

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on February 2, 2006 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 Fratz to approve the January 5, 2006 meeting minutes and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. The Board signed their mileage sheets.

Before the hearings the Board reviewed a letter from the Comptroller's Office requesting renewal license holds for several establishments. The license transfer for Red Run Inn has not been completed. A letter was sent to the outgoing licensee in reference to the transfer requirements that must be completed prior to the transfer. If these requirements are not completed, then the incoming licensee may need to apply for the licenses as new. The total beer tax due for the 2005 calendar year totaled \$153,163.72.

A hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the issuance of a Class "B" Bed & Breakfast BWL On-Sale License for Bender Incorporated operating as the Carmel Cove Inn. Applicants for the license are Mary Bender and Keith Rockwell. Both applicants were present for the hearing. Ms. Bender explained to the Board that the bed & breakfast is located at 105 Monastery Way off of Glendale Road. She is the owner of the business and Keith is the innkeeper for the establishment. They will be using the license when serving their guests wine and champagne in the evenings with hors d'oeuvres. Mr. Rockwell told the Board that he is currently trained in an alcohol awareness course. 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.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the transfer of license # 05-18 Class "A" Beer & Wine Off-Sale License from Shelia Kitzmiller operating as Swallow Falls Store to Robin Bittinger and Michael McCann. Ms. Bittinger was present for the hearing. She said they would continue to operate as a small store selling grocery and souvenirs items as well as operate a small kitchen. They are currently able to seat approximately sixteen at the tables located outside. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 AM till 7:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM and on Sunday from 10:00 AM till 7:00 PM. Ms. Bittinger said that Shelia Kitzmiller would remain as a part-time employee. Debbe Owston informed Ms. Bittinger that the license does not allow any on-premise consumption and also that all employees must be at least twenty-one years of age to sell alcoholic beverages. Due to there being no inventory to transfer, no Bulk Transfer Permit is required. Ms. Bittinger told the Board that her accountant is still waiting for the Maryland Sales & Use Tax number. Commissioner Crosco made a motion the license transfer be approved pending the administrative requirements and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

After the hearings there was general discussion concerning the possible transfer of the license issued to Friendsville Discount Liquors. Robin Sines has received a transfer

application packet. A letter was sent to the licensees of The Chalet Restaurant in reference to the license being null and void. No response has been received to date.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was set for March 2, 2006. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

March 2, 2006
Date