

Minutes – April 14, 2016

The following members of the Board were present at the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, for a regular hearing of the Board of License Commissioners: Pamela Smith, Chairman, William B. Young, Vice Chairman, Guy N. Black, Thomasina Coates, and Steve Lowe were present. Also appearing in support of the Board was Inspector Greg Kiesel; Associate County Attorney Matthew Clagett; and Lisa Bailey, Clerk/Recording Secretary. Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator M/Cpl. Judith Thompson was excused.

1. Chairman Pamela Smith and Board members conducted a brief ceremony in thanks and recognition of Vice Chairman William B. Young's service to the Board of License Commissioners and citizens of Charles County, over his past 12 year tenure to the Board of License Commissioners. Mr. Young was first appointed to the Board in June, 2007, and has professionally, diligently and expertly served and enforced the alcoholic beverage laws and regulations, and as a staunch proponent of the virtues of the vertical ID. In recognition of his service to the citizens of Charles County, the Board members presented him with a framed, signed poster of the sample vertical ID/Maryland under 21 Drivers' License, of which he often referred during regular hearings, throughout his tenure on the Board. Mr. Young thanked the County Commissioners, his predecessors - especially Mr. Lemon Moses for nominating him for the position, as well as his fellow board members and staff.

2. The Board welcomed new appointee, Linda J. Warren, to the Board of License Commissioners and proceeded with regular business.

3. Upon a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following temporary alcoholic beverage license applications were approved:

College of Southern Maryland, by: Shaunda Holt, for five (5) 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage licenses to sell/serve BWL for the following dates, each from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., at the stated locations for CSM classes with approx.. 14 people expected to attend each class:

5/5/2016	@ Eatwell Farms – Wine Tasting
5/26/2016	@ Eatwell Farms – Girls Night Out – Taking it Thai
6/6/2016	@ Eatwell Farms – Whole Hog Cooking Class

Charles County Chamber of Commerce, by Betsy Burian, President. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Dee Hancock, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor on Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 5:30-7-30 p.m. at ITalk Cloud Solutions, LLC, located in the Baldus Building, La Plata, for a monthly mixer with approximately 100 people expected to attend.

Knights of St. John Commandery #309, by Theodore J. Short, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor on Friday, May 6, 2016, from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, for a Mother's Day Dance fundraiser with approximately 180 people expected to attend.

John Trotter Robert Steethem VFW Post 8810, by George Grimes, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor, on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fun Haven Golf Miniature Course for their 15th annual fundraiser to benefit Fisher House with approximately 80 people expected to attend.

Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82, by David A. Tatman, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer Only on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 7:30 to 3:30 PM at White Plains Golf Course for their 11th annual fundraiser tournament with approximately 144 people expected to attend.

Woodrow Wilson Alumni DC Chapter, by Alicia Perkins & Patrick Goodwin. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Ms. Perkins and heather Dactridge, for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., inside Take a Bow, 109A Post Office Road, Waldorf, for a fundraiser to benefit Woodrow Wilson Athletic Department with approximately 350 people expected to attend.

Indian Head Center for the Arts/Black Box Theatre, by Evie Hungerford. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Amy Edelen, for three (3) 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage licenses for Saturday, May 14; Sunday, May 22; and Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 6-10 p.m. inside the Black Box Theatre for a fundraiser with approx. 85 people expected to attend each event.

Charles/St Mary's Baseball, by Cheryl A. Rice, for 10 (TEN) 10-day temporary alcoholic beverage licenses, to sell/serve Beer Only, from Noon to dusk on the following dates throughout the Baseball season, at Rainbow Baseball Field, La Plata, Maryland, for fundraisers benefitting Western Charles Baseball Team, with approx.. 50-100 people expected to attend each event:

May 1 through May 10	July 23 – August 1
May 14 through May 23	August 6 – August 15
June 4 – June 13	August 20 – August 29
June 18 – June 27	Sept 7 – Sept 16
July 9 – July 18	Sept 17 – Sept 26

Hospice of Charles County, Inc., by Phyllis M. Bartillucci Earnest, (appearing on behalf of the applicant is Trudy Raby, CFO and Michelle Johnson) for a 1-day temporary alcoholic beverage license to sell/serve Beer, Wine & Liquor on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 5-10:00 p.m. at 13070 Legacy Farm Place, Waldorf, for a fundraiser with approximately 300 people expected to attend.

