

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

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3 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
4 Judge Dollinger
5 Judge Lively
6 Lt. Beadle
7 Catherine Presley
8 Pat Knauth
9 Emma Richardson
10 Tim Funchess
11 Mary Godina
12 Liz Parks
13 Tina Gillespie
14 Rhonda Brode

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

19 The first item on the agenda is a review of
20 the minutes from the last meeting. Are there any
21 comments, objections, or further submissions on the
22 minutes from the last meeting?

23 (None.)

24 JUDGE FLORES: Hearing none, we'll move onto
25 the district attorneys report. Mr. Knauth, anything you

1 wish to state?

2 PAT KNAUTH: No. Passed out the report.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. All right. Next item
4 on the agenda is the consideration or approval of
5 applications. Mrs. Presley, I think we have two.

6 Would you please summarize them, please.

7 MS. PRESLEY: Yes, sir. Financial Casualty
8 & Surety, Incorporated doing business as Bail America.
9 Agent, David Fregia, up for renewal. Everything is in
10 order; and the letters that they weren't able to get of
11 good standing I called and got verbally, verbal
12 confirmation. Everything's in order.

13 JUDGE FLORES: Any questions or any
14 discussion on the application from -- the application on
15 of Mr. Fregia?

16 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Is that a renewal?

17 CATHERINE PRESLEY: It's a renewal.

18 JUDGE FLORES: Yes.

19 CATHERINE PRESLEY: And I got all the
20 criminal history back on all their employees.

21 JUDGE FLORES: Good deal. If there's no
22 action on that, I will -- I will sign it once it's
23 presented to me.

24 We have another one, Ms. Presley?

25 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Yes, sir, Stan Stanley

1 doing business as Allied Bail Bonds. Everything is in
2 order, except I just need a criminal history on a new
3 employee, Lavetta Brooks. They've submitted it; but
4 they haven't gotten it back. I think she just hired in
5 a week or two ago.

6 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. But other than that --

7 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Everything's in order.

8 JUDGE FLORES: I guess that just means she
9 can't work until we have a criminal history or --

10 CATHERINE PRESLEY: No, I think she can
11 until we get it.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Any discussion or
13 questions on the application from Stan Stanley?

14 (None.)

15 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Well, I'll review
16 that one, also. All right.

17 Any complaints against bondsmen, Mrs.
18 Godina?

19 MARY GODINA: There's none.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Report from the treasurer's
21 office?

22 TIM FUNCHESS: I passed out my report; but I
23 will note under Richard Coulter there was a claim
24 against some of his collateral. So you'll see a CD
25 amount dropped below 50 thousand; but he doesn't have a

1 license to practice anymore.

2 JUDGE FLORES: What do you recommend on that
3 one, Mr. Funchess?

4 TIM FUNCHESS: I'll hold his collateral
5 until, I guess, everything has been disposed of.

6 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, sir.

7 TIM FUNCHESS: I did not -- I took -- I took
8 the money out of this CD to cover the claims we had; but
9 I made sure that the remainder of the CD remained
10 assigned to us.

11 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

12 TIM FUNCHESS: So -- the remainder of the
13 collateral is still intact.

14 JUDGE FLORES: That's good.

15 RHONDA BRODE: On that note, Judge, I think
16 we need to lower the bond limit in the computer based on
17 the new collateral dollar amount.

18 TINA GILLESPIE: He has no limit. He can't
19 post anything.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, sir?

21 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Do we know how much he has
22 outstanding in the way of bonds that he might be liable
23 for, if any?

24 EMMA RICHARDSON: I have a couple that he
25 owes me judgment.

1 TINA GILLESPIE: Yeah.

2 THE COURT: So he owes both on felonies and
3 misdemeanors?

4 EMMA RICHARDSON: That's just felony. I
5 don't know about misdemeanor.

6 TINA GILLESPIE: Misdemeanors, I'm sure
7 whatever Becky took care of it.

8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay, thank you.

9 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Anything further
10 from the treasurer?

11 TIM FUNCHESS: No, sir.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Thank you, sir. Report from
13 the auditor's office?

14 RHONDA BRODE: I've handed out my report. I
15 was just going to talk about Mr. Coulter as well.

16 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. There have been some
17 questions as far as with your reporting from the
18 auditor's office; and I'm trying to remember exactly
19 where we were with this; in that some of these people,
20 there's just no way that we're ever going to get
21 balanced out; correct?

22 Ms. Presley, if you'd kind of summarize -- I
23 know we talked about that, if you'll tell me again so
24 the other members of the board can kind of figure out
25 what we're talking about.

1 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Well, they stay on the
2 books regardless; and if they have collateral out there,
3 you have to keep it out there in case there's any
4 forfeitures or anything.

5 JUDGE FLORES: But, I think --

6 CATHERINE PRESLEY: That's why some of them
7 are still on there.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, but there was like a --
9 a thing where it just will never balance out or
10 something; right?

