

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner
Lawrence Scott, Board Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order via zoom and in person.

Chairman Miller: Good morning, everyone I'm calling the Cecil County Board of license Commissioners meeting to order today on Wednesday June 30th of 2021. He then asked Mr. Riddle who he was representing.

Will Riddle: we have the violation William Cooper and then we have the transfer of license with Mr. & Mrs. Browne.

Chairman Miller: Our first case is going to be a violation of the Class A beer & light wine alcoholic beverage license number A-25 Cooper's Market and Deli LLC, trading as Cooper's Market and Deli. 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, Maryland. Anybody that's going to testify in this case, please raise your right hand be sworn in.

Mrs. Trader: you promise it and declare that the evidence, you are about to give in the matter now pending board before the board of licensed Commissioners is the truth and nothing but the truth, I do.

Chairman Miller called Chief Bradford

Chief Bradford read an email conversation between Mr. Browne and Mrs. Trader covering several different days – he submitted this as Exhibit #1. He also submitted several receipts from inspectors for purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Riddle asked that the lease agreement be admitted also.

There was discussion regarding the lease agreement which Mr. Browne sent to Mrs. Trader via email signed May 21st. Mr. Riddle stated the lease management agreement was between the Browne's and Cooper's Market & Deli LLC, granting Cooper's Market & Deli LLC permission to use the license; Chief Bradford stated the Browne's could not sign a lease management agreement for a license that was not transferred to them. Mr. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Browne agreed that the sale and settlement occurred on May 21, 2021, at which time the (non-dated) lease agreement was signed with a three-month term.

Commissioner Chiominto made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss some items with Mr. Scott; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session. Upon returning from Executive Session, Chairman Miller asked that the Browne's be sworn in by the Clerk, at which time, Michael and Wanda Browne were duly sworn by the Clerk. Chairman Miller asked the Browne's if they did in fact sell alcohol during the dates of May 7 and May 24; Chairman Miller explained that if they admitted they did sell alcohol there would be a fine and this could be put behind us and not reflect on the new business and we could move forward with the transfer. Mr. Browne admitted that yes, alcohol was sold at some point during that time. Chairman Miller stated there would be a fine of \$250.

APPLICATIONS TRANSFER OF LICENSE

Application received from Michael J. Browne, Member; Wanda D. Browne, Member; Browne Properties, LLC, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, Maryland 21921 for transfer of Class "A" Beer & Light Wine Alcoholic Beverage License No. A-25 from William Cooper; Kyle Cooper; Cooper's Market & Deli, LLC T/A Cooper's Market & Deli, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, MD 21921

Applicants Michael J. and Wanda D. Browne were duly sworn by the Clerk; Mr. Scott read the legal notice as it appeared on dates June 16 and 23, 2021. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 3. Mr. Lawrence asked if the information in the application as submitted is accurate; the Browne's stated that is correct. Mr. Browne stated they would like to request an expansion of the current license to allow tastings; Commissioner Ortt asked they would be working with local breweries/wineries for this and the Browne's

responded yes, they will. With no further questions or comments and no opposition, Chairman Miller called for a motion. Commissioner Chiominto made a motion to approve the transfer of Class “A” Beer & Light Wine Alcoholic Beverage License No. A-25 to Michael J. Browne, Member; Wanda D. Browne, Member; Browne Properties, LLC, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, Maryland 21921 from William Cooper; Kyle Cooper; Cooper's Market & Deli, LLC T/A Cooper's Market & Deli, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, MD 21921 conditioned upon the tax issue being resolved and the fine from the previous hearing being paid; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved approve the transfer of Class “A” Beer & Light Wine Alcoholic Beverage License No. A-25 to Michael J. Browne, Member; Wanda D. Browne, Member; Browne Properties, LLC, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, Maryland 21921 from William Cooper; Kyle Cooper; Cooper's Market & Deli, LLC T/A Cooper's Market & Deli, 199 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, MD 21921 conditioned upon the tax issue being resolved and the fine from the previous hearing being paid.

Application received from Alfred Mitchell, Jr. Owner; Nicole Mitchell, Owner; Tyrell Lacy, Partner; Angry Jacks Elkton, LLC T/A Angry Jack, 985 E. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, Maryland 21921 for transfer of Class “D” Beer & Light Wine Alcoholic Beverage License from Nicole Ball, Vice President; Natalie Hanck, President; You Bet Your Axe, LLC, T/A You Bet Your Axe, 985 E. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921 - **Postponed**

Questions/Public Comment

General Business

- **Approve Minutes**
- **Specials**

Old Business

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- **Discussion regarding legislation related to HB12 – Restaurant delivery of alcoholic beverages**
 - unanimously voted to opt out of HB12/SB205, which allowed the continued delivery of alcoholic beverages with food delivery. Restaurants, bars, and taverns cannot sell nor deliver alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption or delivery. All activity must cease prior to midnight tonight, July 1, 2021.
- **Governor’s extension of license renewals through August**

- Board approved Governor's orders to extend renewal and expiration of licenses through August 17, 2021
- **Tobacco Rules and Citations**
- **Updated Rules & Regulations - BOLC**

New Business

With no further business to discuss Chairman Miller called for a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Ortt made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 AM; Commissioner Chiominto seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant