

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

MARCH 31, 2011

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores

Loma George

Judge Walker

Judge Dollinger

Judge Lively

Lt. Kelly

Cathy Presley

Tom Rugg

Lolita Ramos

Becky Garcia

Tim Funchess

Keith Day

Liz Parks

Melanie Smith

Rhonda Brode

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

Mr. Rugg, any comment on the report?

TOM RUGG: Just I'd like to observe the numbers are well down and really reflects how current 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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