

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on November 1, 2007 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Administrator to the Board, Deborah R. Owston and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Glotfelty.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Crosco. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratz to approve the September 6, 2007 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. The October 4, 2007 monthly meeting was not conducted. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the meeting there was general discussion. Ms. Owston informed the Board that El Canelo's Restaurant has not picked up their alcoholic beverage license. She advised the Board that she is still waiting for the new/updated LLC paperwork documenting the necessary officer change and questioned how they would like to proceed. The Board advised Ms. Owston to make an inquiry and if no response is received by the next meeting date of December 6, 2007 to proceed forward with notification of a deadline date to respond or they may have to reapply for their alcoholic beverage license. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to give until the next meeting date of December 6, 2007 to respond with a status update on the approved license application and if no response is received, provide El Canelo's with a deadline date for which they may then need to reapply and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco. The Board was provided with a list of 2008 meeting dates. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to accept the 2008 meeting dates as presented and Commissioner Fratz seconded. Ms. Owston presented the option of extending hours of operation for this New Year's Eve, which falls on a Monday, for On-Sale establishments to 4:00 AM as previously approved in prior years. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the extended hours as mentioned and seconded by Commissioner Crosco. Ms. Owston will send postcards to those licensees that it applies to. Ms. Owston informed the Board that there has been a suggestion for change to Article 2B, Subtitle 3 – Wine Festivals. The change would incorporate/add beer to this section. Commissioner Crosco prefers not to make the request through the Liquor Control Board. Commissioner Fratz agrees. Commissioner Crosco would like the retailers to make the request for the change and she would not have any objections if approved.

A discussion session was held at 9:30 AM with the American Legion Post #71 about the possibility of changing to a Class "D" license. Present for the discussion was Jim Stewart, Post Commander and Thomas Bittinger, Finance Officer. Mr. Stewart explained to the Board that for financial reasons they would like to be able to open the dance hall to the public. Mr. Stewart would like to know if making a change in their alcoholic beverage license would be to their advantage or not and is requesting guidance from the Board. Commissioner Crosco would like for the Board to be able to assist in this matter. Ms. Owston commented that the change would be based on what their charter allows. The Board will assist as questions arise.

There was general discussion after the discussion session in reference to other legislative requests or changes the Board would like to make. Ms. Owston pointed out some code revision changes in Article 2B to be modified and would like to have feedback from the Board for the recommended changes. Ms. Owston would like for the Board to review and provide any suggestions at the next meeting. The Board was updated that effective October 22, 2007, there was a corporate change of officers for Luke's Liquors, Inc. and that the Fire Marshall will be doing an inspection for Keyser's Ridge Liquors on November 6, 2007. Ms. Owston also presented the Board with a draft of a form that was presented by Zip-eez's for the delivery of alcoholic beverages along with a draft of the Delivery Registration Form to be completed for the Liquor Control Board. Ms. Owston would like the Board to review the delivery policy and make sure that it meets all requirements. The Board is to review and get back to Ms. Owston with any recommendations. Ms. Owston informed the Board that Fox's Pizza inquired about the possibility of a chain store in McHenry with Class "B" BWL On-Sale License.

After general discussion, the next meeting day was set for December 6, 2007. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

December 6, 2007
Date