



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLEGED CODE VIOLATION HEARING/MEETING: DIAMOND EXXON

Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547

Tuesday, May 03, 2022 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called hearing/meeting on May 3, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the hearing/meeting was to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by Diamond Exxon.

Members Present

Chairman Charles Turk
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Keith Gardiner
Commissioner Bo Garrison
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present

Code Enforcement Officer
Sheriff Investigator Dennis Elrod
County Attorney Randall Frost
County Clerk Jenni Gailey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the hearing/meeting to order and stated that the purpose was to consider the possible violation of furnishing alcohol to a minor by Diamond Exxon located at 181 Historic Homer Highway, Homer, GA 30547. He then turned the hearing/meeting over to Attorney Frost.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Diamond Exxon: Alleged Alcohol Code Violation Hearing

Sam Varani spoke on behalf of the business by apologizing and stating this was the first time it had happened at that location. He said they had provided training to the employees and showed the board copies of signatures of the employees stating they had received training. Alcohol Licensee Nargis Karimi admitted that the sell did occur and stated the server had been employed 7 months but had been terminated. She also stated it was the first time this had happened. Ch. Turk pointed out the importance of maintaining safety for our teens and our county and recommended the following:

- Alcohol license shall be suspended for (2) weeks beginning April 28, 2022 through May 13, 2022. Before the alcohol license may be returned to Diamond Exxon, documents showing evidence that every employee has been trained on serving alcohol must be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Diamond Exxon shall be placed on six (6) months' probation beginning April 28, 2022 through October 28, 2022.
- If during this probationary period, the owner(s) or employee(s) violate(s) any local, state or federal law, regulation, ordinance or resolution, the alcohol license will be immediately revoked until a new show cause hearing is held before the Board of Commissioners.

- All new employees employed during the probation period must be trained, documented, and documents submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Comm. Maxwell suggested probation without suspension. Mr. Varani stated they would train the employees to require ID for everyone and asked that the license not be suspended. Ch. Turk stated the county must enforce its ordinances. Comm. Gardiner suggested software added to registers that will not allow a sale without ID.

Motion to approve the above recommendations presented by Ch. Turk: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the hearing/meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk