

**BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING****MAY 21, 2015**

THOSE PRESENT:

Judge Dollinger

Judge Clint Woods

Judge Craig Lively

Catherine Presley

Tom Roebuck

Lieutenant Mills

Tim Funchess

Mary Godina

Alisa Raumaker, CSR

Rhonda Brode

Becky Garcia

Keith Day

Casi De La Torre

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12:43PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We'll call the May  
12:43PM 2 meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond Board to  
12:43PM 3 order.

12:43PM 4 The first item on the agenda is the minutes  
12:43PM 5 from the last meeting. And I've got an e-mail copy of  
12:43PM 6 them. I assume the other members also received an  
12:43PM 7 e-mail copy from Ms. Parks. Anybody have any additions  
12:43PM 8 or corrections to the minutes as they were sent out?

12:43PM 9 (No response).

12:43PM 10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, they'll  
12:43PM 11 stand approved.

12:43PM 12 Second is the report from the district  
12:43PM 13 attorney's office regarding the status of collections --  
12:43PM 14 and I believe that sheet has been passed out to  
12:43PM 15 everybody -- showing almost \$21,800 collected, which is  
12:43PM 16 pretty good work. Any comments?

12:43PM 17 (No response).

12:43PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: None.

12:43PM 19 Consideration and approval of applications  
12:43PM 20 for bondsmen, for agents or renewals.

12:43PM 21 MS. PRESLEY: I don't have any.

12:43PM 22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: None.

12:44PM 23 Complaints against bondsmen, I understand  
12:44PM 24 we have one new; is that accurate?

12:44PM 25 MS. GODINA: Yes, sir. One that was held

12:44PM 1 over from last month.

12:44PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Mr. Roebuck, is that one  
12:44PM 3 that we can act on? Is that one we need to notice her  
12:44PM 4 formally?

12:44PM 5 MR. ROEBUCK: I don't think we can act on  
12:44PM 6 it. And let me tell the Board where I think we are on  
12:44PM 7 this. We had a complaint against Ms. Hartt three months  
12:44PM 8 ago, some type of thing. She shows up with -- with a  
12:44PM 9 lawyer. Out of deference to him, I thought -- just  
12:44PM 10 making sure that had -- that we were doing things  
12:44PM 11 appropriately, I thought we should amend the complaint  
12:44PM 12 to be more specific about the particular violations that  
12:44PM 13 she -- in which she had engaged. In the meantime, we  
12:44PM 14 find out that she has refused at least on one occasion  
12:45PM 15 to make herself available to have the records inspected.  
12:45PM 16 So, inasmuch as she had a lawyer, I sent him a notice  
12:45PM 17 and said we want -- pursuant to the rules, we want to  
12:45PM 18 review her records; please make them available either in  
12:45PM 19 the offices of the Bail Bond Board or at her place on or  
12:45PM 20 before "X," whatever date.

12:45PM 21 In the meantime, I think he -- he was in a  
12:45PM 22 car wreck and got hurt pretty bad. And then I got my  
12:45PM 23 little issue with bronchitis. I never got any response  
12:45PM 24 from him on that issue. And then we have this new  
12:45PM 25 complaint, which is a little different than the

12:45PM 1 complaint -- when I visited with this lady who filed it  
12:45PM 2 -- her name is Thibodeaux -- Ms. Thibodeaux basically  
12:45PM 3 indicated that she was out, being previously approved by  
12:46PM 4 the Board, was operating as an agent for this bail bond  
12:46PM 5 company. That's not what this complaint says, but  
12:46PM 6 that's my understanding. Mary, I think -- is that not  
12:46PM 7 correct about what she said?

12:46PM 8 MS. GODINA: That's correct. That's what  
12:46PM 9 she said.

12:46PM 10 MR. ROEBUCK: So, it seems to me that what  
12:46PM 11 needs to be done is that the complaint needs to be  
12:46PM 12 amended to include three grounds. One is the originals  
12:46PM 13 that weren't done because we were going to give him --  
12:46PM 14 her the opportunity to produce the records. The second  
12:46PM 15 one is that she's failed to comply with the Bail Bond  
12:46PM 16 Act by failing to provide -- give us access to her  
12:46PM 17 records. And the third one is retaining somebody to act  
12:46PM 18 as an agent without being approved by the Board.

12:46PM 19 JUDGE LIVELY: So, we can't act on the  
12:46PM 20 first one as it stands alone?

12:46PM 21 MR. ROEBUCK: I don't think so.

12:47PM 22 MS. GODINA: What if we ask her attorney  
12:47PM 23 for her to bring the records up here without him? I  
12:47PM 24 mean, if he's -- whatever is wrong with him.

12:47PM 25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Well, if she has counsel,

12:47PM 1 I don't know that we can ask her to come forward without  
12:47PM 2 counsel, you know, because he happens to be  
12:47PM 3 incapacitated. I'd be real uncomfortable doing that.

12:47PM 4 MS. GARCIA: Is there anything the Board  
12:47PM 5 can send out to her attorney asking him to contact us  
12:47PM 6 with -- when he will be available or -- to proceed with  
12:47PM 7 this matter or even respond to our request?

12:47PM 8 MR. ROEBUCK: You know what we could do --  
12:47PM 9 well, I mean, it's a violation -- I mean, heaven knows  
12:47PM 10 what we're going to see in those records if and when we  
12:47PM 11 ever get them. There is -- from -- from my perspective,  
12:48PM 12 there is plenty of reasons to revoke her license as we  
12:48PM 13 speak, once the -- once we administratively do things  
12:48PM 14 the way they should have been done. So, yeah, I guess  
12:48PM 15 we could. But -- but my suggestion, however, would be  
12:48PM 16 to make sure we get the complaint cleaned up, give her  
12:48PM 17 proper notice and then let her have the opportunity to  
12:48PM 18 show up and defend herself.

12:48PM 19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Be heard.

12:48PM 20 MS. GARCIA: With or without her counsel?

12:48PM 21 MR. ROEBUCK: With or without. Send her  
12:48PM 22 the notice. Send him the notice. Send them both  
12:48PM 23 notice.

12:48PM 24 MS. GARCIA: Both by certified mail.

12:48PM 25 MR. ROEBUCK: This last episode with

12:48PM 1 Ms. Thibodeaux is probably the worst.

12:48PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Is that -- is that a  
12:48PM 3 sworn complaint or -- I mean, her allegations, are they  
12:48PM 4 sworn to in that affidavit?

12:48PM 5 MR. ROEBUCK: Yeah. But they don't -- I  
12:48PM 6 thought I saw a different one.

12:49PM 7 MR. DAY: But that -- but that -- Tom, that  
12:49PM 8 complaint that that lady filed, she's not complaining  
12:49PM 9 that she was working for her without --

12:49PM 10 MR. ROEBUCK: No.

12:49PM 11 MR. DAY: -- being approved by --

12:49PM 12 MR. ROEBUCK: No. Technically there is an  
12:49PM 13 alleged violation.

12:49PM 14 MR. DAY: Right. Because there was nothing  
12:49PM 15 in there --

12:49PM 16 MR. ROEBUCK: Right.

12:49PM 17 MR. DAY: -- in the complaint I read that  
12:49PM 18 the Bail Bond Board could act on anyway. But that was  
12:49PM 19 something the Board had taken out, that this woman was  
12:49PM 20 saying that she was working for Barbara but had not been  
12:49PM 21 approved, you know. She had -- by saying "approved,"  
12:49PM 22 she just has not had a background check done. But we  
12:49PM 23 don't know if Barbara had done a background check on  
12:49PM 24 this woman prior to and just didn't turn it over to  
12:49PM 25 Cathy. That's -- that's the issue.

12:49PM 1 MS. GARCIA: Well, other violations then  
12:49PM 2 start stemming from it because she never reported this  
12:49PM 3 person as an employee; and the information that we got  
12:49PM 4 is there was a previous person in this position that  
12:49PM 5 Barbara never reported as an employee or turned in a  
12:49PM 6 background check on.

12:49PM 7 MR. DAY: Right. That -- that's the only  
12:49PM 8 thing out of the complaint that we have, though, is  
12:50PM 9 that. That's a big issue out of that.

12:50PM 10 MR. ROEBUCK: Yeah. This is not a --

12:50PM 11 MR. DAY: So, it's not -- that -- that  
12:50PM 12 complaint is not what we're hearing. We basically  
12:50PM 13 formed our own complaint as a Board based off the  
12:50PM 14 information that we got out of that.

