

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

MAY 18, 2017

THOSE PRESENT:

Tim Funchess

Mary Godina

Rebekah Patton

Theresa Goodness

Tonja Voorhees

Regan Corbello

Cindy Ferguson

Becky Garcia

Tina Landry

Dustin Galmor

Tom Roebuck

Phillip Dowden

Kelly Webster

Erika Francois

Lisa Martin

DeDe Rojas

Unidentified man

Kimberly Broussard, CSR

MR. FUNCHESS: All right. I'm going to call the meeting to order, Bail Bond Board meeting of May 10 [sic], 2017. The first thing on the agenda is to review the minutes from the last meeting.

1 MS. LANDRY: I actually -- I'm Tina -- I actually  
2 received an e-mail from Brandi and the minutes -- her disc was  
3 corrupt. She is unable to do the minutes from the last meeting.  
4 So, there won't be any.

5 MS. GODINA: Oops.

6 MR. FUNCHESS: Okay. We need a report from the  
7 district attorney's office regarding the status of collections  
8 and judgments. And that's been passed out.

9 MS. GARCIA: It has been passed out.

12:30PM 10 MR. FUNCHESS: Any questions or comments on that?

11 (NO RESPONSE.)

12 MR. FUNCHESS: Then we'll move on to Item No. 3,  
13 consideration and approval of applications to become bondsmen or  
14 agents or renewals.

15 MS. GARCIA: None.

16 MR. FUNCHESS: None? Item No. 4 is to consider  
17 complaints against bondsmen.

18 MS. GODINA: I don't have any at this time.

19 MR. FUNCHESS: And report from the Treasurer on  
12:30PM 20 cash and C.D.s up for collateral. I have passed my report out  
21 for y'all to observe. Any questions or comments?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 MR. FUNCHESS: Hearing none, we'll move on to the  
24 Auditor's office, a report from the Auditor's office. We have  
25 Rebekah Patton with us today.

1 MS. PATTON: I'm here for Rhonda Brode. I passed  
2 out the report. You should have received it. She did have a  
3 few notes that she wanted me to mention. One was Erika  
4 Francois' unpaid forfeitures exceed forfeiture limit. Another  
5 note was Gary Leach's bond limit has been brought down to his --  
6 to his collateral amount, since his license has expired. And  
7 then Keith Day's bonding limit was reduced, but the Treasurer's  
8 report does not reflect the reduction in collateral. And, so,  
9 she was wondering if she missed something.

12:31PM 10 MR. FUNCHESS: The last reduction I made to his  
11 collateral was in January, when he released a piece of property  
12 for 61,000.

13 MS. LANDRY: And on Leach?

14 MR. FUNCHESS: No, on Keith.

15 MS. LANDRY: On who?

16 MR. FUNCHESS: On Keith.

17 MS. LANDRY: Keith?

18 MS. GARCIA: Day.

19 MR. FUNCHESS: Day.

12:31PM 20 MS. LANDRY: So, what's the question?

21 MR. FUNCHESS: His bonding limit was reduced.

22 MS. LANDRY: Keith Day's?

23 MR. FUNCHESS: Uh-huh.

24 MR. ROEBUCK: I think he pulled -- pulled out a  
25 piece of property.

1 MS. LANDRY: Oh, yeah. Okay. Did he?

2 MS. GARCIA: I believe so. But that was a --

3 MR. FUNCHESS: That was back in January.

4 MS. LANDRY: Yeah.

5 MS. GARCIA: They didn't get notice of drafts off  
6 of this.

7 MS. LANDRY: Oh.

8 MS. GARCIA: We'll get that cleared up.

9 MR. FUNCHESS: Okay. 'Cause I went back to the

12:32PM 10 last three agendas, and I didn't see a release of collateral for  
11 him. The last one was in January, and we made an adjustment to  
12 their collateral in January. So, if there was another one out  
13 there, it needs to be -- needs to have the approval of the  
14 Board.

15 MS. GARCIA: I'll go back through and see what  
16 properties are pledged and what -- verify what C.D.s and other  
17 monies he has put up with you and then get with Tina to make  
18 sure we're all on the same page.

19 MS. LANDRY: 'Cause I don't know what y'all are  
12:33PM 20 talking about.

21 MR. FUNCHESS: Is that it, Rebekah?

22 MS. PATTON: Yes, sir, that was it. Thank you.

23 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Item No. 7 is to  
24 address the lien on the Marmion property.

25 MS. GARCIA: Okay. Judge Branick and I have

1 discussed this issue. The information now has been forwarded  
2 over to Linebarger & --

3 MS. GOODNESS: Linebarger & Goggan.

4 MS. VOORHEES: Linebarger & Goggan.

5 MS. GARCIA: Yes, those people. And the last  
6 e-mail change that we had, Mr. Mayfield sent an e-mail to me  
7 saying that our abstracts were 10 years old and has -- and it  
8 hasn't been extended. My reply to him was that abstracts have  
9 not been renewed, but we believe our abstracts are valid for  
10 20 years pursuant to Property Code 52.006(b). I have yet to  
11 hear a reply back from him. Judge Branick said that he was  
12 going to get with Mr. Mayfield, and I have not heard back from  
13 them since then.

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14 MR. FUNCHES: So, are we just going to look at  
15 this again next month?

16 MS. GARCIA: I believe so.

17 MR. FUNCHES: Okeydoke. All right. Next, Item  
18 No. 8, we have a release of property to Gary Leach.

19 MS. LANDRY: I believe that when they -- their  
20 license expired, that the 10 -- the times 10 is taken away,  
21 which makes them in the negative now. So, as far as I can tell,  
22 it's not eligible to have any property released at this time.

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23 MR. DOYLE: So -- Phillip Dowden here on behalf  
24 of Gary Leach. We actually kind of have a problem with this  
25 because they closed their business and everybody's aware of that

1 and then there was a rule change or perhaps there was never a  
2 rule but there was a new rule that was created about the bonds.  
3 Before, they were on bond for 60 days and if it wasn't -- the  
4 charges weren't filed or case wasn't set for hearing, then they  
5 were off the bond. That's been the way business has been  
6 conducted for years; and, so, as a business you contract with,  
7 you know, a defendant and say, "This is what I'm liable for, and  
8 this is what it's going to cost you." So, I think the Board has  
9 increased their liability with a rule that's created after the  
10 fact, even after the fact the business is closed; and I don't  
11 know that the Board has the authority to do that.

12 MS. LANDRY: Okay. Actually that doesn't affect,  
13 that Leach is in the negative, because all those bonds that have  
14 not been -- the cases hadn't been filed yet is not off of their  
15 liability. So, unless it gets filed, until everything's  
16 completely gone, I don't think that that is actually going to  
17 affect it. That's not -- that's not the issue right now. What  
18 the bonds they actually have out and on their liability makes  
19 them in the negative.

20 MR. DOYLE: So, there are cases that have been  
21 filed that are pending court.

22 MS. LANDRY: Right.

23 MR. DOYLE: And --

24 MS. LANDRY: Or forfeitures, unpaid forfeitures  
25 or whatever, yes.

1 MR. DOYLE: And you're saying that the money that  
2 they have on account -- that 36,000-dollar property is really  
3 what we're talking about, I think -- is not enough to cover  
4 what's even out now because they don't get the 10 percent once  
5 they close?

6 MS. LANDRY: Correct.

7 MR. DOYLE: So, how do they lose that 10 percent  
8 after they close? Who created that rule, and when was that  
9 created?

12:37PM 10 MS. GODINA: I think it goes by the amount of  
11 years that you're in business.

12 MS. GARCIA: It does.

13 MS. GODINA: It increases by the amount of years  
14 you're in business.

15 MR. DOYLE: Is there a copy of that we could get  
16 so they could see that and --

17 MS. GARCIA: Yeah. The surety ratio is  
18 referenced in Chapter 1704.202.

19 MS. WEBSTER: I have a copy of it right here.

12:37PM 20 MR. DOYLE: (Speaking with Ms. Webster) Do you  
21 have any questions regarding that?

22 And that's in 1704.02?

23 MS. WEBSTER: 202.

24 MS. GARCIA: And it's also in our local rules.

25 MR. DOYLE: So, in 1704.202, could you point me

1 to it, 'cause I'm not seeing it.

