

Cumberland County ABC Board
March 9, 2015
Regular Meeting
Main Office, 1705 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

PRESENT: Johnson Chestnutt, Chairman
Wade Hardin, Vice-Chairman
Alice Stephenson, Board Member
Terri Thomas, Board Member
Bob Lewis, Board Member
Neil Yarborough, Attorney
Marshall Faircloth, Liaison
Gene Webb, General Manager
John Russell, Deputy General Manager
Bill Belvin, Chief Law Enforcement
Debbie Disbrow, Human Resource Director
Carolyn Parker, Finance Officer/Secretary

Mr. Chestnutt called the meeting of the Cumberland County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 6:00 PM to order.

Mr. Chestnutt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Chestnutt asked were there any agenda adjustments. Mr. Webb said he would like to add to the agenda Payment Terminal Upgrade & Install as item 9B under New Business.

Mr. Chestnutt asked were there any announcements. There were none.

Required Reading

Mr. Chestnutt read the required reading statutes GS 18B-201. The Board members did not have any conflicts of interest pertaining to the meeting.

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of February 9, 2015 minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Harden moved that the Board accept the February 9, 2015 minutes as mailed.

SECOND: Mr. Lewis

VOTE: Unanimous

Law Enforcement Report

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of the February 2015 Law Enforcement Report in the package.

Mr. Belvin said in February the officers assisted the State and Federal agencies with local investigations; worked with Secretary of State on counterfeit investigation leading to criminal charges and a seizure of \$17,630 of counterfeit merchandise.

MOTION: Mr. Lewis moved to approve the February 2015 Law Enforcement Report in the package.

SECOND: Mr. Harden

VOTE: Unanimous

General Manager's Report

Mr. Chestnutt asked for the approval of the February 2015 General Manager's report.

Mr. Webb said the registration forms for the NABCA's May 18 – 21, 2015 conference is on the table. Please let Ms. Parker know if you would like to attend and to make your own travel arrangements.

Mr. Webb said we are up \$1.1 million so far this year. We have given the County \$1.2 million in profits as of December 2014 and so far this quarter we have a profit of \$500K.

MOTION: Ms. Thomas moved that the Board accept the February 2015 General Manager's report.

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Mixed Beverage Policy

Mr. Webb said the NCABC Commission has asked for documentation on our Mixed Beverage Policy. The Cumberland County ABC Board does not have a board policy for mixed beverage; but we have an operations policy for mixed beverage. Most Boards have a store operation policy rather than a standard mixed beverage policy. The difference between the two policies is a board policy is more restricted with no option to deviate to help a customer if possible. The mixed beverage operation policy would give the guidelines that we currently enforce but also gives some discretion in unusual circumstances to help our customers. Mr. Webb recommended that the Board continue using the Store Operation Policy and follow all of the ABC Commission statutes.

MOTION: Ms. Thomas made a motion that the Board continue using the Store Operation Policy.

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous

Payment Terminal Upgrade & Install

Mr. Webb said that by October 2015, all credit cards will come with an EMV chip which will require an upgrade to our credit card payment terminals. The cost for the payment terminal upgrade and installation will be \$46,000 for 32 registers. There is a backlog of four weeks to order the equipment and a two week notice for programming. It could take two months to complete the process. Mr. Webb recommended that the Board approve the payment terminal upgrade & installation and approve the budget to move \$46,000 from the contingency funds to purchase.

Mr. Chestnutt asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the payment terminal upgrade and installation and to amend the budget by \$46,000.

MOTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the payment terminal upgrade and installation purchase and to amend the budget to move \$46,000 from the contingency funds to capital equipment.

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Chestnutt asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

MOTION: Ms. Thomas made a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel matter, GS 143-318.11(a)(6) and Land Pursuit, GS 143-318.11(5).

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Chestnutt asked for a motion to go into regular session.

MOTION: Mr. Hardin made a motion to go into regular session.

SECOND: Ms. Thomas

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Chestnutt asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

MOTION: Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Ms. Stephenson

VOTE: Unanimous



Chairperson