12:50PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: So, in an abundance of  
12:50PM 16 caution, should we bring in Ms. Thibodeaux and have  
12:50PM 17 Ms. Thibodeaux reduce that to writing and sign it under  
12:50PM 18 oath so that we have a formal allegation that something  
12:50PM 19 that we are able to act on has occurred, or is what we  
12:50PM 20 have now sufficient?

12:50PM 21 MS. GARCIA: In addition -- in addition to  
12:50PM 22 that, the information that she also provided was that  
12:50PM 23 she was receiving money on behalf of Barbara. So, there  
12:50PM 24 is many, many more allegations that go into it. So,  
12:50PM 25 foreseeably maybe we can get her to make an affidavit,

12:50PM 1 have it notarized, so that in the event that she may not  
12:50PM 2 be available for another meeting to give testimony, we  
12:51PM 3 do have that to submit.

12:51PM 4 MR. DAY: But right now where we currently  
12:51PM 5 stand, she's taken herself off the jail list  
12:51PM 6 voluntarily. Is she in default right now?

12:51PM 7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Yes.

12:51PM 8 MS. GARCIA: Yes.

12:51PM 9 MR. DAY: She's in default?

12:51PM 10 MS. GARCIA: Yes.

12:51PM 11 MR. ROEBUCK: Not by very much.

12:51PM 12 MR. DAY: And, see, that's what I was just  
12:51PM 13 talking to Becky about. In the -- in the rules it reads  
12:51PM 14 that if someone goes into default, you can also have a  
12:51PM 15 hearing suspension -- suspension of your license for  
12:51PM 16 being in default as well. It's not an issue where  
12:51PM 17 somebody can just go into default like it has on  
12:51PM 18 occasions in the past?

12:51PM 19 MS. GARCIA: But I think that said for  
12:51PM 20 failure to pay a judgment. This is not a judgment.  
12:51PM 21 It's failure to pay the bond assessment fee.

12:51PM 22 MR. DAY: Oh, the bond assessment fee.

12:51PM 23 MR. ROEBUCK: This is an administrative --

12:51PM 24 MR. DAY: Okay. I thought it was for --

12:51PM 25 MS. GARCIA: It's not for a judgment.



12:51PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And it would immediately  
12:51PM 2 go away should she come forward with the \$30, which is  
12:51PM 3 our problem.

12:51PM 4 MS. GODINA: Correct. That's the part --  
12:51PM 5 I also got an e-mail from Judge West. She  
12:52PM 6 couldn't be here today. She wanted to bring to the  
12:52PM 7 Board's attention that Barbara Hartt posted on Facebook  
12:52PM 8 regarding one of her clients that did not show up for  
12:52PM 9 court attempting to get the public's help in locating  
12:52PM 10 her. She posted her address and everything on Facebook  
12:52PM 11 of the client. And she wanted to -- Judge West just  
12:52PM 12 said, "Is this proper," to put all the lady's  
12:52PM 13 information out there.

12:52PM 14 MS. GARCIA: I don't believe there is  
12:52PM 15 anything in the rules that say they can't. I mean, they  
12:52PM 16 will go after, you know, someone that didn't show up for  
12:52PM 17 court, any means necessary to locate them. Addresses  
12:52PM 18 are public record.

12:52PM 19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I think the rules --

12:52PM 20 MS. GARCIA: It's not like a Social  
12:52PM 21 Security number.

12:52PM 22 MR. DAY: We've -- we've put people's  
12:52PM 23 pictures on Facebook before. I don't know if Al has.  
12:52PM 24 But I've never put -- we've never put addresses or  
12:52PM 25 anything. But I'm not saying it's right or wrong.

12:52PM 1 MR. ROEBUCK: I don't see where that's --

12:52PM 2 MR. DAY: A lot of times the address is  
12:52PM 3 probably not right anyway. If the address was correct  
12:53PM 4 in the first place, they'd probably already be arrested.  
12:53PM 5 So, you know, you have the authority of them going to a  
12:53PM 6 -- Joe Blow going to a house that -- just some random  
12:53PM 7 house. So ...

12:53PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: My guess would be that  
12:53PM 9 these rules were probably drafted and adopted prior to  
12:53PM 10 social media becoming as big a part of life as it is  
12:53PM 11 today.

12:53PM 12 Okay. So, as it stands now, do I  
12:53PM 13 understand counsel's recommendation is we redraft the  
12:53PM 14 complaint to include all three allegations?