11 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Uh-huh.

12 JUDGE FLORES: And again, why is that; so
13 that the -- so the members of the board will know.

14 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Oh, I don't -- I don't
15 really know.

16 Tina, can you help him out with that?

17 RHONDA BRODE: I don't understand what you
18 mean by don't balance out?

19 CATHERINE PRESLEY: I don't either.

20 TINA GILLESPIE: I'd have to have an
21 example; and I could probably tell you why they don't
22 balance out.

23 JUDGE FLORES: Well, there was something --

24 TINA GILLESPIE: If there's a question about
25 anyone in particular, I can look at it. But just by the

1 question, I don't --

2 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. You had mentioned
3 something to me that there was something that we needed
4 to look into that; and I wasn't sure, either; that's why
5 I wanted to bring it up.

6 RHONDA BRODE: Okay.

7 CATHERINE PRESLEY: I know that --

8 TINA GILLESPIE: I want to say --

9 CATHERINE PRESLEY: -- some of the judges
10 had given them a courtesy amount; and you can't balance
11 out like that.

12 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

13 RHONDA BRODE: Right. And those two are
14 marked on here as -- the Judge gave them -- case
15 specific increases.

16 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Exactly.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

18 RHONDA BRODE: But that was for two
19 attorneys.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

21 CATHERINE PRESLEY: The bondsmen's are going
22 to be correct. It's the attorneys.

23 JUDGE FLORES: Oh, okay. Got you.

24 CATHERINE PRESLEY: The bondsmen's are going
25 to be right.

1 JUDGE FLORES: I think the some -- one of
2 the district judges allowed the lawyers --

3 RHONDA BRODE: And they're marked on here.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Am I correct since
5 attorneys are not licensed as bondsmen, do their bond
6 amounts really fall under our purview?

7 JUDGE FLORES: They really don't.

8 DAVID FREGIA: Yes. By the attorneys -- the
9 attorneys are still regulated by the board.

10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: By this board?

11 DAVID FREGIA: Yes, sir.

12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

13 JUDGE FLORES: I'll have to run that by Mr.
14 Roebuck.

15 RHONDA BRODE: Isn't that what we discussed
16 when Mary and --

17 JUDGE FLORES: Yeah.

18 RHONDA BRODE: -- Tina get to go review
19 their files?

20 JUDGE FLORES: Yeah.

21 RHONDA BRODE: They're supposed to hold
22 different files.

23 TINA GILLESPIE: And the other question
24 would be if they were -- a judge approved to raise their
25 money for a particular case, are those cases still

1 pending so we can take that money back off? I don't
2 have any way to know what cases they were raised for.

3 RHONDA BRODE: Yeah, I don't either.

4 TINA GILLESPIE: So, the question --

5 JUDGE FLORES: Well, we have attorneys, we
6 can figure that out. I mean, I pretty much know one of
7 the district judges did that. Okay. All right.

8 Mr. Roebuck did prepare something, Ms.
9 Presley, for us to deal with that, and --

10 CATHERINE PRESLEY: This is for criminal
11 history?

12 JUDGE FLORES: Yes.

13 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Uh-huh. Okay. So, how
14 often would they submit the criminal histories, just
15 renewal time?

16 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, ma'am.

17 CATHERINE PRESLEY: Or if they got a new
18 employee.

19 JUDGE FLORES: I think when you get the new
20 employee -- well, probably have to be both times.

21 CATHERINE PRESLEY: During renewal and a new
22 employee. Okay.

23 JUDGE FLORES: Now, is that something we
24 have to take an action on as a board; because if we do,
25 we need to make a copy and make sure that other members

1 of the board look at the document Mr. Roebuck prepared.
2 I mean, we just got it ten minutes ago. So, I haven't
3 had a real big chance to look at it.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Would it not be in the
5 form of an amendment or a change to our local rules?

6 CATHERINE PRESLEY: True.

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I think it needs to be
8 published and --

9 JUDGE FLORES: I think so, too. Like I
10 said, I just got this. But I wanted to make sure
11 everybody was aware of it; and so we're going to make
12 copies and let everybody look at it.

13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Yeah, it says proposed
14 amendment to Rule 11. That's something we're going to
15 have to disseminate and vote on at a subsequent meeting.

16 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. We'll table this until
17 the next meeting. Can we make sure, Tina, everybody
18 gets a copy it?

19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And post it to the
20 website.

21 TINA GILLESPIE: Yes, sir.

22 JUDGE FLORES: Well, is there any new
23 business?

24 (None.)

25 JUDGE FLORES: Any old business?

1 (None.)

2 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Judge Lively?

3 JUDGE LIVELY: Motion to adjourn.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Second by Judge Dollinger.

5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Yes, sir.

6 JUDGE FLORES: It's been moved and seconded

7 we adjourn. Anything further?

8 (None.)

9 JUDGE FLORES: All right, we're adjourned.

10 (End of meeting.)

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