2 MS. LANDRY: I might have it. I'll go see.

3 MR. DOYLE: And, likewise, I don't see it in the  
4 local rules. I may be overlooking it, but I don't actually see  
5 it.

6 MS. GARCIA: Phillip.

7 MR. DOYLE: Yes?

8 MS. GARCIA: Look at 1704.210, withdrawal of  
9 security, under 2.

12:40PM 10 MR. DOYLE: I'm at 17 --

11 MS. GARCIA: 1704.210, and then go down to No. 2.

12 MR. DOYLE: 2.

13 MS. GOODNESS: (Reading) A former license holder  
14 who has ceased to engage in the bonding business, or a former  
15 license holder's heir or assign, and the amount of the security  
16 remaining after the withdrawal is sufficient to: (A) pay any  
17 outstanding judgments; and (B), secure any unexpired obligations  
18 on a bail bond executed by the former license holder.

19 So, I read that to say that you can't -- can't  
12:41PM 20 release security below any of their unexpired obligations.

21 MR. DOYLE: I'm sorry. I still hadn't found it  
22 yet.

23 MS. GOODNESS: That's okay. It took me a minute  
24 to find it.

25 MR. DOYLE: No. 2. And where is it you're saying



1 you think it applies that the 10 percent is lost?

2 MS. GOODNESS: I don't know anything about the  
3 10 percent. What I'm just saying is we shouldn't reduce their  
4 security below the amount required to secure their unexpired  
5 obligations. They have this -- however many bail bonds they  
6 have out, whatever the amount is, we shouldn't reduce the  
7 security below that amount, according to this.

8 MR. DOYLE: Exactly.

9 And that's not what y'all are asking.

12:42PM 10 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: (Shakes head from side to  
11 side.)

12 MR. DOYLE: They understand that they're  
13 responsible for all those people that are out right now and they  
14 have court pending. No problem. They're on the hook until they  
15 show up and take care of their business in court. But the ones  
16 who have not been charged that are now just --

17 MS. WEBSTER: Accusation.

18 MR. DOYLE: -- on accusation, that are, what, a  
19 year old now, how long will they be on the hook is what they're  
12:42PM 20 saying? And the old rule was 60 days. Now Mr. Roebuck says  
21 there really was no old rule. I think it was -- everybody  
22 played by that, but there might not have actually been a rule.

23 So, I think that now there's been a rule created  
24 that says it can go on for how long?

25 MS. WEBSTER: Statute of limitations.

1 THE REPORTER: I didn't hear what she said.

2 MS. WEBSTER: Statute of limitations on the case.

3 MR. DOYLE: So, my question is: What gives the  
4 Board the authority to make that change to a bonding company?

5 MS. LANDRY: I think we made the change 'cause we  
6 started following the law.

7 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

8 MS. LANDRY: We were not before. That was  
9 against --

12:43PM 10 MS. FERGUSON: Uh-huh.

11 MS. LANDRY: -- the law.

12 MR. DOYLE: Okay. So, but can you change -- can  
13 you change a rule on somebody retroactively? And I don't know  
14 that that can be done. I don't know what still -- I know y'all  
15 have to follow the law, but I don't know that y'all can penalize  
16 them and keep them on the hook. Here's the County not filing a  
17 case, and they're stuck for how long? Is that fair to them as a  
18 business?

19 MS. GODINA: Well, that's not the Bail Bond  
12:44PM 20 Board's fault why the case isn't filed.

21 MR. DOYLE: No, I'm not blaming the Bail Board.  
22 I'm just saying do they have the authority to keep these folks  
23 literally in business for however many years, when they just  
24 want out, because they created this rule to follow the law after  
25 the fact?

1 MR. ROEBUCK: What are you looking at me for?

2 MS. LANDRY: Because y'all are the attorneys.

3 MS. GODINA: Y'all are the educated ones.

4 MR. GALMOR: I think it's -- I think it's two  
5 different issues, to be honest with you. The issue of letting  
6 the bondsman off in 60 days as being a violation of the Code of  
7 Criminal Procedure against the defendant is one issue. An issue  
8 of an agreement that the bondsman made with the client based on  
9 what he perceived was allowed is a separate issue. They can  
10 have different results or same results, but they're different.