12:53PM 15 MR. ROEBUCK: Yes, sir.

12:53PM 16 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We then furnish that  
12:53PM 17 complaint both to Ms. Hartt and Ms. Hartt's counsel by  
12:53PM 18 certified mail and make it an agenda item for the coming  
12:53PM 19 month?

12:53PM 20 MR. ROEBUCK: That's my recommendation.

12:53PM 21 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

12:53PM 22 MS. GARCIA: Motion to put it on the next  
12:53PM 23 agenda.

12:53PM 24 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We have a motion. Do we  
12:53PM 25 have a second?

12:53PM 1 JUDGE LIVELY: Second.

12:53PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We have a motion and a  
12:53PM 3 second that we adopt counsel's recommendation. All  
12:53PM 4 those in favor signifying by saying "I."

12:53PM 5 THE BOARD: "I."

12:53PM 6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed?

12:53PM 7 (No response).

12:53PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, the motion  
12:54PM 9 carries.

12:54PM 10 Can you get that drafted? Do you do that,  
12:54PM 11 Tom?

12:54PM 12 MR. ROEBUCK: Yeah. Normally I don't, but  
12:54PM 13 I'm going to on this one.

12:54PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Do you need to have her  
12:54PM 15 come in and give a statement? Do you need  
12:54PM 16 Ms. Thibodeaux to come in and give a sworn statement?

12:54PM 17 MR. ROEBUCK: Yes, sir. I was talking to  
12:54PM 18 Mary trying to figure out how much notice we're supposed  
12:54PM 19 to give.

12:54PM 20 MS. GODINA: I thought it was 30 days.

12:54PM 21 MR. ROEBUCK: I thought it was 14.

12:54PM 22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Next agenda item,  
12:54PM 23 Number 5, report on -- from the treasurer on cash and  
12:54PM 24 CDs that are up for collateral. I believe that's also  
12:54PM 25 been disseminated to all members. Are there any

12:54PM 1 comments or questions?

12:54PM 2 (No response).

12:54PM 3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, we'll move  
12:54PM 4 to Number 6, report from the auditor's office. That  
12:54PM 5 also has been distributed. Are there any questions or  
12:55PM 6 comments of the auditor's office?

12:55PM 7 MS. BRODE: I have one thing to ask the  
12:55PM 8 county clerk and the district clerk. If you could look  
12:55PM 9 up on -- on the bondsmen report, I highlighted it all  
12:55PM 10 the way across, Scott Goodman came up on my report and  
12:55PM 11 he's been expired for awhile now, but \$10,000 in bonds  
12:55PM 12 amount out came out. So, can you look and see if maybe  
12:55PM 13 someone was updating something and updated the wrong  
12:55PM 14 bondsman or something? I'm not sure why it came up.

12:55PM 15 MS. GARCIA: I don't remember anything. It  
12:55PM 16 may be something old that the district clerk's office is  
12:55PM 17 getting caught up on some issues.

12:55PM 18 MS. DE LA TORRE: I remember his name came  
12:55PM 19 up. I will have to check and see what it is. But I did  
12:55PM 20 send him something. It might have been a judgment.

12:55PM 21 JUDGE DOLLINGER: When you say "expired,  
12:55PM 22 are you talking about deceased?

12:55PM 23 MS. BRODE: No. His license.

12:55PM 24 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Just want to be sure what  
12:55PM 25 kind of "expired" we're talking about here.

12:55PM 1 MS. GARCIA: As they update the record and  
12:56PM 2 in the computer, regardless of his licensing ability,  
12:56PM 3 it's going to be reflective of money that he now owes us  
12:56PM 4 that previously probably wasn't showing in the system.

12:56PM 5 MS. BRODE: Okay.

12:56PM 6 MS. DE LA TORRE: I think that's what it  
12:56PM 7 was, a judgment on something, like, an old bond.

12:56PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Any other questions or  
12:56PM 9 comments from the -- with respect to the auditor's  
12:56PM 10 report?

12:56PM 11 (No response).

12:56PM 12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, we'll move  
12:56PM 13 on to Number 7, the election of a representative from  
12:56PM 14 among the ranks of registered bondsmen. Has that taken  
12:56PM 15 place or to take place today?

12:56PM 16 MR. DAY: The Board has to oversee the  
12:56PM 17 election. This was supposed to be done in January, but  
12:56PM 18 it kind of slipped through the cracks. So, something  
12:56PM 19 that we had spoken about a couple of months ago. We  
12:56PM 20 need to put it back on the agenda. And I think Tina was  
12:56PM 21 the one that had the nominations, though. I'm not sure  
12:57PM 22 if --

12:57PM 23 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Do we have those with us  
12:57PM 24 today? Did she leave them with anyone?

12:57PM 25 MS. GODINA: No, not with me.

12:57PM 1 MR. AL REED: I thought the nominations  
12:57PM 2 were supposed to be made on the floor.

12:57PM 3 MR. DAY: Yeah. You can make -- the  
12:57PM 4 nominations can be made here; but if anyone made a  
12:57PM 5 nomination to Tina through e-mail or a phone call, I  
12:57PM 6 don't know. I'm not sure about that.

12:57PM 7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Is it your  
12:57PM 8 understanding, Mr. Reed, that they must be made from the  
12:57PM 9 floor or that that's one method of making them?

12:57PM 10 MR. AL REED: That's -- it was brought up  
12:57PM 11 last year, the first year we did this; and that's how it  
12:57PM 12 was made. The bondsmen had to be here and the  
12:57PM 13 nominations from the floor.

12:57PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Only?

12:57PM 15 MR. AL REED: Right. I wouldn't go as far  
12:57PM 16 as -- I don't think there is any rule about that.  
12:57PM 17 That's the way we've done in the past.

12:57PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Okay. Is it  
12:57PM 19 addressed in the act? Do you know?

12:57PM 20 MS. GARCIA: It just says that the Board  
12:57PM 21 shall conduct the election. There is no specific method  
12:57PM 22 as to how that can be done, whether they're nominated on  
12:58PM 23 the floor, it's a secret ballot. That -- that is not  
12:58PM 24 mentioned in the ...

12:58PM 25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: So, it's up to us?

12:58PM 1 MS. GARCIA: It's however we want to do it.  
12:58PM 2 But, Al, can you tell me if you-all were notified that  
12:58PM 3 the meeting was going to take place today?

12:58PM 4 MR. AL REED: I believe Keith notified  
12:58PM 5 everyone.

12:58PM 6 MR. DAY: Yeah, everyone was notified. We  
12:58PM 7 -- I notified -- Tina put me in charge, which --

12:58PM 8 MS. GODINA: Well, Tina doesn't have  
12:58PM 9 anything to do with it. That's you-all.

12:58PM 10 MS. GARCIA: But did you notify, so we can  
12:58PM 11 do this today and get it over with?

12:58PM 12 MR. DAY: What -- well, the Board oversees  
12:58PM 13 the election. So, it's actually the Board's  
12:58PM 14 responsibility to notify the bondsmen. But I did notify  
12:58PM 15 everyone by e-mail, yes. Everyone was notified about  
12:58PM 16 the election today.

12:58PM 17 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Are you aware of anyone  
12:58PM 18 who contacted Tina or aware if --

12:58PM 19 MR. DAY: The only person I know of that  
12:58PM 20 was going to contact Tina that contacted me was David  
12:58PM 21 Fregia.

12:58PM 22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

12:58PM 23 MR. REED: Tina -- I spoke with Tina. She  
12:58PM 24 said she wasn't going to notify anybody; that's up to us  
12:58PM 25 to notify.

12:58PM 1 MR. DAY: Yeah. And I did. I notified  
12:58PM 2 everybody by e-mail. I sent out a mass e-mail to all  
12:59PM 3 the licensed bondsmen in the -- in Jefferson County that  
12:59PM 4 -- of today and that the election was today. So ...

12:59PM 5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

12:59PM 6 MR. ROEBUCK: Well, we don't know who the  
12:59PM 7 nominations are.

12:59PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: That she has.

12:59PM 9 MS. GARCIA: Someone would have to --

12:59PM 10 MR. DAY: Well, according to 1704.0535, the  
12:59PM 11 Board shall annually conduct a secret ballot election to  
12:59PM 12 elect a member of the Board who serves as the  
12:59PM 13 representative of licensed bail bond sureties. So...

12:59PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: So that I'm clear, Keith,  
12:59PM 15 are you saying that every member -- every voting member  
12:59PM 16 of the Board, whether you are or are not a bondsman,  
12:59PM 17 elect the bondsmen's representative? That doesn't sound  
12:59PM 18 correct.

