

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

May 26, 2011

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
Loma George
Lt. Kelly
Catherine Presley
Tom Maness
Tom Rugg
Becky Garcia
Tim Funchess
Keith Day
Mary Godina
Liz Parks
Tina Gillespie
Rhonda Brode

JUDGE FLORES: We're going to call the meeting of Jefferson County Bail Bond Board meeting to order. First thing on the agenda -- we have a copy of the minutes? Anybody who wishes to look at them, they've been passed around.

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting? Have you had a chance the look at them, Mrs. Garcia.

BECKY GARCIA: Just now putting my eyes on them.

1 TOM RUGG: I'll move these be approved.

2 JUDGE FLORES: Moved. Any second?

3 TOM MANESS: Second.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Move to the report of
5 the district attorney's office. Any comments,
6 Mr. Maness?

7 TOM MANESS: I direct your attention to the
8 last month's minutes, Mr. Tom Rugg said: "Judge, we
9 don't have a report this month because of the absence of
10 Becky. It just doesn't get done without her."

11 So, Becky, once again we congratulate the
12 county clerk's office.

13 BECKY GARCIA: Thank you, Judge.

14 TOM MANESS: Anyway, Tom Rugg put you in the
15 minutes.

16 BECKY GARCIA: Thank you.

17 TOM MANESS: Oh, boy.

18 JUDGE FLORES: Any other comments, Mr. Rugg?

19 TOM RUGG: No comments, Your Honor.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Let's move to the next
21 item on the agenda. Any applications, Ms. Cathy?

22 CATHY PRESLEY: No, sir.

23 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Mrs. Godina, any
24 complaints --

25 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

1 JUDGE FLORES: The treasurer's office?

2 TIM FUNCHESS: Nothing to elaborate. You
3 guys have the report.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Mr. Funchess, have you
5 and Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Godina, I think there were a
6 couple more things you-all were going to work on. They
7 may have been completed. I wasn't at the last meeting.
8 Judge Dollinger chaired for me.

9 TIM FUNCHESS: I was going to get with her
10 on some things I found inside the bi-laws. I'll get --
11 I'll get with her on that.

12 JUDGE FLORES: That will be fine; and we'll
13 bring it up at the next meeting.

14 TIM FUNCHESS: Yes, sir.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Report from the auditor's
16 office?

17 RHONDA BRODE: The report that MIS is
18 working on is almost complete. I've given an approval.
19 It basically gives the same information that -- I don't
20 know who all can see what Tina sees on her screens; but
21 it gives the balances of each of the bail bondsmen.

22 THE COURT: Good.

23 RHONDA BRODE: What their limits are,
24 everything. Just waiting for them to add their little
25 button on my computer so I can start auditing.

1 JUDGE FLORES: Any new business?

2 CATHY PRESLEY: Yes, sir. I noticed on the
3 local rules the bonding list posted at the jail, they
4 want the license number, the company name, the license
5 address, the phone number; so I have made changes to the
6 bonding list; and I didn't -- I want to just see if we
7 want to change it because Chapter 1704, it doesn't say
8 all that; but our local rules do.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Right.

10 CATHY PRESLEY: I didn't know if we wanted
11 to get in compliance with our local rules.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Pass it around, see if
13 anybody has any comments. If they're in compliance --
14 to get in compliance with our local rules, that's what
15 we want to do.

16 CATHY PRESLEY: This would be the new list.

17 (Conversation between Cathy Presley and Al
18 Reed.)

19 CATHY PRESLEY: This would be Chapter 1704;
20 our local rules have all that.

21 JUDGE FLORES: Let the record reflect that
22 Mr. Al Reed is present from one of the bail bondsman, do
23 you have any comments?

24 AL REED: No, I was just talking to Cathy.

25 JUDGE FLORES: If there's something -- like

1 I said, if it's something we voted on to put in the
2 local rules, I mean, obviously we don't have to have it
3 as per the Bail Bond Board Act; but it's something we
4 did locally, then -- I have no opinion either way.

5 Just to make sure, everybody has got it now;
6 do we have a motion to amend the list and to include the
7 license numbers and the address as per local rules?

8 BECKY GARCIA: Motion.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Is there a second?

10 KEITH DAY: Second.

11 JUDGE FLORES: It's been seconded. All
12 those in favor -- all of those in favor to amend the
13 list to include license and address, all those in favor
14 of the motion indicate by aye.

15 (Board members respond.)

16 JUDGE FLORES: Any nays?

17 (No response.)

