

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

2 MARCH 31, 2011

3 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
4 Loma George
5 Judge Walker
6 Judge Dollinger
7 Judge Lively
8 Lt. Kelly
9 Cathy Presley
10 Tom Rugg
11 Lolita Ramos
12 Becky Garcia
13 Tim Funchess
14 Keith Day
15 Liz Parks
16 Melanie Smith
17 Rhonda Brode

18 JUDGE FLORES: Ladies and gentlemen, we're
19 going to call this meeting of the Jefferson County Bail
20 Bond Board to order. The first item on the agenda is
21 the report from the district attorney's office.

22 Mr. Rugg, any comment on the report?

23 TOM RUGG: Just I'd like to observe the
24 numbers are well down and really reflects how current
25 the process is in handling bail bond forfeitures; and

1 particularly current because of the out of the county
2 court hearing because of the fine work Becky's doing.

3 JUDGE FLORES: We've had a bunch of
4 hearings.

5 TOM RUGG: We've had a bunch of hearings,
6 it's attributable solely through Becky's efforts. That
7 deserves recognition. Thank you.

8 JUDGE FLORES: That will be noted. Any
9 other comments on the report?

10 Ms. Presley, any new applications or
11 consideration of any applications.

12 CATHY PRESLEY: No, sir.

13 JUDGE FLORES: To my knowledge we don't have
14 complaints against any bondsmen; is that correct? I
15 think there may have been one that was circulated; but
16 it wasn't really a complaint.

17 Okay. Mr. Funchess, any comments on the
18 report from the treasurers office?

19 TIM FUNCHESS: I've got an updated
20 collateral as of the end of February. Also attached to
21 the collateral is a detailed report on property that's
22 pledged as collateral. I sent a letter out. I did get
23 tax receipts from everybody except -- I got a Michael
24 Barborek and a Robert Stone, no response.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

1 TIM FUNCHESS: And then talked with Bret
2 Wagner; and he's not going give us anything.

3 JUDGE FLORES: So he's going to shut down
4 his office?

5 TIM FUNCHESS: Huh?

6 JUDGE FLORES: Is he going to shut down his
7 office?

8 TIM FUNCHESS: I think he's already shut
9 down.

10 JUDGE FLORES: I understand.

11 TIM FUNCHESS: I told him, I said, look, you
12 know, we've got you down. You've got pledged
13 collateral. He said -- I got to confirm it. He says he
14 just owes for one misdemeanor or something like that.

15 JUDGE FLORES: That's fine.

16 TIM FUNCHESS: So, anyway if we've got
17 collateral; we got collateral pledged no -- on those
18 three, we don't have tax statements; and I can't verify
19 it.

20 JUDGE FLORES: What we'll do, when Mrs.
21 Godina is back, and -- let the record reflect that both
22 Mrs. Godina is out today and Tina is at a school; and
23 the lady that was backing them up, Ms. Segura is in the
24 hospital, so we -- we've been -- we've been -- we've
25 been running. But I appreciate the effort that you paid

1 these reports. My -- the staff will be glad -- they'll
2 work with you to resolve any of these things. I think
3 Stone is pretty much out of practice, out of business;
4 and we'll resolve the others. I appreciate you sending
5 out those letters timely. Any other comments on the --

6 TIM FUNCHESS: Do they owe us money?

7 JUDGE FLORES: We're going to find out; and
8 if they do, we'll have to see what we need to do with
9 the district attorney's office. Mr. Rugg and -- Mr.
10 Babin is the one that did it last time. We can see
11 about filing the proper -- proper legal action.

12 BECKY GARCIA: I know Bret Wagner does -- as
13 he does, he is paying money; so he's not in default,
14 default status per se with us, because he is still
15 paying what we do send out. So, there's nothing I
16 can -- you know.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

18 BECKY GARCIA: My intention is not to go
19 after the property right now.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. But we'll look at
21 that; and like I say, when the staff gets back, they'll
22 get back with you. Appreciate that.