12:59PM 19 MR. DAY: Every licensed bondsman --

12:59PM 20 MS. GARCIA: Cast a ballot.

12:59PM 21 MR. DAY: -- cast a ballot.

12:59PM 22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Only the bondsmen.

12:59PM 23 MR. DAY: Only the licensed bondsmen.

12:59PM 24 JUDGE DOLLINGER: That's what I had --

12:59PM 25 MR. DAY: Conducts a secret election



12:59PM 1 ballot. However, you know, I -- I'm not sure -- it  
12:59PM 2 doesn't say anything about nominations. So, each --  
12:59PM 3 each bondsman would just give the name of a licensed  
01:00PM 4 bondsman that, you know -- so ...

01:00PM 5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I would think --

01:00PM 6 MS. GARCIA: I would presume and/or their  
01:00PM 7 representative that's here on behalf of the office.

01:00PM 8 JUDGE LIVELY: So, at this point can we  
01:00PM 9 just open the floor for nominations from the --

01:00PM 10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: That would be my thought,  
01:00PM 11 that we could take nominations from the licensed  
01:00PM 12 bondsmen who are now present and then conduct a secret  
01:00PM 13 ballot.

01:00PM 14 MR. DAY: There is three of us.

01:00PM 15 MR. REED: No. There is five of us.

01:00PM 16 MR. DAY: There is five? No, she's not  
01:00PM 17 licensed.

01:00PM 18 MR. REED: Are you a licensed bondsman?

01:00PM 19 MR. CASEY PARKER: No.

01:00PM 20 MS. GARCIA: He works for --

01:00PM 21 MR. DAY: He works for David Fregia. So,  
01:00PM 22 me, Al and Stellina are the only three here.

01:00PM 23 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We'll open the floor for  
01:00PM 24 nominations from the three of you.

01:00PM 25 MR. AL REED: I make a motion we nominate

01:00PM 1 Keith Day.

01:00PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right.

01:00PM 3 MS. STELLINA REED: I second.

01:00PM 4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: She seconds that

01:00PM 5 nomination. Any other nominations?

01:00PM 6 (No response).

01:01PM 7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Well, that's going to  
01:01PM 8 make it reasonably -- that's going to make it reasonably  
01:01PM 9 easy. I don't know the need for a secret ballot since  
01:01PM 10 we only have one name. I would say that Mr. Day is the  
01:01PM 11 representative by acclamation then. Okay. That was  
01:01PM 12 simple enough.

01:01PM 13 The next item is the refund of remaining  
01:01PM 14 collateral from Paul Decuir.

01:01PM 15 MS. GARCIA: Yeah. There -- I had that put  
01:01PM 16 on the agenda because the administrator on his estate  
01:01PM 17 actually contacted me, came in the office and was  
01:01PM 18 requesting to get this money back in collateral and his  
01:01PM 19 name is Leo -- I'm sorry -- Christopher Decuir. And I  
01:01PM 20 guess through the probate process, Judge Branick  
01:01PM 21 recognized the name and recognized that Paul was a  
01:02PM 22 previous bondsman that did have money collateral put up  
01:02PM 23 with us. I checked around with everyone to see who he  
01:02PM 24 owed money to or if he owed money. The district clerk's  
01:02PM 25 office said he didn't owe any money to them. He didn't

01:02PM 1 owe any money to me, but he did owe money to the  
01:02PM 2 sheriff's office for \$30. We can take the \$30 from the  
01:02PM 3 \$1,500 he has up; and then at that point we can make a  
01:02PM 4 motion to release the funds that's being held to the  
01:02PM 5 administrator to put back into the estate. But the only  
01:02PM 6 -- I don't know exactly how we're going to -- as a Board  
01:02PM 7 how this is going to work to direct the sheriff's office  
01:02PM 8 -- you know, how -- how they're going to collect the \$30  
01:02PM 9 because it's not through a judgment, it's not going to  
01:02PM 10 be through a writ of any means, if it's just something  
01:02PM 11 that the Board through just general correspondence is  
01:03PM 12 going to direct the treasurer's office to disperse the  
01:03PM 13 30-dollar fee to the sheriff's office for payment.

