

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

3 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
4 Judge Walker
5 Lt. Kelly
6 Catherine Presley
7 Tom Maness
8 Steve Wiggins
9 Lolita Ramos
10 Becky Garcia
11 Tim Funchess
12 Keith Day
13 Sonny Cribbs
14 Kevin Cribbs
15 Mary Godina
16 Liz Parks
17 Tina Gillespie
18 Rhonda Brode

20 JUDGE FLORES: We'll call this meeting of
21 the Jefferson County Bail Bond Board to order. Are
22 there any comments, objections, or further submissions
23 on the minutes from the last meeting?

24 (None.)

25 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Hearing none we'll go

1 to the report from the district attorney's office.

2 Judge Maness?

3 TOM MANESS: Let me have a look at it.

4 THE COURT: Or Mr. Wiggins.

5 TOM MANESS: It looks good to me. Steve,
6 does it look good to you?

7 STEVE WIGGINS: Yes, sir.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Any comments on the DA
9 report?

10 TOM MANESS: Once again I compliment these
11 great clerks. We need to give them a raise.

12 BECKY GARCIA: Thanks, judge. I'd like to
13 thank the bondsmen that are paying the money.

14 JUDGE FLORES: There's Mrs. Presley. Are
15 there any applications or anything we need to consider?

16 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Nothing.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Mrs. Godina, any complaints
18 against bondsmen?

19 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

20 JUDGE FLORES: The report from the
21 treasurer's office.

22 TIM FUNCHESS: My report's been distributed
23 for you-all's review. Ask me any questions if you have
24 them. But there are two people on here that we've --
25 that were brought up last time; and Becky and I have

1 done a lot of research on it; and it appears to me that
2 Bret Wagner has absolutely nothing outstanding, has
3 no -- no defaults, no judgments, nothing.

4 JUDGE FLORES: No liabilities of any kind.

5 TIM FUNCHESS: No liabilities at all.

6 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, good.

7 TIM FUNCHESS: So, I don't see a point in
8 holding his collateral at all.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Is he requesting it?

10 BECKY GARCIA: He's not requested it; but we
11 do have the deeds of trust still pledged to the board.
12 But since he doesn't have any bonds out on any cases
13 that we've licensed him under, I think that we need to
14 go ahead and release those deeds of trust.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

16 TOM MANESS: Do we know that he wants us to
17 do that?

18 BECKY GARCIA: Not necessarily; but he
19 hasn't paid taxes again on this piece property in over
20 two years. Since that the property was pledged to cover
21 bonds written with us and he doesn't have anything
22 out -- the only bonds that he's writing now from Orange
23 County are under an insurance company. So --

24 JUDGE WALKER: I think we need to look at
25 that.

1 TOM MANESS: I kind of agree with Judge
2 Walker. There may be something there we're not seeing.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Somebody has to contact him,
4 see if he wants them back. If he wants them back,
5 certainly. Normally, that's the procedure, is that they
6 say could you release this.

7 JUDGE WALKER: Is Tom Roebuck still the
8 lawyer? He's a board certified real state lawyer. I'd
9 like Roebuck deal with that.

10 TOM MANESS: Pretty smart, too, isn't he,
11 Judge? He's pretty smart?

12 JUDGE WALKER: Yes.

13 JUDGE FLORES: I mean, I'll -- what we'll
14 do, if there's a consensus, I'll talk to Roebuck and
15 have them contact Mr. Wagner and find out what the
16 status is. Anything else?

17 (None.)

18 JUDGE FLORES: Anything else from the
19 treasurer's office?

20 TIM FUNCHESS: We've got Michael Baborek.
21 You might want to help me with this one Becky, but --
22 he's got a -- a hearing set for September 13th.

23 BECKY GARCIA: Right. He's got -- were two
24 felonies, he's got hearings set for what looks to be a
25 full amount plus court costs; and they're each

1 50-thousand dollar bonds plus court costs. It looks to
2 go final on the full amount. His property pledged is
3 just barely even over \$50,000. Again on this property
4 he hasn't paid taxes in about two years on it; so it's
5 something that we need to probably real closely,
6 certainly in October when the 30 days run on the
7 judgment to make it final, it's something that --

8 JUDGE FLORES: Where is that, what court
9 that is in?

10 BECKY GARCIA: I believe it's -- might be in
11 your court, Judge Walker?

12 JUDGE WALKER: I don't know.

13 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

14 BECKY GARCIA: We may need the look at,
15 well, the D. A.'s office, to seize the property.

16 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, sure. That's correct.

