

The Waynesville ABC Board held their regular scheduled meeting on March 17, 2026, at the office. Present at the meeting were Danny Wingate, Ray Ezell, CeCe Higgs (by phone), Kathy Smith, Nece Hedges, and Mark Strugnell. Chairman Wingate called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

There was no conflict of interest with the items on the agenda. The minutes from the February meeting were approved by Ray and CeCe.

The finance officer gave the following sales report.

February 2026

Liquor Sales...\$287,458.75
Mixed Beverage Sales...\$83,177.13
Wine Sales...\$792.50
Total...\$371,728.38

February 2025

Liquor Sales...\$318,935.30
Mixed Beverage Sales...\$70,704.06
Wine Sales...\$890.00
Total...\$390,529.36

There was a sales decrease of 4.81% in February 2026 compared to February 2025.

The financial statements were reviewed by the board.

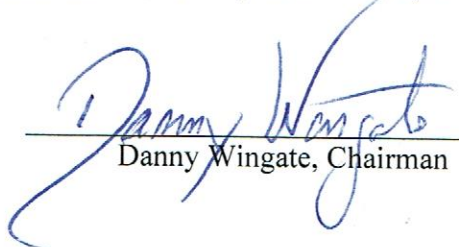
Police Chief Adams and Assistant Police Chief Shick from the Waynesville Police Department came and spoke with the board about how the law enforcement distributions are being spent; the fiscal year-to-date total distribution is \$46,649.82. Law enforcement has spent \$11,000 on cam bracelets this fiscal year. The cost of the cam bracelets comes to \$12 a day, versus about \$90 a day for housing people in jail who have been charged with a D.U.I. Assistant Police Chief Shick is hoping to align with alcohol education to revive the D.A.R.E. program for middle and high school students. The board requested Waynesville Police Department provide the section in the town budget that shows the total amounts of distribution to law enforcement and alcohol education, with the current balance.

The Waynesville ABC store is up 4.94% for the fiscal year.

The Waynesville ABC store has two tastings scheduled in March: Saturday March 21st from 4:30pm-7:30pm with Diageo and Friday March 27th from 4pm-7pm with BHAWK Distillery.

At the conclusion of their regular scheduled meeting, Danny moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.; the motion carried.

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Danny Wingate, Chairman