

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on February 3, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart; Deborah Owston, Coordinator of Support Services and Administrator to the Board, F. Gary Mullich.

Commissioner Crosco called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Crosco to approve the January 6, 2005 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

There was general discussion in which Debbe Owston informed the Board of several issues. Joe Refosco would be applying for the transfer of the alcoholic beverage licenses for Red Run from Lou Strosnider. The Comptroller's Office requested the renewal hold of several licenses for alleged delinquent tax issues. Joe DeMucci, who currently is a licensee for Anchor Mart, inquired about purchasing an additional establishment within the county that has a Class "A" Beer license. A letter was received from Perkins's Restaurant informing the Board that Sherry Gosnell is now a stockholder of the company. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to amend the license for Perkins Restaurant to reflect Sherry Gosnell as a member of the corporation and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. Upon receipt of a favorable background result for Ms. Gosnell, the license will be changed to show her as an additional licensee. Brenda McDonnell of Brenda's Pizzeria submitted a letter on January 11, 2005 to the Board requesting approval to add the Wine Tasting Option to her current Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale License. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve this requested upgrade on January 13, 2005 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. The license change will take place upon receipt of payment.

A discussion session was scheduled for 10:00 AM for the possible application for a Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale license for Mountain Fresh Grocery at the former Food Lion grocery store, which was purchased by Russell Sines. Neither Mr. Sines nor his representative, Steve Newcomb, attended the meeting as expected. Gary informed the Board of Mr. Sines breakdown of retail space for the building. Two-thirds of the proposed building would be used for the grocery/deli and the remaining portion of the building would be occupied by Sears retail store. In accordance with Article 2B § 9-102 (a-1), *supermarkets* may not be granted an alcoholic beverage license except by way of renewal. Therefore, the Board could not issue a license to the grocery store. Possibly, they could approve an adjoining package good store to the grocery store in the same building.

After the general discussion, the next meeting day was set for March 3rd, 2005. There being no further business, Commission Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

March 3, 2005
Date