

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on December 4, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner Bea Crosco, Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston and Elizabeth George from Craig Ingram's Office.

Chairperson Fratz called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets. The expense reports for July thru December 2014 were approved for mileage reimbursement.

The November 6, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Chairperson Fratz made the motion to approve them as written. Commissioner Crosco unanimously approved the motion.

A show cause hearing was held at 9:30 AM for Santa Fe Grille. Licensee, Greg Mortimer was present for the hearing. The hearing was a result of various advertisements of new ownership as well as advertisement of changing the business from a restaurant to a tavern. In addition, the Board wanted an update on the residency status of the licensees as well as an update on the financial restructuring of the business. Ms. Elizabeth Georg swore in Mr. Mortimer for his testimony at the hearing. Mr. Mortimer informed the Board that since his last correspondence with the office that the business incurred major sprinkler damage and that the damage to the business would not be fixed until late spring. He also mentioned that there is a group of investors looking at purchasing the bank note. Ms. Owston noted for the record that at the November 6, 2014 meeting, the Board made the following motion based on Mr. Mortimer's request to place the licenses on a temporary hold and postpone the hearing until December 4, 2014. The Board had approved placing the license on hold. Chairperson Fratz made a motion on November 6, 2014 that the licenses be placed on hold as long as Mr. Mortimer attends the December 4, 2014 meeting that was rescheduled per his request, otherwise the licenses will be considered null and void. The Board also requested additional detail of the proof of Garrett County residency. The Board and Ms. George discussed the matters with Mr. Mortimer in detail. The Board made a motion to continue the hold placed the licenses until the next meeting on January 8, 2015 under the condition that Mr. Mortimer provides a written statement on his residency and the status of the bank loan. Commissioner Crosco made the motion, which was seconded by Chairperson Fratz.

After the hearings, there was general discussion. Ms. Owston presented the Board with the official election results for the Sunday sales referendum questions. Question A for limited take-out sales received favorable results in Swanton (1), Jennings (3-2), Accident (5), Sang Run (6), East Oakland (7), Finzel (9), Deer Park (10), The Elbow (11), West Oakland (14-1) and Avilton (15). Unfavorable results for limited take-out sales occurred in Friendsville (2), Grantsville (3-1), Bloomington (4), Gorman (8-1), Pleasant Valley (8-2), Bitteringer (12), Kitzmiller (13), Crellin (14-2) and Mt. Lake Park (16). Question B for limited Sunday sales with a meal was voted on in election districts and precincts of an election district that were not already authorized in the 1996 election and the 2008 election to sell on Sunday. There were favorable results in Friendsville (2), Grantsville (3-1), Jennings (3-

2), Accident (5), Deer Park (10), Bittering (12) and Mt. Lake Park (16). Unfavorable results were reported in Bloomington (4), Gorman (8-1), Pleasant Valley (8-2), Kitzmiller (13) and Crellin (14-2). The election votes were finalized on November 14, 2014. The Board discussed the legislative requests in detail. It was determined that a requirement for alcohol awareness training for Special Class "C" Multi-Event licensees will be requested along with allowing storage of alcohol on an approved premises of multi-event licensees under certain conditions. Ms. Owston informed the Board that there would be a legislative meeting with the Garrett County Commissioners, Delegate Beitzel and Senator Edwards on December 9, 2014 in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room. The Board approved the establishments who qualify to upgrade their alcoholic beverage licenses to include the Sunday Sales Option based on the list provided to them. The Board discussed the meal requirements and the Class D approval process. Ms. Owston informed the Board that she spoke with Senator Edwards about the Board vacancy. Senator Edwards said there would not be an emergency appointment. Ms. Owston mentioned that she anticipates receiving a transfer application for Friendsville Discount Liquors. Ms. Owston stated that the wine shop for Black Bear was approved by the Health Department in late November. Ms. Owston said that a request was submitted to place the licenses issued to the Oakland Golf Club on hold for the winter. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the request to place the license on hold for the winter months. Chairperson Fratz seconded the motion. Tiffany Blackden of The Alley informed the office that a customer provided a beer to an underage individual. Ms. Blackden contacted law enforcement. Judy Broadwater of Wildwater Inn passed away on November 24, 2014. Her daughter Pam Martin contacted the office about the license. A Certificate of Permission was approved and issued to Ms. Martin. Ms. Martin informed the office that she may have to close the business down while looking for someone to operate the business. Chairperson Fratz made a motion to place a temporary hold on the license. Commissioner Crosco seconded the motion.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crosco seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for January 8, 2015.

Michael J. Fratz
Chairperson

January 8, 2015

Date