

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting/hearing on April 12, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the meeting/hearing was to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant & Koji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar.

Members Present

Chairman Jimmy Hooper
Vice Chairman Charles Turk
Commissioner David Duckett
Commissioner Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present

County Attorney Randall Frost
Investigator Dennis Elrod
County Clerk Jenni Gailey

Media Present

Banks County News – Angela Gary
Access North Georgia – Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Violation Hearings:

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant

Ch. Hooper opened the hearing and stated that the purpose was to consider the possible violation of furnishing alcohol to a minor and asked Investigator Elrod to present the violation allegations. Investigator Elrod stated that on March 28, 2016 at approximately 11:28 a.m., a DOR underage 17 year old operative, entered the La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant and the underage operative proceeded to purchase a beer. He said the server Jesus Angel Velasquez did not ask for ID and sold her the beer. Alcohol Licensee Jesus Lopez admitted that the sell did occur but stated the server was new to the job. Ch. Hooper pointed out the importance of maintaining safety for our teens and our county and asked what would be done in the future to prevent it from happening again. Mr. Lopez stated he would train his employees to require ID for everyone. Ch. Hooper stated the county must enforce its ordinances.

Motion to place La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant on 6 month probation for the period of 4/12/2016 through 10/12/2016: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

At 5:10 p.m. Ch. Hooper asked for a recess until 5:30 p.m. or until a representative for Koji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar arrives.

The meeting reconvened at 5:16 p.m.

Koji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar

Ch. Hooper called the meeting back to order, opened the hearing and stated that the purpose of the hearing was to consider the possible violation of furnishing alcohol to a minor and asked Investigator Elrod to present the violation allegations. Investigator Elrod stated that on March 28, 2016 at approximately 12:17 p.m., a DOR underage 17 year old operative entered the Koji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar and the underage operative proceeded to purchase a beer. He said the server Inyoman Kurnawan did not ask for ID and sold her the beer. Manager Feng Lin admitted that the sell did occur and stated the employee had lost sleep and was tired. Ch. Hooper pointed out the importance of maintaining safety for our teens and our county and asked what would be done in the future to prevent it from happening again. Mr. Lin stated he would train his employees to require ID for everyone. Ch. Hooper stated the county must enforce its ordinances.

Motion to place Koji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar on 6 month probation for the period of 4/12/2016 through 10/12/2016: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, the hearing/meeting ended at 5:26 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
