



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Beer Board

Thursday, May 21, 2020

5:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 955 4923 3356

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Beer Board was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee and electronically via Zoom Meetings. Blount County Beer Board Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 9 members present with the late arrival of Vice Chair Staci Lawhorn. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 8 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Richard Carver, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Joe McCulley, Commissioner Steve Mikels, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan
- Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Staci Lawhorn

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, to set the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner McCulley

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting March 10, 2020.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the minutes be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner McCulley

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request of an on and off Premises Beer Permit Application for Punkin Center Motorcycle Resort, LLC, 7304 Old Railroad Bed Road, Maryville, TN 37801.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice for Beer Board Public Hearing](#)
[Notice for Beer Permit Application](#)
[Punkin Center Motorcycle Resort LLC - On and Off Premises Permit Application](#)

The representative for this applicant arrived late.

2. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request of an off Premises Beer Permit Application for Ayaan Inc., 2905 Wilkinson Pike, Maryville, TN 37803.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice for Beer Board Public Hearing](#)
[Notice for Beer Permit Application](#)
[Ayaan Inc - Off Premises Permit Application](#)

Beer Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to the applicant Mr. Ahmed Hemani, the convenience store/gas station co- owner. Mr. Hemani testified that the statistics in the application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge. The nearest church and school are substantially greater than 1,000 feet from the establishment according to the measurements provided by the Blount County Sheriff's Department, and to Mr. Hemani's knowledge, the closest residents within 300 feet have no objection to the application. Not seeing any members of the public present for comment or questions, Mr. Garrett asked if any members of the Beer Board had any questions. There was none. Mr. Garrett closed the public hearing and advised the Board that the applicant meets the criteria for the issuance of a beer permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, that the beer permit be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner King, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request of an on and off Premises Beer Permit Application for Punkin Center Motorcycle Resort, LLC, 7304 Old Railroad Bed Road, Maryville, TN 37801.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice for Beer Board Public Hearing](#)

[Notice for Beer Permit Application](#)

[Punkin Center Motorcycle Resort LLC - On and Off Premises Permit Application](#)

Beer Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to the applicant Mr. Ronald Hicks, the campground/restaurant owner. Mr. Hicks testified that the statistics in the application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, and the distance certificate provided by the Blount County Sheriff's Office state that the establishment is greater than 1,000 feet from the nearest church or school, and there is more than 977 feet from the nearest residence. Not seeing any members of the public present for comment or questions, Mr. Garrett asked if any members of the Beer Board had any questions. There was none. Mr. Garrett closed the public hearing and recommended to the Board that the applicant meets the criteria for the issuance of a beer permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Vice Chair Lawhorn, that the beer permit be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner King, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. ADJOURNMENT.

At 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, the Chairman declared the Beer Board meeting to be adjourned.