

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on December 1, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Administrator to the Board, F. Gary Mullich and Deborah Owston, Coordinator of Support Services.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratz to approve the October 6, 2005 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. There was no meeting on November 3, 2005 as previously scheduled. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Commissioner Crosco made a motion to extend the hours of operation on New Year's Eve for establishments with a Class "B", "C" or "D" License with On-Sale privileges until 4:00 A.M. on January 1, 2006 and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and unanimously approved. The Board approved the 2006 meeting dates be held the first Thursday of each month as needed. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the press release on the wine festival as written and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

Before the hearings there was general discussion in which Debbe Owston informed the Board that the licenses for Red Run Inn will be transferred from Joe Refosco to Lou Strosnider at the next meeting. Duane Patton of Old Pike 2 informed the office that he will be open on Sunday's for teen activities. Bernie's closed operations and Brenda Rosenberger returned the license on October 6, 2005. There was no response from Mr. Bertholdt of Hillside Inn by the deadline; therefore he must reapply if a license is desired in the future.

A hearing was held at 9:30 AM to upgrade the current Class "A" Beer & Wine Off-Sale License issued to Arrowhead Deli to a Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor Off-Sale License with Tasting Option. Licensee, Robert "Jason" Burgess was present for the hearing in addition to Bill Ingram. Jason explained to the Board that they would like to provide liquor to their customers as requested. They will be changing the floor layout to allow for the alcoholic beverages to be positioned together in an area that can be completely closed off and secure on Sunday. They will be changing the entrance into the store to better encompass the redesign. Mr. Burgess presented the Board with the blueprint drawings of the renovation. They will have additional security cameras to monitor the area. Mr. Burgess provided the Board with a copy of the sales report for Arrowhead as requested. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the upgrade to a Class "D" BWL Off-Sale with Tasting Option effective after January 1, 2006 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the transfer of license # 05-56 Class "D" Beer Wine & Liquor On-Sale License and new Draft Beer License from the Estate of Jeanette Bittinger operating as Pawn Run Tavern to Spring Glade, Inc. operating as Pawn Run Tavern with John Simson as the licensee. Mr. Simson was present for the hearing. Lori Paugh, a neighboring property owner, also attended the hearing to voice her concerns of patrons on snowmobiles accessing the establishment. Mr. Simson said he will be leasing

the business from the Estate of Jeanette Bittinger with the option to purchase after four months. The business will continue to operate as a tavern serving a lite fare menu and dinner specials. The hours will be 3:00 PM till close, which will vary through out the week as needed. Some of the previous employees will still be employed. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to transfer the Class "D" BWL On-Sale License and issue a new Draft Beer License as all transfer requirements were met and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the licenses were issued.

A hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the issuance of a Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on February 11, 2006 by the Garrett Choral Society. Applicant, Julie Turrentine was present for the hearing. She explained that the license would be used at the "Sweets for my Sweetheart" fundraiser at the St. Peter's Parish Hall. The hours will be from 7:30 PM till 9:30 PM. They intend on selling 200 tickets and the wine will be a separate charge. Commissioner Crosco made a motion the license be approved and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

There was general discussion after the hearings concerning the pre-application process for the Wine Festival License. The Board will accept the applications at their January 5, 2006.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was set for January 5, 2006. There being no further business, Commissioner Crosco motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Fratz.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

January 5, 2006
Date