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(Neb)-County Commissioners Recommend Whiteclay Approval  [Listen](#)



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RUSHVILLE - The Sheridan County Commissioners have recommended that the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission renew the licenses of the four stores in Whiteclay that sell beer.

The Liquor Commission had ordered last fall that instead of the simple renewal process, the four stores - the Arrowhead Inn, State Line Liquor, D&S Pioneer Service, and Jumping Eagle Inn - would have to reapply for their liquor licenses

The county commissioners held 50-minute hearings on all 4 applications last Thursday and concluded that despite the amount of testimony, they received little to no evidence showing changes from the time the state commission approved the original licenses.

County Commission Chairman Jack Andersen says the finding of no significant changes meant that a recommendation for approval must be made because the county board lacks the legal authority to say the liquor commission was wrong in granting the licenses initially.

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The county commissioners had virtually no discussion today before approving resolutions recommending approval of the four licenses - each resolution identical except for the name of the business and dates related to their licenses.

Andersen says that surprised him because he thought there might well be different opinions held by his fellow commissioners James Krotz and Loren Paul, but there weren't.

The Sheridan County Commissioners all emphasize that their action today is simply a recommendation with the final decision resting with the Liquor Commission.

Since it takes requests from only 3 county residents for the Liquor Commission to grant a hearing on a license, it's a virtual certainty there will be hearings in Lincoln on all 4 Whiteclay stores before the state panel reaches a decision.