01:03PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Let me make a suggestion  
01:03PM 15 of what might be the simpler way to do it. Why don't  
01:03PM 16 you contact the administrator of his estate and tell the  
01:03PM 17 administrator to go to the sheriff's office and to pay  
01:03PM 18 \$30. And then once he pays the \$30, we'll release the  
01:03PM 19 entire \$1,500. I -- I'm not a big mathematician; but if  
01:03PM 20 somebody made me that offer, I'd run over there.

01:03PM 21 MS. GARCIA: Okay. So, I'll put it on the  
01:03PM 22 agenda for next month, to release the funds pursuant if  
01:03PM 23 he paid the \$30.

01:03PM 24 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I would say that we could  
01:03PM 25 vote on that right now and if he shows up and pays \$30,

01:03PM 1 you can release them before next month. I don't see any  
01:03PM 2 reason to hold it another month.

01:03PM 3 MS. GARCIA: Sounds good to me.

01:03PM 4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I'll make that motion  
01:03PM 5 from the -- from the chair, if anybody will second it.

01:03PM 6 MS. GARCIA: I'll second.

01:03PM 7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. All those in favor  
01:03PM 8 of allowing him to pay \$30 that he's in default and then  
01:03PM 9 collect the money and put it into the estate say "I."

01:04PM 10 THE BOARD: "I."

01:04PM 11 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed?

01:04PM 12 (No response).

01:04PM 13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: None opposed. Okay.  
01:04PM 14 Easy enough.

01:04PM 15 The last one I think we addressed with  
01:04PM 16 number --

01:04PM 17 MR. FUNCHES: Judge, that check is going  
01:04PM 18 to go through payables. So, there is going to be kind  
01:04PM 19 of a delay. I mean --

01:04PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: That's okay. Go through  
01:04PM 21 as quickly as possible. At least we don't have to wait  
01:04PM 22 until this time next month to start the process.

01:04PM 23 MS. BRODE: I think that we could possibly  
01:04PM 24 work the \$30 out through payables.

01:04PM 25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Whatever is easiest.

01:04PM 1 MS. BRODE: Instead of him having to pay --  
01:04PM 2 I'll ask Patrick.

01:04PM 3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Whatever is simplest.  
01:04PM 4 That's what I'm trying to do. Whatever works the  
01:04PM 5 simplest is what we want to try to do. I just don't  
01:04PM 6 want to create any bookkeeping nightmares for the  
01:04PM 7 auditor's office.

01:04PM 8 MR. FUNCHES: I think the easy way is to  
01:04PM 9 tell him to bring in the 30 bucks; and then once they  
01:04PM 10 approve the payment, bring it to me and then we'll get  
01:04PM 11 the check processed.

01:04PM 12 MS. GARCIA: And I've got the letters  
01:04PM 13 testamentary giving him authority.

01:04PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And was Number 9 taken  
01:04PM 15 care of by Number 4? Am I correct on that?

01:04PM 16 MS. GARCIA: I don't know what Number 9 is.

01:04PM 17 JUDGE DOLLINGER: The complaint against  
01:04PM 18 Barbara Hartt.

01:04PM 19 MS. GARCIA: Yeah.

01:05PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. So, that was taken  
01:05PM 21 care of by complaints against bondsmen. Okay.

01:05PM 22 All right. Is there any new business to  
01:05PM 23 come before the Bail Bond Board before we accept a  
01:05PM 24 motion to adjourn?

01:05PM 25 MR. AL REED: Have we been through the old

01:05PM 1 business yet?

01:05PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I thought we were. Maybe  
01:05PM 3 I'm mistaken. Go ahead. What's the old business?

01:05PM 4 MR. AL REED: Well, about a year or so ago,  
01:05PM 5 I brought up that the attorneys that write bonds should  
01:05PM 6 be under the same scrutiny as the bail bondsmen. I was  
01:05PM 7 just wondering where that is now.

01:05PM 8 MR. ROEBUCK: You just won't let it go.  
01:05PM 9 (Laughter).

01:05PM 10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Well, did we ever decide  
01:05PM 11 -- I remember hearing that at one meeting. I missed a  
01:05PM 12 couple last year. Did we ever find -- is there  
01:05PM 13 authority to regulate the attorneys who write bonds in  
01:05PM 14 the same manner that we regulate licensed bondsmen?

01:05PM 15 MR. DAY: Well, I think there is authority  
01:05PM 16 but we had -- we had a similar issue in another county.  
01:05PM 17 I can't remember what county I told you it was. And I  
01:05PM 18 actually talked to -- what Board does David sit on?