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11 So, the answer to your question cannot jeopardize  
12 the defendant, who didn't do anything wrong, I think is the  
13 answer. I think as long as the solution to that problem does  
14 not jeopardize the -- does not cause a person to be rearrested,  
15 they're independent of each other, if that makes sense.

16 MR. DOYLE: We don't care about the defendant.  
17 Our agreement --

18 MR. GALMOR: I understand.

19 MR. DOYLE: -- with the defendant -- literally,  
20 we don't.

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21 MR. GALMOR: Right.

22 MR. DOYLE: We want out of business. We want to  
23 close the doors; and, so, we don't care about the defendant.  
24 The defendant, we bonded them out. We did what we said we would  
25 do. We kept our promise and 60 days passed and, so, it was

1 done.

2 MR. GALMOR: That's what I'm saying. I mean, I  
3 think there is at least a valid argument to be made that an  
4 agreement was made with the defendant, the bond's out for 60  
5 days --

6 MR. DOYLE: Right.

7 MR. GALMOR: -- regardless of what anything else  
8 says --

9 MR. DOYLE: Right.

12:45PM 10 MR. GALMOR: -- that's its own separate thing.  
11 As long as the solution to that doesn't cause a judge to put  
12 somebody back in jail, I don't see a problem with resolving that  
13 issue. It just can't result in an at large person. If the  
14 Court wants to let them off because there was an agreement for  
15 60 days between the bondsman and the client, that's separate  
16 than causing this person to get rearrested.

17 MR. DOYLE: How do they go out of business? How  
18 do they go out of business when --

19 MS. GODINA: Get off bonds --

12:45PM 20 MR. DOYLE: We're not --

21 MS. GODINA: -- or pay forfeitures.

22 MS. WEBSTER: We're still responsible for them  
23 until they get rearrested and then if you have -- if you have a  
24 bond that you wrote, say, last year in January and the 60 days  
25 has expired and they're -- you know, when they get out of jail,

1    though, a lot of times the sheriff's department will tell them,  
2    "Hey, look, your bond is good for 60 days," 'cause that was what  
3    was on the bond. So, after the 60 days, they're gone. They're  
4    already, you know, done with what they had to do with their  
5    bondsman. They take off. So, then we don't have any contact  
6    with them anymore. So, we're still responsible for them until  
7    we get them back in jail. And if I can't find them and the next  
8    thing is is, oh, the case has been filed and now they have  
9    forfeited, and then what? Now I'm out of money of paying a bond  
10   forfeiture because I didn't -- my bond was no longer good.

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11                   MS. GOODNESS: Let me ask a question. We show  
12   \$65,000 of unpaid forfeitures for Gary Leach. Why are those  
13   unpaid?

14                   MS. WEBSTER: Well, because they are just -- I  
15   think there's several of them on there, Becky, that are set for  
16   the misdemeanor court this week; and then there's several of  
17   them that we are working on agreed judgments. It's not that we  
18   haven't paid them, 'cause we're on top of paying them. I mean,  
19   it's just they're in the process --

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20                   MS. GOODNESS: I'm just looking at the report.  
21   So, I'm asking.

22                   MS. WEBSTER: No, no, no, no, you're fine. It's  
23   in the process of them being paid, agreed judgments or whatever.

24                   MS. GOODNESS: So, they're not unpaid if there's  
25   no final judgment. So, is the report really a little bit

1 misleading, then?

2 MR. DOYLE: Any money that's owed, they  
3 understand that they have to pay.

4 MS. WEBSTER: Right.

5 MR. DOYLE: And any cases that are pending court  
6 and have a court date, they know that the client has to show up  
7 or they'll have to pay for that, also.

8 MS. WEBSTER: Right.

9 MR. DOYLE: It's the cases that have not been  
10 12:47PM filed. And the truth is, I can probably get with the D.A.'s  
11 office and dispose of some of these cases, I would think.  
12 Wouldn't y'all?

13 MR. ROEBUCK: (Nods head up and down.)

14 MR. DOYLE: Just ask them, "Are y'all going to  
15 file charges, or are y'all going to dismiss this?" Some of them  
16 might have -- were supposed to have been dismissed and didn't  
17 even get dismissed.

