

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2013

THOSE PRESENT:

Judge Flores

Judge Dollinger

Lt. Kelly

Catherine Presley

Tom Maness

Becky Garcia

Tim Funchess

Keith Day

Mary Godina

Liz Parks

Tina Gillespie

Rhonda Brode

JUDGE FLORES: Okay. We're going to call this meeting of Jefferson County Bail Bond Board to order.

First item on the agenda is to review the minutes from the last meeting. Any comments or additions to the minutes from the last meeting?

(None.)

JUDGE FLORES: The next is report from the district attorney's office. Judge Maness?

TOM MANESS: Once again these are direct reflections on the hard work these great clerks put in;

1 and I can't compliment them enough. Keep up the good
2 work; and that's the reason for that. Thank them.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Ms. Presley, any
4 applications?

5 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, I have one renewal
6 for Derrick Haynes. He works under Lexington National
7 Insurance Corporation, doing business as A Fast Response
8 Bail Bonds.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Everybody have a copy
10 of the application? Is everything in order, Ms.
11 Presley?

12 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, sir. I need to
13 tell you, they had a little trouble getting their
14 letters; so I have verbals on some of them, verbal
15 confirmation; but for every county I have either a
16 letter or a verbal.

17 THE COURT: That will work.

18 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Okay.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Any questions or comments
20 on the application before you?

21 BECKY GARCIA: Yes, do you know when the
22 registered agent for service changed on the insurance
23 company because I don't have it as Mike Monks?

24 DERRICK HAYNES: I have no idea.

25 BECKY GARCIA: Okay.

1 DERRICK HAYNES: I can get that information.
2 I don't have -- I don't have that information. I'll
3 have to call Lexington to find out.

4 BECKY GARCIA: It will be on the website, on
5 the insurance website, their registered agent for
6 service.

7 DERRICK HAYNES: For Texas? It's Monks --
8 it wasn't Monks?

9 BECKY GARCIA: I don't have Mike. It might
10 be a Bob Monks.

11 DERRICK HAYNES: Mike is his son.

12 BECKY GARCIA: Not in --

13 DERRICK HAYNES: If --

14 BECKY GARCIA: If that's not correct, Judge,
15 will that affect the issuance if we don't have --

16 JUDGE FLORES: We need to have the
17 registered agent.

18 BECKY GARCIA: It's not just matching up
19 with what's on state website for the insurance company.
20 I don't think it will stop the license from going
21 through. I need to make sure who the real registered
22 agent for service is for the insurance company.

23 DERRICK HAYNES: I can make sure you will
24 get that within -- today, before today is over.

25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We have them calling the

1 office, asking you for the registered agent. We have to
2 do that a lot for people coming in and filing appeal
3 bonds.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Well, pending that,
5 just the clarification on the registered agent, is
6 everything else in order?

7 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, sir.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, if it's presented to me
9 I'll sign it.

10 Next item on the agenda -- any other
11 applications?

12 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, I don't have the
13 actual application. Richard Coulter doing business as
14 All Star Bail Bonds. His license expires August
15 the 27th, 2013. I mailed him a letter April the 18th
16 stating that it was -- he was going to come up for
17 renewal. I've also called him and I've also spoke with
18 him when he came to the window to pay something. I
19 never received his application.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

21 CATHERINE PRESLEY: So he will expire
22 August 27th before we have another meeting.

23 JUDGE FLORES: I mean you've given him
24 notice?

25 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: That's all you can do. Okay.
2 Any other items, Ms. Presley?

3 CATHERINE PRESLEY: No, sir.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

5 Mrs. Godina, any complaints against
6 bondsmen.

7 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Report from the treasurer's
9 office, Mr. Funchess?

10 TIM FUNCHESS: I've distributed my report
11 and there's no changes from last month.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Report from the
13 auditor's office?

14 RHONDA BRODE: I've distributed my report.
15 I also see that Richard Coulter is over his forfeiture
16 limit.

17 JUDGE FLORES: That means he can't write any
18 more bonds.

19 How much is he over?

20 RHONDA BRODE: Five thousand, his limit is a
21 hundred thousand; and he's got unpaid of a hundred and
22 five thousand.

23 Okay.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Anything further on the
25 auditor's report?

1 RHONDA BRODE: No, sir.

2 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, going to any old
3 business.

4 Mr. Day, did you ever --

5 KEITH DAY: We were going to set it aside
6 until the next meeting. I spoke with Tina -- after the
7 meeting -- you talking about the attorney situation?

8 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

9 KEITH DAY: We're going -- summer is just
10 about over and school back in, and I hope everybody will
11 be back in. So I want to wait until then; we'll table
12 it until then. Mr. Fregia will be back next month to
13 discuss it.

14 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, any of the visitors
15 have any other --

16 BARBRA HARTT: Barbra Hartt with Across the
17 Street Bail Bonds. The jail screen, I'm curious, are we
18 never getting that back, ability back on or is it up in
19 the air or what's the status on the jail screen?

