

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 AM in the Garrett County Commissioners Public Meeting Room 209. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner Lisa Herman, Commissioner David Moe, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston and Attorney to the Board, M. Elizabeth Georg.

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

The Board approved the December 8, 2022 Minutes. Commissioner Herman made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Moe made unanimous by Chairperson Fratz.

There was general discussion before the hearings. The January 5, 2023 meeting was not held. Ms. Owston gave an update on the 2023 legislation and the Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2023. The Cannabis Reform Bill SB0516 / HB0556 renames the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission to Alcohol, Tobacco and Cannabis Commission. It establishes a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis under the Commission. There were no updates on the Red Barn Events, LLC renovations update from the Permits Office and Fire Marshal. Short Story Brewing expanded their license premise. They did forward a copy of the revised lease on December 29, 2022. Ms. Owston provided an update on Deep Creek Wine Tasting – Traveling Vineyard. The ATC said a solicitor's permit is required and alcohol awareness certification. Long Branch Salon had an issue with one of the wholesalers not dropping off their product at the office as instructed. Deep Creek Bar & Grill submitted their fine on January 6, 2023. Shrimp On The Barbie closed December 31, 2022. An application is expected from a new food & beverage operator at the March meeting. Winner's Circle will be closing. The business and property are for sale. They requested approval to place license on hold until June 30, 2023 while they actively seek new owners. Commissioner Moe made a motion to place the license on hold until June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and made unanimous by Chairperson Fratz. Ms. Owston mentioned that the Finance Disclosure Forms are due by the end of April. Commissioner Moe spoke of a potential legislative change to the public meeting requirements for licensed events.

A hearing was held at 10:20 AM for the Street Festival License in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 21-1304.1. Applicants for the license are Margaret Jamison, Kathryn Shaffer, and Nicole McCullough. The qualifying non-profit organization is the Oakland Heritage Community Foundation, Inc. The Winterfest Wine Walk will be held on February 18, 2023 and The Kick-Off to Summer Beer Walk event will be on June 10, 2023. Both events will take place in the Town of Oakland Arts & Entertainment District. Nicole McCullough was present at the hearing. Ms. McCullough mentioned the event details and answered several questions about the event. They will be closing a few streets during the event as well as posting "event in progress" signs to alert those traveling in the area. Ms. Owston reviewed the license issuance procedures and regulations. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the Street Festival License. The motion was second by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved by Chairperson Fratz. Ms. Owston said

she will arrange for Ms. McCullough to pick up the Age ID scanner. The licenses will be issued upon payment.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for March 9, 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Herman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moe and unanimously approved by Chairperson Fratz.

Michael Fratz
Chairperson

March 9, 2023
Date