18 MR. ROEBUCK: Well, unless they're drug cases and  
19 they're waiting on the --

20 12:48PM MR. DOYLE: I see DWIs go a year or longer.

21 MS. GODINA: And really on this report,  
22 Theresa -- and I know you know -- anytime there's a forfeiture,  
23 the computer figures the forfeiture limit, as opposed to what  
24 they have put up. It's a percentage of that. So, any time  
25 somebody forfeits, when the coordinators go in and put a

1 forfeiture, it's going to swing it to over there.

2 MS. GOODNESS: It doesn't necessarily mean that  
3 it's an unpaid --

4 MS. LANDRY: Right.

5 MS. GOODNESS: -- dividend or --

6 MS. GODINA: Right. It doesn't, yeah, but that's  
7 how much --

8 MS. LANDRY: Right.

9 MS. GODINA: -- how many forfeitures they have  
10 out.

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11 MS. GOODNESS: And of this amount, how many -- of  
12 this amount, where it says out, do you know, Phillip, how many  
13 are --

14 MR. DOYLE: It's actually seven defendants and  
15 eight cases.

16 MS. WEBSTER: She's asking a different question.  
17 As far as the bond forfeitures, like, how many are active bond  
18 forfeitures, are back in jail? Is that what you're asking?

19 MS. GOODNESS: No. I'm asking how many are ones  
20 they haven't filed a case on?

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21 MR. DOYLE: There's seven.

22 MS. GOODNESS: Seven. Okay.

23 MS. WEBSTER: Eight.

24 MR. DOYLE: Eight cases but seven defendants.

25 MS. WEBSTER: Seven defendants.

1 MR. DOYLE: And maybe -- maybe I should talk to  
2 the D.A.'s office and table it and come back and see if --  
3 'cause I may be able to get them to --

4 MS. LANDRY: You may even be able to, if you go  
5 talk to each one of the district judges and the misdemeanor  
6 judges, to see if they would be willing to bring these people in  
7 and do PR bonds on them.

8 MR. DOYLE: That was my thought was if we could  
9 get the courts to at least set them for a bond hearing, they  
10 give them notice, then if they don't show up, we revoke their  
11 bonds. If they do show up, then we PR them. And the  
12 defendants, the people are worried about. They won't be harmed  
13 in any way.

14 MR. GALMOR: But it comes back on the judge.  
15 And, of course, on misdemeanors, you don't know which judge.  
16 Felonies are assigned when they're arrested, but misdemeanors  
17 are not.

18 MR. DOYLE: There's only one felony.

19 MS. GARCIA: And are we talking about cases that  
12:50PM 20 are filed or unfiled?

21 MR. GALMOR: Unfiled.

22 (OTHERS ANSWERING "UNFILED.")

23 MS. GARCIA: Well, then, how can the judge in  
24 these courts make a ruling on something that hasn't even been  
25 filed in their court?



1 MS. LANDRY: They would each have to sign off on  
2 each bond.

3 MS. GARCIA: On a case that hasn't been filed?

4 MS. LANDRY: I don't know.

5 MS. GARCIA: They don't have jurisdiction on it.

6 MS. LANDRY: Yeah. You can put them in your  
7 drawer.

8 MS. GARCIA: No, you can't.

9 MR. GALMOR: A district judge can do it. A  
10 district judge has jurisdiction on all the cases.

11 MS. LANDRY: A district judge does?

12 MR. GALMOR: A district judge could rule on all  
13 the cases, misdemeanor, felony, doesn't matter.

14 MR. DOYLE: So, we could just get the --

15 MS. GODINA: It's a drug case.

16 MR. GALMOR: I mean, especially if the D.A. is  
17 saying, hey, we have no intention of filing this case, seems  
18 like it would be a pretty easy decision for the judge.

19 MS. FERGUSON: I've actually talked to the D.A.'s  
20 office, and they are not willing to refuse or anything these  
21 cases just yet. They're all still pending.