18 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. The only other thing
19 on new business, is about -- about two weeks ago I had a
20 meeting and -- I had a call from MIS regarding, excuse
21 me, input into the computer. Apparently, it was like 16
22 people who had access to be able to change the lawyers
23 codes, to be able to change the amounts of bonds, change
24 their addresses, change phone numbers, vacations, all
25 kinds of stuff. All kinds of -- and MIS said, look,

1 it's not really a real secure method if you do it that
2 way.

3 So we had this meeting, and they made a
4 recommendation that we basically limit it to certain
5 people; and what we -- just as far as people who can
6 change bond amounts and information on attorneys,
7 addresses and phone numbers. We had attorneys with two
8 or three different addresses, stuff was going to
9 different locations.

10 So what we did, is we made a decision; and
11 from here on out the only one that can change an
12 attorney information on the felony side is Mrs. Mary
13 Godina. She does the stuff for court appointments
14 anyway. On misdemeanor is going to be Mrs. Benoit
15 (Gillespie) and Ms. Glenda Segura is going to be able to
16 back both of them up; and then Kathy Wingate at the
17 front is going to be in charge of all the vacations; and
18 just give it to them. Anybody can access the
19 information; you just can't change it.

20 TOM MANESS: Good idea, judge.

21 JUDGE FLORES: If you ever have anything
22 that needs to be changed or have any information, just
23 get it to any of these ladies, or call MIS directly. I
24 think Chuck is the one who is in charge.

25 Tina, anything further on that?

1 TINA GILLESPIE: No, sir.

2 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. But we did that just
3 basically because he said too many people had access to
4 changing stuff. I think we had an example where one
5 attorney went to try to bond somebody out and all his
6 money had been transferred to somebody out.

7 TOM MANESS: I'd be kind of angry if I was
8 that lawyer.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Judge, that's when it was
10 brought to our attention. We stopped that.

11 TOM MANESS: Wow.

12 JUDGE FLORES: And that applies to
13 attorneys. Doesn't apply to bail bondsmen.

14 TOM MANES: And that may be a crime.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Well, Judge, I don't know.

16 TOM MANESS: I don't know, either.

17 JUDGE FLORES: If they bring us information,
18 we'll forward it to you.

19 TOM MANESS: Send it to us if they do.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Anything further?

21 Yes, sir, Mr. Reed?

22 AL REED: On this bonding, on this
23 collateral balance, we have one bondsman got \$35,000.
24 Minimum balance is 50,000.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Is that -- okay, bring that

1 to my -- where is that, sir?

2 AL REED: Segura.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Treasurer's office, you mean?

4 BECKY GARCIA: He has property put up. The
5 money is additional; the property is valued at more than
6 50,000.

7 CATHY PRESLEY: It's not here.

8 BECKY GARCIA: That's true, it's not on
9 here.

10 KEITH DAY: That's 35,000 --

11 TOM MANESS: We'll have to redo it to
12 reflect that.

13 AL REED: Did we ever get a report on the
14 moneys that's in the bail bond fund?

15 JUDGE FLORES: As to the total balance?

16 AL REED: And the expenditures --

17 JUDGE FLORES: Sure. We can get that from
18 the auditor's office. They're the ones that keeps tabs
19 on it. If you want, we can --

20 AL REED: I don't think it has to be done
21 monthly; but I think --

22 JUDGE FLORES: I've got --

23 AL REED: -- every six months.

24 JUDGE FLORES: I have no problem it being
25 done monthly. I think it's something that could be

1 done. I hadn't even thought about that.

2 AL REED: Okay.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Do we have to -- Mr. Rugg,
4 you think we need to amend any rules or make any motions
5 to see that that's done by -- when the auditors make a
6 report, if they can make that part the report?

7 TOM RUGG: I think you can ask them to do
8 that. It's all public record.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, if you can do that?

10 RHONDA BRODE: No problem.

11 JUDGE FLORES: And again specifically,
12 Mr. Reed, just for the record, what is it that you're
13 requesting, just the balance and the fund balance in the
14 bail bond board account?

15 AL REED: Expenditures and balances.

16 RHONDA BRODE: All the detail?

17 TOM RUGG: Revenue and expenses. It should
18 be relatively simple.

19 RHONDA BRODE: But you want the details, not
20 just the balances?

21 JUDGE FLORES: Yes. Yes.

22 Anything further? If there's nothing
23 further, Mr. Rugg, I'll entertain a motion.

24 TOM RUGG: Let's -- let's, I move we
25 adjourn. How's that?

1 JUDGE FLORES: Second? A second to Mr.
2 Rugg's motion.

3 BECKY GARCIA: Second.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Moved and seconded. All
5 those in favor of adjournment signify by saying aye?

6 (Board members respond.)

7 (END OF HEARING)

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