

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on October 6, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart and Deborah Owston, Coordinator of Support Services.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Crosco to approve the September 1, 2005 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the hearings there was general discussion in which Debbe Owston informed the Board of the Comptroller's Field Enforcement Division inspecting the Sugar Shack Tavern in Friendsville on August 26, 2005. The licensees were charged with violating Article 2B, § 12-107 (a) as it relates to purchasing alcoholic beverages from anyone other than licensed alcoholic beverage wholesalers. They had (1) bottle of distilled spirits and (2) bottles of wine that were purchased from a retail liquor store. The Board discussed the inspection report and a made their motion based on them being recently approved as licensees. Commissioner Crosco made a motion that a letter of reprimand be sent to licensees for their purchases from another licensed retailer which is a violation of Article 2B§ 12-107 (a) and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The license transfer was complete for Par-Matt Lanes on September 23, 2005. A faxed letter was received from Helen Cavalier, representing the Estate of Jeanette Bittinger of Pawn Run Tavern. She requested that the license be allowed to continue while they are reviewing offers received from the real estate office for the sale of the business so that the license could transfer with the property.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of license # 05-57 Class "D" Beer Wine & Liquor Off-Sale License with Tasting Option and license # 05-57D Draft Beer License from H & M Castle Rock, Inc. operating as The Pop Shoppe with Sharon Markwood as the licensee to Luke's Liquor, Inc. operating as Luke's Liquor with Carol Lantz, Elizabeth Umstott and Paul Umstott as the licensees. Carol Lantz, Sharon Markwood, Rob Markwood and Todd Umstott were present for the hearing. Ms. Lantz, store manager, stated that the business would continue to operate with the same business practices upon the business sale on November 14, 2005. The building will be sold to Curt Woodford and he will lease retail space to Luke's Liquors and 7-Eleven convenience store. The existing interior will be completely separated to allow two separate businesses to operate. Debbe Owston informed them that the proposed design changes would need to be approved by the Planning & Land Development Office. She also told the incoming licensees that prior to the transfer, copies of the business entity paperwork, a signed lease agreement, copies of the Sales & Use Tax number and transferred Trader's License and Health Permit must be submitted and approved. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the transfer for the Class "D" BWL Off-Sale License with Tasting Option and Draft Beer License contingent on receiving all administrative requests and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Class "B" Bed & Breakfast On-Sale License for The Stonebow Inn previously known as the Elliott Inn. Applicants for the

license are Nancy Nimmich and Julyen Norman. Mr. Norman was present for the hearing. Mr. Norman explained to the Board that his bed & breakfast is located at 146 Casselman Road in Grantsville behind Penn Alps. Mr. Norman told the Board that he purchased the inn about a year ago. There are two cottages in addition to the inn with a total of nine rooms with a maximum occupancy of twenty. Commissioner Fratz approved the license and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A discussion session was held at 10:00 AM for an update on the Wine Festival. Paula Yudelevit, Vianne Bell, Drew Strout, Charlie Ross and Debbie Bishop were present. They presented the Board with the event expense report. There were approximately 800 in attendance and \$11,246.00 was donated to the American Red Cross. They plan on having another Arts & Wine Festival next year at the fairgrounds again.

The next meeting day was set for November 3, 2005. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

November 3, 2005
Date