

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2011

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
Judge Walker
Judge Branick
Lt. Kelly
Belinda Thompson
Becky Garcia
Joleen Fregia
Mary Godina
Liz Parks
Tina Gillespie
Rhonda Brode
Steve Wiggins
Lolita Ramos
Kevin Cribbs
Keith Day

JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Okay. We're going to call this meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond board to order. First item on the agenda is the review of the minutes. Has everyone had a chance to look at them? I believe Mrs. Parks did send them out to everyone. Are there any comments, corrections, or any other further decisions on the minutes?

1 (None.)

2 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. If there aren't any,
3 we'll accept them.

4 At this time we'll have the report from the
5 district attorney's office. I believe that it's been
6 passed around. Any comments on the report -- Mr.
7 Wiggins; glad to see you here. You're going to replace
8 Mr. Rugg?

9 MR. WIGGINS: I've been appointed to this
10 board. I'm still in the learning process; but it's a
11 pleasure to be here; and I'm still perusing all the
12 documents that Becky gave me; but we have no comment at
13 this time, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Any other questions or
15 comments on the report from the district attorney's
16 office on the county courts and district courts?

17 (None.)

18 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Now, Ms. Presley is
19 not here. You're replacing her today.

20 BELINDA THOMPSON: Yes.

21 JUDGE FLORES: There is an application to be
22 considered; is that correct?

23 BELINDA THOMPSON: There is.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Every member have a copy of
25 the application on Mr. Hollier?

1 Any questions or comments on this
2 application? Mr. Day?

3 KEITH DAY: No, sir.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

5 (None.)

6 JUDGE FLORES: If there are no comments or
7 questions, everything else is in order on this
8 application?

9 BELINDA THOMPSON: Yes, it is.

10 JUDGE FLORES: It will be approved. Thank
11 you, ma'am.

12 BELINDA THOMPSON: Yes, sir.

13 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. We do have an item
14 that we considered at the last meeting on the renewal
15 from Joshua Stewart. Go ahead, ma'am. Do you -- well,
16 I was looking -- I think Ms. Presley was the one that
17 reset that; Mrs. Gillespie, why did we reset that?

18 TINA GILLESPIE: Why we reset --

19 JUDGE FLORES: Joshua Stewart.

20 TINA GILLESPIE: -- because he was going to
21 figure out about him being homestead and -- he's
22 homestead exempt; but he's living --

23 KEITH DAY: Tom was going to speak to
24 Roger -- Roger Moore.

25 TINA GILLESPIE: And Tom had -- he could not

1 be here today.

2 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

3 TINA GILLESPIE: So it's going to be reset
4 again.

5 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, we'll just table that
6 until the next meeting, because I believe Mr. Roebuck
7 was supposed to provide us with an answer on that.

8 And Judge Walker and Judge Branick, that was
9 a person who put up a home as collateral; and it's his
10 homestead; and Mr. Roebuck questioned whether you could
11 do that. And I think Mr. Rugg had questions on it,
12 also. Mr. Roebuck --

13 JUDGE BRANICK: I remember that.

14 JUDGE FLORES: -- was suppose to provide us
15 with his opinion on that; but we'll hold that.

16 Mrs. Godina, any complaints against
17 bondsmen?

18 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

19 JUDGE FLORES: Report from the treasurer? I
20 believe everyone has that. Anything you wish to state
21 on that?

22 JOLEEN FREGIA: Not on the report, but Tim
23 just wanted to let you know that he sent out letters
24 requesting property tax receipts and proof of insurance.
25 So those letters have already gone out.

1 JUDGE FLORES: Good. Good. Anything on the
2 treasurer's report from anyone on the board?

3 (None.)

4 JUDGE FLORES: Report from the auditor's
5 office?

6 RHONDA BRODE: I passed out two different
7 reports; the first one is the general ledger. Last
8 month we had Allied Bail Bond and Stewart renewals. And
9 then we only had payroll as expenses.

10 And the other one is the bondsmen report.
11 After Patrick and I spoke -- because there are errors
12 that we've brought up to the board and told them we
13 would try and review them. Patrick and I spoke; and we
14 came to a decision that we were going to ask the board
15 if we could cease delivering this report until after we
16 do, you know, clean it up.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Corrections.

18 RHONDA BRODE: Corrections. But that won't
19 be until February until our fiscal year end is done.
20 Then what we'll do is work with Becky and Tina; and --
21 and district clerk's office, Emma, I think is the person
22 that we would have to do a lot of research with. Those
23 three people are going to be needed; because I have
24 no -- access to this without those three people.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Just for everybody's

1 information, what are some of the areas that we need to
2 correct?

3 RHONDA BRODE: Well, apparently we have some
4 deceased people on here, that's the first thing we need
5 to do; if they're deceased and they have an unpaid
6 amount, we need to -- you know, we need to clean that
7 up. Secondly, I'm going to start dropping this report
8 into Excel; and anything that's a zero balance won't
9 show; that way we'll just -- it will be assumed that
10 it's a zero forfeiture, and -- that's about it; really.

11 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

12 BECKY GARCIA: Well, another one of the
13 issues was the case was actually dismissed but the money
14 was never removed from the case.

15 RHONDA BRODE: Right. There are -- I think
16 that's the main problem that --

17 BECKY GARCIA: Money is still tied into the
18 number.

19 RHONDA BRODE: -- cleaning up the computer.

20 JUDGE FLORES: The case has been disposed
21 of.

22 BECKY GARCIA: Money come off the case but
23 the money never removed. That's a lot on here.

24 RHONDA BRODE: That's why I need the three
25 different offices to help me research.

1 JUDGE FLORES: Any questions on the
2 auditor's office to basically hold it a couple of months
3 until they get everything straightened out?

