

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Due the COVID-19 State of Emergency and the limited access to the Garrett County Courthouse, the meeting was conducted by teleconference. Present on the call was Chairperson Lisa Herman, Commissioner Mike Fratz, Commissioner David Moe, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston and Attorney to the Board M. Elizabeth Georg.

Chairperson Herman called the meeting to order. There were no mileage sheets to be signed by the Board since the meeting was a teleconference.

The Board approved the September 10, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Moe made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Herman.

No hearings were conducted. There was general discussion. Ms. Owston updated the Board on the 20-21 alcoholic beverage license renewals. Completed renewals that were paid in full were mailed September 11, 2020. There are a few approved renewals pending payment and issuance. One establishment still has a hold from the State of Maryland and a couple are still pending administrative paperwork prior to issuance. COVID-19 Executive Orders are still in place allowing for the continuation of expired permits and licenses. The license issued to Pawn Run was transferred on September 11, 2020. They are not permitted to open until a Health Permit is issued. Ms. Owston requested that the December LCB meeting be moved to Thursday, December 17, 2020. There was no objection to her request. The 2021 legislative list needs to be presented to the Garrett County Commissioners by mid-October. Ms. Owston mentioned a few housekeeping amendments as well as the possibility of an amendment to the July 1, 2020 residency requirement. She also mentioned that she has a statewide LCB call on October 9, 2020 and will update the Board on any local or statewide bills of interest. There was a brief discussion on extending the hours of on-premise sales on New Year's Eve in accordance with AB § 21-2007 and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board will wait until the next meeting to discuss further. The 2021 LCB meeting dates were presented and approved to continue the second Thursday of the month except for Monday, October 4, 2021 and Monday, November 8, 2021. The Oakland VFD Oktoberfest event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are planning a cash bash on November 14, 2020 pending the lifting of the current COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. The Board discussed and stated that license holders will be required to get sign off from the Health Department on events during the COVID-19 pandemic. Backbone Tavern is planning an Autumn Glory Celebration on October 9, 2020. Shrimp on the Barbie & Oakland Golf Club are planning an Oktoberfest event on October 10, 2020. Grantsville Lions Club is planning an Oktoberfest event at the Grantsville Town Park on October 17, 2020. The compliance check contract with the Maryland State Police was approved for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The MSP are ready to conduct the compliance checks after the Health Departments "secret shopper" visits. The Manor Steakhouse closed the beginning of July and is believed to not re-open. Spillway Kitchen & Bar is expected to open in November. Friendsville Public House will have a new operating LLC and two new members. This will require a new application and advertisement of the license hearing.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Moe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Lisa Herman  
Chairperson

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November 12, 2020  
Date