22 MR. DOYLE: So, for over a year, I mean, almost a  
23 year?

24 MS. FERGUSON: Statute of limitations. My name  
25 is Cindy.

1 MR. DOYLE: So, right back to --

2 MR. GALMOR: On unfiled cases, I think the only  
3 relief you would get is probably from a district judge; and, I  
4 mean, I think it's something worth bringing.

5 MS. LANDRY: Another suggestion, maybe an  
6 accusation AFRS.

7 MR. ROEBUCK: Well, I think if you file one case  
8 under the appropriate provision of the Code of Criminal  
9 Procedure and list all the bonds --

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10 (SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATIONS)

11 THE REPORTER: I'm getting him (indicating).

12 MR. ROEBUCK: -- and ask for a hearing and send  
13 notice to the accused, that would probably be a better way to do  
14 it. I think -- I think Dustin's got a good idea.

15 MR. DOYLE: And I think that maybe something just  
16 came up that we didn't think was a possibility.

17 MS. FERGUSON: That's what -- I'm Cindy -- that's  
18 what I was explaining to you the other day. You can file an  
19 AFRS -- it's one of the new things that were implemented -- you  
20 can file an AFRS on an accusation bond. They do not have to be  
21 in jail. You just have to have a sufficient reason to file  
22 that, whether they're not showing up possibly, don't know if  
23 this would be a valid reason, the 60-day rule. That would be up  
24 to the judge. You can submit it. They can either deny it or  
25 allow it, but you can file an AFRS on an accusation bond without

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1 the person being rearrested. You just have to have a valid  
2 significant reason -- reason.

3 MS. WEBSTER: That would relieve us from the  
4 bond --

5 MS. FERGUSON: That would relieve you, period --

6 MS. WEBSTER: -- if the judge signs it?

7 MS. FERGUSON: -- for as long as that judge --

8 MS. WEBSTER: They couldn't come back to us and  
9 say, hey --

12:52PM 10 MS. FERGUSON: It cannot come back to you, no.

11 MS. GODINA: As long as the cases are not filed.

12 MS. FERGUSON: As long as they're not filed.

13 MS. GODINA: And those are filed at the jail, if  
14 those are AFRSs.

15 MS. WEBSTER: The cases are not -- right. But  
16 say five months down the road, they don't file the case --

17 MS. FERGUSON: They cannot come back on you.

18 MS. WEBSTER: -- they can't come back on you?

19 MS. GODINA: So, what happens, when you file them

12:52PM 20 at the jail -- like, Judge Giblin's been out there this week --

21 the jail takes it in. They put the TRN number. They're

22 supposed to check it to make sure it hasn't been filed. They

23 give it to Judge Giblin in the morning. He looks at it, reads

24 your reasoning as to why. There have been some that have been

25 filed -- there hasn't been a lot in the whole scheme of it --

1 none of them have not been signed by the judge.

2 MS. FERGUSON: All of them have been accepted so  
3 far.

4 MS. GODINA: Then I give the original to Cindy.  
5 We double-check what the jail has looked at, that the cases are  
6 not filed. She puts it in the jail notes, that y'all -- whoever  
7 is relieved of the bond and now they're a free person and you're  
8 a free person.

9 MS. FERGUSON: And that's it. That's what I was  
12:53PM 10 trying to explain to you the other day on the phone.

11 MS. WEBSTER: And I think I just misunderstood  
12 you, then, because I thought that, you know, when you say AFRS,  
13 you know --

14 MS. FERGUSON: No.

15 MS. WEBSTER: -- it usually means --

16 MS. FERGUSON: That's the new rule, that's the  
17 thing we started.

18 MS. GARCIA: Right.

19 MS. GODINA: As long as the case isn't filed.

12:53PM 20 MS. GARCIA: The forms are on the web site, and  
21 that's that little box in the -- at the bottom of it where it  
22 says approved by magistrate, that's what that's for.

23 MS. WEBSTER: So, we can just drop them off at  
24 the jail and then --

25 MS. FERGUSON: Uh-huh.

1 MR. DOYLE: If we knew that -- I apologize for  
2 taking everybody's time.

3 MS. FERGUSON: Well, like I said, that's what I  
4 was trying to explain to you the other day. But just make sure  
5 you put a valid --

6 MR. ROEBUCK: It's not the purview of the Board.  
7 If your contract with these various persons go stale after 60  
8 days, that's -- that's between you and the accused.