4. **2016 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals.**

The clerk provided Board members with a listing of all alcoholic beverage licensees in Charles County – which indicates the trade name, corporate entity, licensee(s), street address, class, whether or not the licensee indicated they hosted entertainment and/or an outside

service/consumption area, and the total annual license fee to be paid by each entity; and, a current list of licensees whom have been found in violation of the alcoholic beverages laws over the past 3 years.

The clerk reported that on February 29, 2016, One Hundred Seventy-seven (177) alcoholic beverage license renewal applications were mailed to licensees with a filing deadline date of March 31, 2016. Two applications were returned late, assessing a combined \$250 fine; and 2 licensees failed to file.

The following Licensees FAILED TO FILE RENEWAL:

1. Beverly Sue Wheatley Bridgett, Aqua Land Camp Ground, Inc., t/a Aqua Land Camp-ground Store, 9700 Orland Park Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664, failed to file a renewal application for their Class D - Beer (on/off sale only) alcoholic beverage license. Current license will expire at Midnight on April 30, 2016.
2. Personal representative of the Estate of Alexander Romero Echeverria, or the corporate representative for El Montes Restaurant, LLC, t/a El Montes Restaurant, 2796 Old Washington Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20601, failed to file a renewal application for the Class B/RB (Restaurant/Bar) Beer, Wine & Liquor (on sale only) alcoholic beverage license. Current license will expire at Midnight on April 30, 2016.

A total of 175 (up from 173 last year) 2016 Alcoholic Beverages License Renewal Applications were presented for approval. The clerk advised that before the Board can renew an alcoholic beverage license, each application must also be approved by the Comptroller, and the Charles County Treasurer's Office, who certifies that there are no unpaid personal property or real estate taxes or filings due to Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. The clerk provided a listing of the original 177 alcoholic beverage licensees, including those 175 under consideration for renewal. Of those filed applications, 140 are found to be in order. The remaining 35 applications have outstanding items with either the Comptroller, Assessments & Taxation, Treasurer, or an incomplete application.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal of those 140 license applications which were found to be in order. Further, upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, those licenses with outstanding issues (designated by an asterisk (*) on their list), were approved for renewal by the Board of License Commissioners, contingent upon satisfaction of all outstanding matters, before expiration of their current license, Midnight, April 30, 2016.

With the approval of all 175 licenses, due to the increase in license fees and the assessment of the approved fees for live entertainment and outside service/consumption, the clerk advised that she anticipates collecting approximately \$210,570 in annual license fees. Those annual fees, along with application fees, and temporary alcoholic beverage license fees, will better offset the Liquor Board's 2017 budget request of \$240,600.

The clerk thanked the Board for another successful licensing year; the building security staff for announcing and directing visitors to our Office, the staff of the Treasurer's Office for researching and certifying each and every application and collecting the annual license fees from the business owners, and the staff of the Office of the County Attorney, especially Jesse Bungcayao, for their efforts to ensure another successful license renewal year. The Board members thanked the clerk and staff for a successful license year.

5. The clerk shared correspondence from Alfred A. Jolliffe, Gilligan's Pier Restaurant, LLC, t/a Gilligan's Pier, 11535 Pope's Creek Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664, advising of their 2016 season Opening Day, March 25.

6. The clerk provided the Board members with a copy of an anonymous letter, the author being upset that a licensed establishment refused service of alcohol to a 55 year old patron alcohol without identification. The Board reiterated that it is the responsibility of the licensee to set their own policy to ensure compliance with Article 2B, regarding sales of alcoholic beverages.

7. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of February & March, 2016.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.