

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 2018-01**

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATIONS
NOVEMBER 7, 2018 – 10:00 AM COUNTY PAVILION**

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members.

Others Present: Chip Kem, Undersheriff; Skylar Steele, Deputy; Jacob Ward, Columbus Police Chief; Katie Bitterman, Ralph Huges, Shelly Yeager, Paul Edwards; Pam Cunningham; Bob Fitzgerald; Charles and Thomas, Rosebud Remedies; Tom Carroll, Rosebud Remedies; Richard Abromeit, Montana Advanced Caregivers (MAC); Jason Smith, MAC; Ginny and Bo Segeberg, Triggers Relief; and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Open First Reading: Commissioner Crago opened the reading at 10:00 AM with introductions. He stated this is the First Reading of Ordinance 2018-01 *Declaring the Operation of Medical Marijuana Storefronts to be Prohibited and Providing for Regulations to Regulate Medical Marijuana Providers and Marijuana-infused Products Providers within Stillwater County, Montana*. A copy of the ordinance has been made available on the county website and provided at the reading. Commissioner Crago informed the group that the second reading will be held November 20, 2018, at 1:30 PM, at the County Pavilion. Written comments will be accepted at or before both readings.

Commissioner Crago proceeded with the first reading of Ordinance 2018-01. Following the reading, he stated if passed, the ordinance would go into effect 30-days following a passing and approval upon second reading.

Motion: Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2018-01. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey stated the ordinance was drafted with the advice and guidance of the county attorney.

Public Comments: Jason Smith, MAC – stated he extended an invite to the commissioners to educate themselves to a state compliant facility before they made a decision on the ordinance banning storefronts throughout the county. He said those invitations are still opened and for the record those invites were emailed to each commissioner. A person whom is a patient commented that the use cannabis has improved his condition of a degenerated disc in his back. It has allowed him to walk again. Tom Carroll, Rosebud Remedies – stated there isn't going to be anymore cannabis in Stillwater County than there already is. It will be much more regulated, easily watched and controlled (with storefronts). He said there are hundreds of cases with patients in this County with a much better quality of life. A woman explained that she treated her animal with cannabis and it had a good outcome. She was also involved in a case study in Bozeman and felt that cannabis helped her and hopes the commission is open to the goodness of it. Bo Segeberg also invited the commission to visit his compliant facility to help the commission understand what is going on in the industry a little better. He also asked for some clarification on a couple of definitions in the ordinance. Paul Edwards, City Alderman said the vote on the Medical Marijuana Act in 2016 failed in every community with the exception of Nye. Commissioner Crago read an email he received into the record from Safe Montana, a group in support of the ordinance. Pam Cunningham stated she isn't against medical marijuana but is against it in residential neighborhood with the additional traffic and smell.

Vote: Commissioner Crago called for the question. Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and reminded those present that the second reading will take place on November 20, 2018, at 1:30 PM, at the same location. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.