9 MR. DOYLE: Right. Right. But if they don't  
10 show up for court, they're still on the hook, unless they do  
11 the --

12 MR. ROEBUCK: Well, not if you do an AFRS.

13 MR. DOYLE: Right.

14 MS. LANDRY: Not if you get an AFRS.

15 MR. DOYLE: Right, right, right.

16 MS. FERGUSON: Once you've filed an AFRS, you're  
17 off.

18 MR. ROEBUCK: The risk is that, you know, if  
19 somebody squawks --

20 (SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATIONS.)

21 THE REPORTER: I'm not getting them. I'm getting  
22 him (indicating).

23 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Yeah. Sorry, Kim.

24 MR. DOYLE: Right.

25 MR. ROEBUCK: -- and there wasn't good -- Tom

1 Roebuck -- good and sufficient reason.

2 MR. DOYLE: Off the record.

3 (OFF THE RECORD).

4 MS. GODINA: I mean, and Judge Paasch is there  
5 and Judge Shuffield. So, I mean, and every one that we've  
6 filed, if it's filed on the right form, it gets approved, not to  
7 say -- I mean, they read them. They read what's on there, the  
8 reasoning or whatever; but we have not had any that have not  
9 been signed.

12:55PM 10 MS. FERGUSON: Right.

11 MS. GODINA: Right? Y'all have had several and  
12 then -- and then Cindy mails you the bond, and then she puts it  
13 in the jail screen that y'all are off the bond. So, just say --  
14 I'm just going to say next week they file the case. There's  
15 going to be a warrant issued for that person because you're off  
16 the bond.

17 MS. FERGUSON: And they'll just be at large.

18 MS. GODINA: Right.

19 MR. DOYLE: Thank y'all very much.

12:55PM 20 MS. WEBSTER: We appreciate y'all.

21 MR. FUNCHESS: Do y'all want me to put this back  
22 on the agenda for next month?

23 MS. GODINA: Yes, I think.

24 MS. LANDRY: That's fine. I will. I'll keep it.  
25 If we don't use it, we don't use it.

1 MR. FUNCHES: We'll wait and see what gets done  
2 and --

3 MS. GODINA: Right.

4 MR. FUNCHES: -- then let's take another look at  
5 it.

6 All right. Last item, No. 9, property pledged by  
7 Erika Francois, tabled from April's meeting. I wasn't at  
8 April's meeting. So...

9 MS. GARCIA: Okay. At April's meeting, this  
12:56PM 10 affidavit or a affidavit was presented during discussion. Judge  
11 wanted some language changed in it. Ms. Francois did produce  
12 that affidavit with the change in language. I did bring this  
13 over to Judge Dollinger. He viewed it. He said it's okay. The  
14 changes were, in fact, made per the Board, per the discussion.  
15 And he said it can be voted on at this month's meeting to  
16 approve this deed of trust for the property in Nederland that  
17 Ms. Francois is wanting to pledge to the Board.

18 MS. GOODNESS: So --

19 MS. GARCIA: Now, provided this affidavit will be  
12:56PM 20 filed in the official public records in the county clerk's  
21 office pursuant to the discussion that -- legal advice, on our  
22 attorneys, this is the affidavit that's needed to be filed  
23 stating that she is not claiming any homestead on this property.

24 MR. FUNCHES: Do you want to put that in the  
25 form of a motion?

1 MS. GOODNESS: I so move.

2 MR. FUNCHESS: Get a second?

3 MS. GARCIA: We're not voting members.

4 MR. FUNCHESS: Do we have four voting members?

5 MS. GARCIA: You're the -- you're voting members.

6 MS. VOORHEES: Okay.

7 MS. CORBELLO: Second.

8 MS. VOORHEES: Second.

9 MR. FUNCHESS: All in favor say "Aye."

12:57PM 10 (RESPONSES GIVEN.)

11 MR. FUNCHESS: Any opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. It's passed. That is  
14 all I have on the agenda. Anybody have anything they want to  
15 add about taking action on?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 MR. FUNCHESS: Then we are adjourned.

18 (CONCLUSION OF HEARING)

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