

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on January 5, 2006 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioner 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 December 1, 2005 meeting minutes and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to approve the travel expense reports for Commissioner Crosco and Commissioner Fratz, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the travel expense report for Chairperson Gearhart, and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved.

Before the hearings there was general discussion in which Debbe Owston updated the Board on the officer change for BFS Foods, Inc. Janet White replaced Sandy Wotring as the resident licensee. Ms. White completed an application as well as submitted finger print cards and the minutes of BFS Foods, Inc. to reflect the same. The licenses for the Pop Shoppe (Markwood Citgo) were transferred to Luke's Liquors on December 5, 2005. A letter was sent to The Chalet Restaurant in reference to the establishment appearing vacant. No response was received. A second letter notifying the licensees that the licenses are now considered null and void will be sent.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of license # 05-35 Class "B" BWL On-Sale License with Catering Option and license # 05-35D Draft Beer license from Joseph Refosco of Refosco Enterprises, LLC operating as Red Run Inn to Ridgeline Hospitality Services, LLC operating as Red Run Lodge with Lou Strosnider, III as the licensee. Mr. Strosnider was present for the hearing. He indicated that Joe Refosco left the business and that Susanne Crossland was the new manager. He hopes to bring back the business to where it was a year ago before he transferred his licenses to Mr. Refosco. Debbe Owston informed Mr. Strosnider that an itemized inventory is still needed in order to receive the Bulk Transfer Permit from the Comptrollers Office. In addition, a copy of the current Trader's License needs to be submitted. Commissioner Fratz made a motion the license transfers be approved pending the administrative requirements and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and the transfers were approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Class "B" Bed & Breakfast On-Sale License for Lake Pointe Inn. Applicants for the license are George Pettie, Linda Pettie and Carole McNiece. Ms. McNiece was present for the hearing. Ms. McNiece explained to the Board that the bed & breakfast is located at 174 Lake Pointe Drive in McHenry near the Wisp Resort. She is the general manager / innkeeper for the establishment. They will be using the license for champagne or wine baskets in the guest rooms as requested. Commissioner Fratz approved the license and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A pre-application meeting was held at 10:00 AM for the issuance of a Wine Festival Event License. Spokespersons Vianne Bell and Oakland Mayor Asa McCain of the Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival and the Chamber of Commerce were in attendance. Ms. Bell explained to the Board that the Wisp Resort would once again like to submit an application for the license to be used on September 9, 2006 at the Garrett County fairgrounds. The 4-H building would be used to set up a "wine store" to better serve those purchasing wine products at the event. They will be inviting the Maryland Wineries and wholesalers to attend. Jimmy Flannigan of Nu-Way Cleaners would be supplying linens and aprons as needed. Mayor McCain feels the event is very good and supports it based on how successful the fundraiser was for the American Red Cross.

After the hearings, the next meeting day was set for February 2, 2006. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

February 2, 2006
Date