Official stated that there had been a letter from the Washington State Liquor Control Board regarding fencing requirements and that the County requires a Building Permit for a 7 foot fence for any zoning in the County. The LCB requires an 8 foot fence around the actual area where the marijuana grow is occurring, so the County will see building permits for any application that makes it through the LCB screening process.

Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting up for Public comment. There were comments from Greg Lutovsky, Irish Eyes Garden Seeds; Paul Rodgers, representing himself; Cheryl Chance, Howard Road resident representing herself; Katie Duncan, Weaver Road resident representing herself; Rickie Brown, Cattail Road resident representing herself; Alex Cooley, Owner Solstice; Rory

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Savage, Windermere Real Estate; Mike Graham, Owner NMF Enterprises; Catherine Clerf, representing herself; Cheryl Giesy, Cattail Road resident representing herself. Crystal Church, Prevention Coordinator at Kittitas County Community Network and Coalition invited everyone to a town hall meeting at Hal Holmes on January 7, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien suggested that the Board close the Special Meeting and reconvene in early January 2014 to allow Staff time to meet with the Prosecutor's office and provide legal feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.