20 LT. KELLY: The sheriff will not approve to
21 give it back. It's up to him to make that decision. As
22 of right now I don't think he's going to approve it.

23 TOM MANESS: Why is that? Do you know why?

24 LT. KELLY: The information on there, social
25 security numbers, and driver's license numbers, and all

1 that information.

2 TOM MANESS: Yeah.

3 THE COURT: Just explain for the rest of
4 board what we're talking about.

5 LT. KELLY: At one time the -- there was an
6 ability to see that jail screen; and we came to some
7 situations in those hold notes. They put certain
8 information as far as warrants and the protective
9 orders, and phone numbers to verify, to call individuals
10 upon release, and all that -- that different type of
11 stuff; and a certain bail bond agency gave that
12 information out to the -- to a certain individual; and
13 it could have caused a lot of problems. And they had
14 social security numbers, and driver's license numbers,
15 and all that type of stuff. He didn't feel like that
16 needed to be.

17 TOM MANESS: Yeah, we -- my recommendation,
18 Judge, if you really want that or feel like it's
19 necessary, is set up a meeting with Sheriff Mitch Woods,
20 come to some legal understanding.

21 KEITH DAY: We discussed with Zena just
22 having -- all we had was the bond amounts, the charges,
23 and the biggest issue, according to Zena was the fact we
24 can go in their arrest history; and that's what we
25 talked with Tom Roebuck one day; we were able to find

1 every other time, when they went to jail or if the they
2 had a warrant, their arrest history; and it kind helps
3 us out with risks if a somebody's been to jail, a number
4 of times -- the only thing we asked for was the -- be
5 able the get the information online what we have to fill
6 out on the bond; which is case number -- if there is
7 one -- bond amount, charge, and the defendant's address
8 that he has listed on his file. That's the only thing
9 we ever asked for; and -- you know, because that's --
10 every time I get -- someone calls any office. They may
11 just be price checking. We have to call the jail -- and
12 Lt. Kelly can vouch for this -- we have to call the
13 jail. That same person is probably going to call ten or
14 15 bondsmen. Every bondman is going to call the jail.
15 Before it was a lot easier. We can get on the computer
16 and not have to bother the jail. You got every bondsman
17 calling the jail for every person calling our office.
18 That's the only situation we ask for, money situation,
19 social security numbers, any hold notes, we said you-all
20 can take it off. MIS told us that they could take it
21 off; but the sheriff just won't approve it.

22 JUDGE FLORES: Keith, have you met with him
23 as a group?

24 KEITH DAY: I attempted to set up meetings
25 with Zena; it fell on deaf ears.

1 THE COURT: Call the sheriff directly and
2 talk to the sheriff. I can see where some of that stuff
3 would be beneficial to you; and I can also see under the
4 privacy standards and everything else, you may have a
5 problem with social security numbers and all that other
6 stuff.

7 KEITH DAY: It's worse on their --

8 BARBRA HARTT: On the jail.

9 KEITH DAY: Worse on the jail than us.

10 JUDGE FLORES: That makes sense. I think
11 you ought to set up a meeting, several of you-all go see
12 the sheriff.

13 BARBRA HARTT: I agree.

14 JUDGE FLORES: Just call up and say look
15 we'd like to talk to you about this; that's not anything
16 that -- as judge is looking at me -- not anything we
17 have any control over here.

18 BARBRA HARTT: I was just curious about the
19 status, is it possibly moving forward or be done with
20 it.

21 JUDGE FLORES: I think the way to address
22 that one is you-all go talk to the sheriff.

23 Anything else from the any visitors?

24 (None.)

25 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Anybody else have any

1 questions? New business, old business?

2 Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I would just like to make
4 a suggestion for the record, sir.

5 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: This packet that we got
7 today is an awful, awful lot of paper for every member
8 of the board; and we might look at possibly just having
9 one or two copies prepared and bring them to the meeting
10 and make them available for any board member who wants
11 to peruse them and look them over, just cut down on the
12 copying and the work, and --

13 THE COURT: I agree.

14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: -- waste of paper and I
15 think --

16 BARBRA HARTT: It happens --

17 JUDGE FLORES: Mrs. Presley, if you would,
18 just prepare a copy for yourself, and maybe no more than
19 two others for people that want to look at them and
20 that's it.

21 CATHY PRESLEY: I let -- the bondsmen
22 usually prepare that. I know --

23 KEITH DAY: We're the ones.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Keith, let your people know
25 all they have to make of the copies are three copies.

1 KEITH DAY: That would be very nice.

2 CATHY PRESLEY: That would be good for them.

3 We can do that.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, anything else?

5 Judge Dollinger?

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: You're on a role.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Anything else?

8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Motion to adjourn.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, if there's no further

10 then --

11 JUDGE MANESS: I second it.

12 BECKY GARCIA: I second it.

13 JUDGE FLORES: All in favor signify by
14 saying aye.

15 (Response.)

16 (END OF HEARING)

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