

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on May 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant located at Banks Crossing. Members present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. No one was present to represent La Hacienda at the beginning of the hearing. County Attorney Randall Frost as well as Investigator Mark Sprayberry and Special Agent Johnny Brown of the Georgia Department of Revenue Underage Task Force were also present.

Ch. Hart 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 Sprayberry to present the violation allegations. Investigator Sprayberry stated that on March 31, 2008, he being 19 years of age, entered the restaurant and ordered a Bud Light. He said the server Jose Luis Hernandez Salizar did not ask for identification and served Investigator Sprayberry the drink. Investigator Sprayberry paid for the drink and left the restaurant and reported the incident to the Department of Revenue Inspection Team who went into the restaurant and informed management of the incident.

Ch. Hart stated the incident occurred while La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant was on probation and that the county must enforce its ordinances.

Comm. Cain made a motion to suspend the alcohol license for 10 days beginning May 14, 2008 through May 23, 2008 and to place the restaurant on probation for 1 year beginning May 14, 2008 through May 13, 2009. Any ordinance violation within the probationary period shall result in immediate revocation of the alcohol license. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The hearing ended at 4:22 p.m.

The hearing reopened at 4:25 p.m. due to the manager and owner of the restaurant appearing. Restaurant Manager Ramon Macias stated the waiters sign-in every morning when reporting to work to acknowledge that they understand the procedures and that checking for ID is necessary.

Comm. Cain stated the decision of the board would not change.

The hearing ended at 4:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk

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