

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
WINE BY THE DRINK
October 7, 2013 10 a.m.

Present: Boyd Burbank, County Attorney Vic Pearson and Clerk Shauna Geddes.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 2. TESTIMONY HEARD**—Commissioner Burbank stated that the purpose of the hearing was to give testimony either for or against the proposed Ordinance 2013-10-15-1 allowing “wine by the drink” to be sold in Franklin County. Clerk Shauna Geddes read the proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Burbank then asked for testimony to be heard.

Twila Bridges- She stated that she did not feel that a glass of wine would hurt anybody.

Rose Bergquist –As owner of the Owl Club, she felt that allowing wine by the drink would be beneficial to tourism. She would like to have the option.

Shelley Spackman –Shelly represented the Kelly’s Convenience Stores and stated that at their restaurant she is asked daily for wine. The County currently allows the sale of beer by the glass and would like the ability to serve wine when requested. She feels that it would help keep the cash flow in Franklin County.


Ally Larsen-- Ally feels that passing this would bring Franklin County up to date with the rest of the counties in Idaho.

Paul Dean—Paul is a former business owner, but currently a resident of Franklin County. He feels it is negatively affecting the revenue of the area because diners go out of town to enjoy a glass of wine with their dinner. He stated it would be a good business decision.

Steve Bergquist – As co-owner of the Owl Club he feels that they are being denied potential revenue because a bottle of wine may be purchased at the convenient store but not by the glass at his establishment. Only patrons 21 or older are allowed in the Owl so he does not feel that this would cause additional problems. He has had patrons leave because they cannot purchase a glass of wine.

Gina Garcia – Gina stated that she prefers wine over beer and would like to be able to have a glass of wine with her dinner and not have to drive to Logan. She doesn’t understand why she is allowed to buy a bottle of wine at the convenience store, but not a glass of wine at dinner.

Commissioner Burbank thanked everyone for their comments. The Wine By The Drink Ordinance will be addressed at the next Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20a.m.


Attest, Shauna T. Geddes


Dirk Bowles, Chair