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BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

JUNE 16, 2016

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Clint Woods
Cindy Ferguson
Casi DeLaTorre
Becky Garcia
Tim Funchess
Keith Day
Mary Godina
Tina Landry
Rhonda Brode
Brandi Sewell

1 MR. FUNCHESS: I'm going to call this meeting
2 to order, the Bail Bond Board meeting for June.

3 First thing up on the agenda is a review of
4 the minutes from last meeting. I know I had mine emailed to me
5 so everybody had a chance to review the minutes? I get a
6 motion to accept them?

7 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion.

8 MR. FUNCHESS: We have a motion. Need a
9 second.

10 MS. FERGUSON: I second.

11 MR. FUNCHESS: All in favor.

12 (RESPONSES MADE)

13 MR. FUNCHESS: It passes.

14 Now, we need a report from the District
15 Attorney's office regarding the status of collections on
16 judgments.

17 MS. GARCIA: It's been passed out.

18 MR. FUNCHESS: Anybody have any questions or
19 comments on this?

20 MS. BRODE: Good job, District Clerk.

21 MR. FUNCHESS: Now, we have consideration and
22 approval of applications to become bondsmen and agents and
23 renewals.

24 MS. GARCIA: We have one to renew. It's an
25 application for Gwendolyn Gerber. She works for Shirley Laine.

1 Everything appears to be in order.

2 MR. FUNCHESS: We need a motion to accept?

3 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion to accept the
4 application.

5 MS. FERGUSON: I'll second.

6 MR. FUNCHESS: All in favor?

7 (RESPONSES MADE)

8 MR. FUNCHESS: Opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 MR. FUNCHESS: It passes.

11 Consider complaints against bondsmen.

12 MS. GODINA: I don't have any.

13 MR. FUNCHESS: There was one that y'all were
14 looking at last month.

15 All right. We have a report from the
16 treasurer. And I have passed my report out. Anybody have any
17 questions or comments regarding it?

18 Then lastly, we have a report from the
19 auditor's office. Rhonda, your turn.

20 MS. BRODE: They've been passed out. And last
21 month a whole bunch of old bondsmen and a couple of attorneys
22 popped up on my report. Apparently MIS changed the parameters
23 that I had previously and it gave me a lot of -- a lot of cases
24 that looked like they needed to be written off. That's what
25 Mary and I assumed. Then we handed them over to the district

1 clerk and Casi has actually been finding legitimate forfeitures
2 out there.

3 MS. DELATORRE: They have nisi claims that
4 have not been collected on. Some of them are in bankruptcy.
5 Some of them are just out there. Some of them -- I'm still
6 going through the list. There was how many pages?

7 MS. BRODE: I don't even know.

8 MS. GODINA: There was a lot.

9 MS. BRODE: The sad thing is bondsmen who
10 aren't even in business and don't have any collateral. I'm not
11 really sure how that happened.

12 MS. GARCIA: They're out of county bonds that
13 were written.

14 MS. GODINA: Huh-uh.

15 MS. LANDRY: Or were previously in business
16 and are gone?

17 MS. GODINA: They're here. No one ever went
18 after them evidently or never got checked.

19 MR. DAY: I've been in business 22 years and
20 I think Tina has probably been --

21 MS. LANDRY: 26.

22 MR. DAY: -- here about the same. This board
23 was a pretty loosely run board before Judge Flores became the
24 chairperson. So it wouldn't surprise me a bit if just
25 collateral was returned and not investigated or anything.

1 MS. BRODE: So the district clerk -- and I'm
2 hoping Mary -- and I will work together to come to a
3 conclusion, see how many needs to get written off. Just
4 thought I would update everyone. And we're still in the
5 positive this year.

6 MS. LANDRY: Well, there's a positive.

7 MR. FUNCHES: Anybody have any old business
8 or new business or anything they want to bring before the
9 board? If not, I'll entertain a motion to dismiss.

10 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion to dismiss.

11 MS. FERGUSON: I second the motion.

12 MR. FUNCHES: We're adjourned.

13 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:37 p.m.)
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