01:06PM 19 MR. CASEY PARKER: Angelina County.

01:06PM 20 MR. DAY: Angelina County is what it was.  
01:06PM 21 Don't they have an issue going on right now?

01:06PM 22 MR. CASEY PARKER: I've heard some.

01:06PM 23 MR. DAY: Yeah. And David and Tom were --  
01:06PM 24 David Fregia and Tom were going to kind of e-mail -- did  
01:06PM 25 you-all ever get to --

01:06PM 1 MR. ROEBUCK: I did my part.

01:06PM 2 MR. DAY: Okay. So, I don't know --

01:06PM 3 MR. ROEBUCK: He never responded.

01:06PM 4 MR. DAY: Well, we are going to kind of get  
01:06PM 5 them two together and kind of get an idea from David  
01:06PM 6 exactly what's gone on in Angelina County so we can  
01:06PM 7 compare it and see what -- you know, to see what is or  
01:06PM 8 isn't going on here currently and just kind of compare  
01:06PM 9 the two situations. But obviously they haven't been  
01:06PM 10 able to --

01:06PM 11 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Would you be able to get  
01:06PM 12 David to get back in contact with Mr. Roebuck and advise  
01:06PM 13 him of the status of the Angelina County issue?

01:06PM 14 MR. CASEY PARKER: Yes, sir, I can.

01:06PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We'll make that an agenda  
01:07PM 16 item, if we will, for next month to talk about -- under  
01:07PM 17 "old business" to speak about the scrutiny and/or  
01:07PM 18 regulations of attorneys writing bonds.

01:07PM 19 MR. ROEBUCK: As I understand the  
01:07PM 20 assignment, we're trying to determine what provisions of  
01:07PM 21 the Bail Bond Act apply to lawyers writing bonds  
01:07PM 22 specifically, for example, keeping a separate set of  
01:07PM 23 records.

01:07PM 24 MR. AL REED: And their employees.

01:07PM 25 MR. ROEBUCK: And employees.

01:07PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

01:07PM 2 MR. ROEBUCK: And whether or not they would  
01:07PM 3 have to license -- if they write bonds, if they have to  
01:07PM 4 be an agent and approved by the Board just like  
01:07PM 5 everybody else.

01:07PM 6 MR. AL REED: Their employees have to be?

01:07PM 7 MR. ROEBUCK: Yes.

01:07PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Subject to the same  
01:07PM 9 background checks.

01:07PM 10 MR. AL REED: Background checks.

01:07PM 11 And I'm looking at this sheet where  
01:08PM 12 different attorneys have different amounts up. How do  
01:08PM 13 they -- are they under any scrutiny to write a number of  
01:08PM 14 -- amount of bonds under the attorney -- under the  
01:08PM 15 attorney?

01:08PM 16 MS. GODINA: The county gives them -- it's  
01:08PM 17 always been a privilege, I guess we say, that the county  
01:08PM 18 gives them money in the computer to write bonds.

01:08PM 19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Was is it, Cathy, without  
01:08PM 20 putting up collateral? 20,000? And if they want to go  
01:08PM 21 above 20, they're required to post collateral to go  
01:08PM 22 above that.

01:08PM 23 MS. PRESLEY: Correct. At the treasurer's  
01:08PM 24 office.

01:08PM 25 MR. AL REED: The total amount of bonds



01:08PM 1 that they can write?

01:08PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Correct. Without putting  
01:08PM 3 collateral up.

01:08PM 4 MR. AL REED: Without putting collateral  
01:08PM 5 up.

01:08PM 6 JUDGE LIVELY: And then the collateral goes  
01:08PM 7 10 to 1, right?

01:08PM 8 MR. AL REED: That's what I thought in the  
01:09PM 9 past.

01:09PM 10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Any other old business to  
01:09PM 11 bring before the Board? And I think we already covered  
01:09PM 12 there was no new business. So, Judge Lively?

01:09PM 13 JUDGE LIVELY: I make a motion to adjourn.

01:09PM 14 MR. FUNCHES: Second.

01:09PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Motion and second that  
01:09PM 16 the Board adjourn the May meeting. All those in favor?

01:09PM 17 THE BOARD: "I."

01:09PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed?

01:09PM 19 (No response).

01:09PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We're adjourned.

01:09PM 21 (Conclusion of meeting).

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