

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on October 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by County Line Package located in Banks County. Members present were Chairman Gene Hart and Commissioner Rickey Cain. To represent County Line Package was the manager Paul Bennett. 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 4:38 p.m., she and another Investigator Clay Sprayberry, who were both 19 years of age, entered the package store and Investigator Morgan proceeded to purchase a Bud Light. She said the store clerk Jannie Wilkerson did not ask for identification and sold him the drink. Investigator Morgan paid for the drink and left the store and reported the incident to the Department of Revenue Inspection Team who went into the store and informed management of the incident.

Mr. Bennett stated they had been in business for 30 years and said Ms. Wilkerson had been with the store for a couple of months. Ch. Hart stressed the importance of a training program. Ms. Morgan recommended all employees be trained on selling alcohol and stated the Department of Revenue website had information for a training program called TIPS.

Ch. Hart stated he appreciated County Line Package locating in the county; however the county must enforce its ordinances. Comm. Cain encouraged Mr. Bennett to implement a training program for employees on serving alcohol.

Comm. Cain made a motion to place County Line Package on 90 days probation for the period of 10/15/2007 through 1/13/2008. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The hearing ended at 2:10 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk
