



CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers, Fort Gaines, Georgia

Minutes

Tuesday
July 6, 2010
6:30 pm

Public Hearing – Alcoholic Beverage License

1) **Call to Order**

Chairman Shivers called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman David Shivers, Vice Chairman Barry Waters, and Commissioners James Davenport and Radar Fair, Sr. were in attendance as well as County Administrator Spencer Mueller, Sheriff Roger Shivers, County Attorney Bill Mills, Accounts Payable Clerk Lori McMullen, and County Clerk Adria Williams. Commissioner Walt Killingsworth was not in attendance.

2) **Procedural Review by Chairman**

Chairman Shivers reviewed the public hearing procedures.

3) **Cynthia Brooks – South of the Border- Alcoholic Beverage Application**

Chairman Shivers asked if there were any opposing comments. The following were opposed to the application:

Sheriff Roger Shivers- location has a long history of violence and violations of all types and he's not sure who is in charge of the operation. The application is signed by a Brooks but the Department has a document signed by the manager who is a different person. Vice Chairman Waters asked if a background check was done on Cynthia Brooks. Sheriff Shivers stated that no one knows who Cynthia Brooks actually is. Ms. Brooks made herself known. Chairman Shivers reviewed the charges against the applicant from the results of the background check. He stated that the County's Code of Ordinances prohibits the Board from issuing an alcoholic beverage license to persons involved in violent altercations, misdemeanors, or felonies within the last two years; Ms. Brooks' altercations were over two years ago. He then asked if there were any more opposing comments. Additional opposing comments were from the following:

Alton Hill- resident of Highway 39 concerned with traffic in his area of drunken, disorderly drivers.

Rev. Jeff Hines- worried about the town and the young people, if places like this continue to open the moral climate of our community will continue to go downhill. Even though times are hard and people are trying to establish business for themselves, he can't condone a business of that nature.

Shirley Smith- lives across from the establishment; the clubbers pull up in her yard doing crazy things, wheelies, and block her road with parked vehicles as well as loud music until 4 or 5 a.m. She is very much opposed to it.

Pastor Martin Loyley- Pastor of the United Methodist Church- concerned with the poorer families, he feels that the result of this type of establishment tends to hit the poorer families with drunken parents; prefer that the County doesn't have another establishment that is basically running against our families.

Deanna Doswell- lives two miles from the establishment- doesn't want to see another accident like the one she saw Saturday (alcohol was not involved) and she doesn't want her children to be around or involved with; she feels that adults could be using their time more productively than sitting drinking and driving. Her fifteen year old daughter told her to make sure to express to the Board on her behalf that she did not want more drunk drivers on the road. Ms. Doswell doesn't want Clay County's image to suffer because of something like this.

Chairman Shivers asked the Sheriff how many shootings there had been in the pass. Sheriff Shivers stated there was one shooting that shot four people and three other shootings that involved anywhere from one to three. There were no deaths as a result. The number shot is ranges from seven to nine. Vice Chairman Waters asked the Sheriff how many of the incidents are directly related to the applicant. None of the incidents happened under the current applicant. Chairman Shivers asked if there were any comments in favor of the application. The following were in favor of the application:



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Cynthia Brooks- the applicant stated that she is in favor of the application.

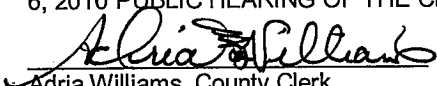
- 4) **Adjourn**
There being no further business the public hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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David Shivers, Chairman

7-21-2010
Date

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM THE COUNTY CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE JULY 6, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.


Adria Williams, County Clerk

7-21-2010
Date