23 Report from the auditor's office.

24 RHONDA BRODE: I spoke with MIS because of
25 the slowness of reporting; and she said not to worry

1 that the computer program that everyone is using is
2 fine; but the reporting part of is -- was completely
3 messed up. So, she can't figure out why.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

5 RHONDA BRODE: So she's having to rewrite
6 the whole thing.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Any -- any questions
8 or anything on the auditor's report? Okay.

9 Okay. Changes to the Bail Bond Board rules.
10 Ladies and gentlemen, on the tables we now have copies
11 of minutes from the last two meetings. My court
12 reporter, Mrs. Parks, has agreed to take that on. I
13 will handle compensation for her; and I think -- that's
14 been the problem in the past. You know, a lot of
15 positions on this thing is not funded. We just kind of
16 do it voluntarily. I know Mr. Roebuck doesn't even get
17 paid for a lot of his actions; but we've now -- we'll
18 have all the minutes transcribed; and we're going to be
19 working on getting them posted to the website with all
20 the rules and whatever. I think Mrs. Parks is going to
21 take that on; and if anybody has any questions on that
22 or anything they wish to help her with, just contact
23 Mrs. Parks. Okay.

24 Any other new business? I see there's some
25 bondsmen in the audience. Any questions or anything?

1 TOM RUGG: Judge, could I make a suggestion?

2 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, sir.

3 TOME RUGG: On our minutes, I would like to
4 see added as a permanent item to the Bail Bond Board
5 agenda an item where the previous minutes of meetings
6 are approved and adopted by the board; giving everyone
7 and board an opportunity to look at them in case there
8 are any --

9 JUDGE FLORES: Mr. Rugg --

10 TOM RUGG: -- amendment and discrepancies.

11 JUDGE FLORES: -- do you think we need to
12 send them out; or can we have them here and if they want
13 to see them, they can come see them.

14 TOM RUGG: Right.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Because that it will cut down
16 the expense if we do it that way.

17 TOM RUGG: It will; and I think -- unless
18 we've got them digitized, we can send them out as e-mail
19 attachments. There's no real reason to do that in
20 advance. Our meetings are generally not long or
21 complicated.

22 JUDGE FLORES: Well, the first item on the
23 agenda from here on out is going to be a report on the
24 minutes and does anybody have any comments about the
25 minutes.

1 TOM RUGG: And that way they can be moved
2 and seconded; and they can be adopted as official
3 records of this body.

4 JUDGE FLORES: That will be fine. We'll do
5 that.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Judge, may I say
7 something out of turn?

8 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, ma'am.

9 THE COURT REPORTER: I know that MIS is
10 working on fixing up a deal where all of the appeals
11 that are in hard copy are going to be scanned in so that
12 the DA's office, when reporters print up records, they
13 can get their records from there rather than having to
14 print them out. Maybe that's something that we can do
15 that can have last month's minutes put on our website,
16 for it to be scanned in, you know; and then the next
17 time -- not accumulate them; but just the last month's.

18 TOM RUGG: Sure.

19 JUDGE FLORES: That's something -- yes,
20 ma'am?

21 LOLITA RAMOS: I'm -- I have that capability
22 in my office to scan records into the system. If that
23 would be of any benefit to you, we can scan them in.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Ms. Ramos, if you'll get with
25 Mrs. Parks, that will be great.

1 Does anybody else have any suggestions on
2 how we can do this?

3 RHONDA BRODE: Auditing puts the accounts
4 payable checks on the website every week; so -- I mean,
5 it's not a difficult process.

6 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Mrs. Parks will
7 probably contact both of you to see what we can do that.

8 Any other new business?

9 Judge Walker?

10 JUDGE WALKER: Move to adjourn.

11 JUDGE FLORES: Judge Dollinger?

12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Second.

13 JUDGE FLORES: Moved and seconded to
14 adjourn. All in favor say aye?

15 (ALL RESPONDED AYE.)

16 JUDGE FLORES: Adjourned.

17 (END OF MEETING.)

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