

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on October 11, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by La Fiesta Grille located at Banks Crossing. Members present were Chairman Gene Hart and Commissioner Rickey Cain. To represent La Fiesta Grille was the manager Rodrigo Bravo. Investigator Savannah Morgan of the Georgia Department of Revenue Underage Task Force was 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 Morgan to present the violation allegations. Investigator Morgan stated that on September 13, 2007 at approximately 6:18 p.m., she and another Investigator Clay Sprayberry, who was 19 years of age, entered the restaurant and Investigator Sprayberry ordered a Bud Light. She said the server Alicia Florez 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.

Mr. Bravo stated they had been in business for one year and that he was not present on the day of the incident but said Ms. Florez was only a hostess who had been with the restaurant for four months and did not normally serve alcohol. Ch. Hart asked if the restaurant had a training program in place. Mr. Bravo stated he did for waiters only. Mr. Bravo stated Ms. Florez would not be serving alcohol anymore. Ms. Morgan recommended all employees be trained on serving alcohol.

Ch. Hart stated he appreciated La Fiesta Grille locating in the county; however the county must enforce its ordinances. Comm. Cain recommended placing the establishment on 6 months probation with the understanding that if any further violations occur during that time period it would result in immediate revocation of the alcohol license. Comm. Cain encouraged Mr. Bravo to implement a training program for employees on serving alcohol.

Comm. Cain made a motion to place La Fiesta Grille on 6 months probation for the period of 10/15/2007 through 4/15/2008 with the requirement that they provide signed documents by employees within that period stating that each employee has gone through training on serving alcohol. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The hearing ended at 11:24 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk
