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CLAY COUNTY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

October 08, 2019 AT **5:00** P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER by *TED WHITEHEAD*, CHAIRMAN
2. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING the *CANTON* SPLIT PLANNING AND
TAX ACT
3. ADJOURN

For the Chairman

Brenda Britton

Brenda Britton
Clay County Clerk

Posted: October 03, 2019

The Public Hearing regarding the Cannabis Regulation & Tax Act of the Honorable Clay County Board was called to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Whitehead.

Chairman Whitehead read the following Public Hearing Announcement:



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October 1, 2019

Public Hearing Announcement

Clay County Board Chairman Ted Whitehead and State's Attorney Andrew Koester announce that a public hearing will be held October 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Courtroom B at the Clay County Courthouse regarding the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act that will take effect in Illinois January 1, 2020. The hearing will last until 6:00 p.m., at which time the board will conduct its monthly meeting.

The Board would like to hear from the public regarding whether or not to prohibit recreational cannabis dispensaries in the unincorporated areas of Clay County. Under the law, even though recreational cannabis has been legalized, local entities have the option to ban dispensaries from selling recreational marijuana. The Clay County Board could only ban recreational dispensaries in the unincorporated parts of the County—local municipalities and villages will decide on whether to vote on this issue in their particular jurisdiction.

While no vote will take place either during the public hearing or the County Board meeting on October 8, this issue will likely be voted on by the Board in the future. This is the public's opportunity to provide the Board with input. It will not be a back and forth debate, but rather an opportunity for you to let the Board know your thoughts on the matter. The hearing will be open to the public, and you will have the opportunity to speak or just sit and listen. If you have any questions, please prepare them for the public hearing. The Board looks forward to seeing you on October 8, 2019.

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Chairman Whitehead invited public comments, asking the individuals limit comment time to 3-5 minutes.

Four members of the public came forward: Tim VanDyke, Eileen Enlow, Judy Vandyke and Lynn VanDyke. Each stated opposition to allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries in the unincorporated areas of Clay County.

State Representative Darren Bailey was in attendance at the meeting and shared additional information detailing the difference between hemp and cannabis growing.

States Attorney Koester thanked everyone for their attendance and comments.

Motion by Mary McCollough, seconded by Brad Harris, to adjourn the public hearing. Time: 6:00 p.m. Motion Carried. Voice Action.