4 (None.)

5 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

6 RHONDA BRODE: Okay, thank you.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Well, what -- we'll just go
8 ahead and do that. I don't believe there's any -- it's
9 not necessary to have a vote, since they're not
10 requesting anything specific. All right.

11 Okay. We're down to the bail bond rules;
12 anymore questions, or decisions or anything on the
13 rules?

14 BECKY GARCIA: One thing I did notice under
15 the category of deeds of trust it says that the deeds of
16 trust are to be recorded in the Jefferson County clerk's
17 office; although the deeds of trust really need to be
18 recorded in the county in which the property lies, not
19 specifically with us; because the lien needs to be
20 recorded if there's a title search being down in that
21 specific county of the property. So I think the wording
22 needs to be kind of tweaked up to reference that the
23 deeds of trust needs to be filed in the county in which
24 the property lies. If you want it filed with us, that
25 would be with an optional thing; but it really needs to

1 be filed in that county.

2 JUDGE FLORES: What would the county clerk's
3 office prefer?

4 BECKY GARCIA: Well, it's not up to me.
5 Anyone that's doing a lien search, title search won't
6 even find our lien if we're filing it with the Jefferson
7 County clerk's office if the property is in Jasper.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, if it's somewhere else.
9 Okay.

10 BECKY GARCIA: So it would really be up to
11 the board to say I want it filed in both places, first
12 where the property is; secondly with us. I think that's
13 kind of over kill; but --

14 JUDGE FLORES: Ms. Ramos, any comment on
15 that from the district clerk's perspective?

16 MS. RAMOS: Well, she's right. That's the
17 law. It's supposed to be filed in the county in which
18 the property exists. I'm kind of like you. They've
19 presented us with a certified copy of --

20 BECKY GARCIA: We actually get the original
21 back.

22 MS. RAMOS: Well, that ought to --

23 BECKY GARCIA: We hold the original.

24 MS. RAMOS: -- suffice. I don't see a need
25 to file it here.

1 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. What do we need to do
2 to -- we just need to change the wording in the by-laws?

3 BECKY GARCIA: Uh-huh.

4 JUDGE FLORES: All right.

5 BECKY GARCIA: And the return to in the deed
6 of trust when they're presented to us for the filing or
7 for the submission of it, the return to needs to say the
8 Jefferson County Bail Bond Board so that it will remain
9 in our treasurer's office at all times.

10 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Ms. Garcia, if I can
11 get you to get with our court reporter after the meeting
12 and kind of work out the wording; and then bring it to
13 me and then we'll sign it.

14 Any or comments on the bail bond board
15 rules?

16 KEVIN SEKALY: I had one.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Go ahead.

18 KEVIN SEKALY: The one we were instructed to
19 look at; I think it's 10 -- 10, I want to say E.

20 "All collateral releases are to be approved
21 by the board in the form of an agenda item at the next
22 month's meeting of the board." And then the second
23 sentence is where I feel like it's a little unclear.

24 "If the bondsman requests the release be
25 considered immediately, an emergency meeting can be

1 conducted electronically"; but I think it needs to add
2 "and the release can be approved with the vote of at
3 least four board members."

4 The way it looks to me it's like they can
5 have the electronic meeting if four board members agree;
6 but I think you're -- Tina is saying the release is what
7 takes the four board members.

8 JUDGE FLORES: That -- that clears it up;
9 if --

10 KEVIN SEKALY: You know, just --

11 JUDGE FLORES: Ms. Sekaly, you're going to
12 learn that since you're making that suggestion I want
13 you to get with our court reporter, give her the wording
14 and then I'll look at it.

15 KEVIN SEKALY: Yes, sir.

16 JUDGE FLORES: But that does make sense. In
17 fact, we've already conducted one like that already. We
18 were able to get four board members and we were able to
19 release the property for somebody that needed it pretty
20 fast.

21 Well, any further discussion on the rules?

22 (None.)

23 JUDGE FLORES: Well, we voted on them last
24 time; didn't we? Okay. These were just basically
25 amendments to kind of clear up some stuff.

1 BECKY GARCIA: Uh-huh.

2 JUDGE FLORES: Any further amendments other
3 than the ones Ms. Garcia and Ms. Sekaly proposed?

4 Judge Walker?

5 JUDGE WALKER: Motion to adjourn.

6 JUDGE FLORES: No, we're not there yet.

7 Okay. Now we're going to discuss the
8 standard financial statement. Mr. Day?

9 KEITH DAY: Well, Tom Roebuck was working on
10 that financial statement form. He was making changes.
11 There's really no point in getting the form to everybody
12 until he gets his final copy done. So, I assume it will
13 be tabled until next month?

14 JUDGE FLORES: What banks was he getting
15 them from?

16 KEITH DAY: Well, I just -- I gave him a
17 copy from Wells Fargo; but it didn't really matter which
18 bank it was from. I was just looking for a more
19 standardized financial statement form. And I think he
20 was just clearing some things up on the financial
21 statement form that he didn't feel like were necessary
22 to fill out. So, once he gets that filled out, we'll
23 get a copy of that and then pass it out for everybody to
24 look at.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Just for the board's

1 information, what we're trying to do is get a standard
2 financial statement that basically conforms with most of
3 the lending institutions, and that way when they apply
4 for one here they can use the same one at a bank or
5 whatever.

6 Anything further on that, Mr. Day?

7 KEITH DAY: No.

8 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Well, then that
9 will be reset for next meeting; Mr. Roebuck will be
10 here.

11 Any other new business?

12 (None.)

13 JUDGE FLORES: Hearing none, Judge Walker?

14 JUDGE WALKER: Motion to adjourn.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Second?

16 BECKY GARCIA: Second.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Adjourned.

18 (END OF MEETING)

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