17 TIM FUNCHESS: That's all I have.

18 JUDGE FLORES: Judge Maness, whoever does it
19 in your office can.

20 TOM MANESS: We'll look at it.

21 JUDGE FLORES: Let us know. Okay. Report
22 from the auditor's office?

23 RHONDA BRODE: I distributed it. If anyone
24 has questions about the expenses or revenue. On another
25 subject, the -- the bail bondsmen's report that I have

1 not been distributing, we started working on it this
2 last month; and answers came in very slowly,
3 unorganized. I think what I would like to recommend and
4 ask the board is could I set up a committee of the
5 people that actually have something to do with the bail
6 bondsmen's report, being Tina, Mary, county clerk,
7 district clerk, and sheriff's office; meet once a week
8 for about an hour; just work on this list, dwindle it
9 down; if -- I thought if we can focus on it for one
10 hour.

11 JUDGE FLORES: Just for the record, go ahead
12 and tell us exactly what whittling down the list of
13 bondsmen -- because some of them are inactive --

14 RHONDA BRODE: Some are inactive. Some are
15 deceased. I'm going to ask the MIS department if we can
16 get a deceased category and that way I can drop it into
17 Excel and just sort and delete those if -- there's
18 nothing out there; there's nothing against the estate,
19 et cetera. It's bail bondsmen and attorneys. That way
20 we'll have a complete list that when people come in to
21 renew or whatever, we'll have something at the meetings
22 that can be looked at. It will help me to look and see
23 if there's anything outstanding, ask questions, et
24 cetera.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

1 RHONDA BRODE: Right now the report isn't
2 believable; and I'd like to get it cleaned up to where
3 it is.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Sure. That's fine. That's
5 what we've done with everything else. Mr. Funchess does
6 that with the stuff in his office and the deeds and
7 everything else. That's fine. If you want to be in
8 charge of that committee, I think that the people that
9 you mentioned -- I know the people working for me have
10 no problem helping you on whatever you need.

11 RHONDA BRODE: Okay.

12 JUDGE FLORES: If you'll contact them and
13 just report to us, as to what the status is.

14 RHONDA BRODE: Okay, great. Thank you.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Any other comments or
16 questions on the auditor's office on that?

17 (None.)

18 JUDGE FLORES: Is there any other new
19 business?

20 (None.)

21 JUDGE FLORES: Anything else anybody wants
22 to comment on?

23 BECKY GARCIA: Yeah. What's our status on
24 our inspections of the bondsmen? I mean have we set
25 anything up; because I know we haven't done it in quite

1 some time.

2 TOM MANESS: I didn't understand your
3 question.

4 BECKY GARCIA: When we go out and do the
5 inspections for the bondsmen. We're required to do it
6 even through chapter.

7 TOM MANESS: Okay, yeah.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Well, we'll get that started.
9 Tina and Mary used to do --

10 TOM MANESS: I know.

11 JUDGE FLORES: -- inspections.

12 TOM MANESS: Okay.

13 JUDGE FLORES: I'll tell you, we've been
14 pretty busy up here; but -- we'll get that started
15 again; and we'll -- we'll set up --

16 JUDGE MANESS: We inspect, when -- what do
17 you do? What do you -- what do you do when you --

18 TINA GILLESPIE: I assist Mary.

19 TOM MANESS: Well, I understand that.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Mary can tell us.

21 MARY GODINA: We just run a report of what
22 the bondsman -- what bonds they have out; and we just
23 randomly pick two or three cases off of the sheet; and
24 they don't know we're coming; and we just go and ask to
25 look on the records you have on this and the records

1 have you on that.

2 TOM MANESS: Okay. Okay. Good.

3 MARY GODINA: We look at whatever

4 pertains to that --

5 TOM MANESS: Just knock on the door one day

6 and go and --

7 MARY GODINA: Uh-huh.

8 TINA GILLESPIE: And we --

9 MARY GODINA: We checkout --

10 TINA GILLESPIE: -- out their employees,
11 they're supposed to have a good record.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Anything else? Okay. Since
13 Judge Dollinger is not here, Judge Walker?

14 JUDGE WALKER: Motion to adjourn.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Judge Maness?

16 TOM MANESS: No, sir, not a thing.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

18 TOM MANESS: Good meeting, Judge.

19 JUDGE FLORES: It's been moved to adjourn.

20 All in favor say aye.

21 (All respond.)

22 (END OF HEARING)

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