

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a hearing on October 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. to consider possible ordinance/resolution violations by Shell Food Mart located in Banks County. Members present were Chairman Gene Hart and Commissioner Rickey Cain. To represent Shell Food Mart was the manager Amin Keshwani. 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 5:35 p.m., she and another Investigator Clay Sprayberry, who was 19 years of age, entered the package store and Investigator Sprayberry proceeded to purchase a Bud Light. She said the store clerk Kim Smith did not ask for identification and sold him the drink. Investigator Sprayberry 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. Keshwani stated he was not at the store on the date of the incident and that this was their first offense. He stated Ms. Smith had worked in the store for many years. He also stated the DOR had been in before on a sting and they had not violated the law at that time. 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 Shell Food Mart locating in the county; however the county must enforce its ordinances. He also encouraged Mr. Hakani to implement a training program for employees on serving alcohol.

Ch. Hart made a motion to place Shell Food Mart on 6 months probation for the period of 10/15/2007 through 4/15/2008 and stated evidence that every employee has had training must be submitted to the Commissioners office within 30 days. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The hearing ended at 4:07 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk
