

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held a special meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner DeCorsey Bolden and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston.

Ms. Owston noted with deep sadness that Commissioner Bea Crosco passed away on February 22, 2015. Commissioner Crosco began her first term on June 1, 1992.

Ms. Owston welcomed DeCorsey E. Bolden to the Board of License Commissioners. He was sworn in at the Clerk of Circuit Court Office prior to the meeting. Commissioner Bolden will serve out the remainder of retired Commissioner Tom Gearhart's term, which would have ended on May 31, 2018.

Chairperson Fratz called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The February 6, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Commissioner Bolden made the motion to approve them as written. Chairperson Fratz unanimously approved the motion.

There was general discussion prior to the scheduled hearings. Ms. Owston updated the Board on the legislative session. HB 0139 references repealing the Sunday meal requirement and appears to be receiving a favorable response in both the House & Senate. She mentioned that the Board's Special Class "C" Multi-Event requests have been assigned as SB 0715 and HB 0523. Ms. Owston spoke about the Board vacancies. She said the Republican Central Committee (RCC) had a meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015. The RCC plans to re-submit the names that were received in August to Senator Edwards for recommendation. Ms. Owston said she will follow up with the Appointments Office next week. She also mentioned that the Appointments Office is aware of the urgency of the appointment. Ms. Owston informed the Board that the Oakland Golf club plans to re-open later this month. Duffer's Winn-Field golf also planned to re-open the beginning of March weather permitting. New Germany Store plans to re-open in mid-April. New Germany Store also requested approval for limited Sunday sales. Ms. Owston explained that the Health Department would have to approve them as having a full commercial kitchen and the capability of serving full-course meals to at least 20 seated customers at the same time. Ms. Owston suggested that the Board approve the upgrade for off-premise Sunday sales and approve the on-premise sales pending approval from the Health Department. Commissioner Bolden made a motion to approve the Sunday Sales Option for off-premise sales and pending approval from the Health Department for on-premise sales as well. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Fratz and unanimously approved.

A Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License hearing was held at 9:20 AM. The Samantha Funding the Arts Foundation applied for a license to be used on March 21, 2015. Present for the hearing were applicants, June McClosky and Charles McClosky. The event will be held at the AG Heritage Hall at the Garrett County Fairgrounds located at 270 Mosser

Road in McHenry. The Board and Ms. Owston asked several questions and pointed out various alcoholic beverage regulations to Mr. & Mrs. McClosky. Mrs. McClosky informed the Board that she recently took the TIPS for Concessions training along with two of her volunteers. She mentioned that she might consider having all volunteers who will be serving / selling alcohol attend the next training. Chairperson Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on March 20th & 21st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolden and unanimously approved.

A Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License hearing was held at 9:40 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-day BWL License for the Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The event will be held on May 2, 2015 from noon until 6:00 PM. Present for the hearing was applicant, Ronald O'Brien. The event will be at the Deer Park CVFD Fire Hall located at 5353 Maryland Highway in Deer Park. They will be selling 500 tickets at a cost of \$30. The Board and Ms. Owston asked several questions and pointed out various regulations to Mr. O'Brien. Chairperson Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-day license to be used on May 1st & 2nd, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolden and unanimously approved.

The Board had additional general discussion after the hearings. Ms. Owston continued a brief discussion in reference to the legislation. Ms. Owston updated the Board on the renewal holds. The Deep Creek VFD had a gun & cash bash on March 7, 2015. Eastern Garrett County VFRD had a gun & cash bash on March 7, 2015. Ms. Owston said that Mt. State Brewing Co. is planning a Bark & Brew Festival early in June. Ms. Owston discussed the site logistics that need addressed for an event of that size in an open field. Pizza Hut requested approval to upgrade their license to include the Sunday Sales Option. Commissioner Bolden made a motion to approve the Sunday Sales Option. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Fratz and unanimously approved. Ms. Owston also mentioned that the local licensee for Pizza Hut will be changed soon. Chrissy Leatherman will be the new local licensee for the establishment. As soon as the appropriate forms and background checks are received, the change will take place. Ms. Owston stated that she has received a transfer application for the license issued to Table Rock. She also received an application for Little Crossings, LLC operating as Cornucopia Café & Grants Mercantile. Ms. Owston mentioned that the June meeting would have to be rescheduled since she has to attend an inspectors training that day. Chairperson Fratz will check his work schedule and let Ms. Owston know what day the first week of June works best for him.

After the general discussion, Ms. Owston read an email from Greg Mortimer of Santa Fe Grille. Mr. Mortimer also forwarded emails regarding the open insurance claim for the Board's review. Mr. Mortimer said the final numbers are critical to getting the business back open. Mr. Mortimer stated the following in his email, "I still respectfully request that my license stay active but on hold until my insurance completes the claim. In the meantime, I have paid taxes to the state -- and I am interviewing managers." Ms. Owston noted for the record that at the February 6, 2015 meeting, the Board made the following motion. *Commissioner Crosco made a motion that by March 5, 2015 that the Board receives formal information on where the business venture is going with Mr. Mortimer or with the new investors and if the Board is not satisfied then licenses are null and void. Chairperson Fratz seconded the motion.* The Board discussed the issue and Mr. Mortimer's request in detail. Chairperson Fratz made a motion to extend the license hold

until the next meeting under the condition that Mr. Mortimer attend the hearing and provide an update to the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolden and unanimously approved.

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Michael J. Fratz
Chairperson

April 2, 2015

Date