

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING**SEPTEMBER 21, 2017****THOSE PRESENT:**

Judge Clint Woods

Judge Raquel West

Judge Ken Dollinger

Regan Corbello

Becky Garcia

Tim Funchess

Mary Godina

Rhonda Brode

Dustin Galmor

Lt. R. Gutierrez

Tamika Martin

Tonja Voorhies

Quentin Price

Brandi Sewell

1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We'll call the September
2 meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond Board to order. We'll
3 start off with No. 2, review from the district attorney's office
4 regarding the status of collections -- that's been passed out --
5 showing a total of almost \$21,000 collected. Is there any
6 discussion or any questions regarding the district attorney's
7 office's report? Okay.

8 Moving on, consideration and approval of applications
9 to become bondsmen and/or agents and renewals. The first one
10 that I have in front of me is Tamara Ritenour.

11 MS. GARCIA: Ritenour.

12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Ritenour. Am I pronouncing it
13 correctly? From Professional Bail Bonds. It's a renewal, and
14 I'm told that it's all in order. She works for Keith; is that
15 correct?

16 MS. GARCIA: That's correct, Judge.

17 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. The second one is from
18 Sandra Lee Dubose with Professional Bail Bonds. It also is a
19 renewal, and she again works for Keith Day. And I'm told that
20 it is in order and has all the required attachments.

21 And the third and last one that I have a copy
22 of is a renewal for Reshonda Alexander who works for Allied and
23 it also -- excuse me -- it also is in order, has all the
24 required attachments.

25 Do I hear a motion to approve the three

1 renewals?

2 MR. FUNCHESS: So moved.

3 JUDGE WEST: Second.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Motion and a second to
5 approve the three renewal applications. Any discussion or
6 questions? Hearing none. We'll call for a vote. All those in
7 favor of approval say aye.

8 (RESPONSES MADE)

9 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All of those opposed?
10 Hearing none. The motion carries. They're approved.

11 Next is complaints against bail bondsmen. We
12 don't have Mary here. Does anybody aware of any that Mary might
13 have taken in that we don't know about?

14 MS. GARCIA: No, sir.

15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: No. Okay. Item five is the
16 report from treasurer's office on cash and CDs. We have that
17 form from Mr. Funchess. Any questions or discussions on the
18 treasurer's report?

19 MR. FUNCHESS: I'm going to defer comments to
20 our auditor over there.

21 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right.

22 MS. BRODE: Before the storm, I was actually
23 contacting banks and financial institutions to find out whose
24 CDs were active. I was able to confirm Stan Stanley, Scott
25 Goodman, Keith Day and Mr. Hollier, a portion of his. I still

1 have David Fregia, Derrick Dixon and Derrick Haynes that I've
2 made contact. I'm going to be honest, I haven't followed up
3 since the storm. I had left messages. Keith Day was supposed
4 to assist Mr. Leblanc because none of his are active, according
5 to the bank. They could not find them. The bank was bought out
6 and the numbers I gave the new bank were nonexistent; so at this
7 point we have no idea what's going on with Mr. Leblanc. Al
8 Reed's CDs -- is Stellina here?

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Huh-uh.

10 MS. BRODE: Stellina Reed was supposed to get
11 me the new CDs. Apparently all of his CDs, or hers, have been
12 purchased new and have not been given to the county as well.
13 That was before the storm. I know she came into the treasurer's
14 office and got a list of the old CDs. I have not heard from
15 her. I was hoping to talk to Al today to find out. I don't
16 know what's going on. I was hoping Tina would be here because
17 his bonding limit was reduced drastically, and I have no idea
18 why.

19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

20 MR. FUNCHESS: Judge, these CDs we just were
21 just doing an audit on these. And, you know, after what
22 happened with --

23 MS. BRODE: Mr. Leblanc.

24 MR. FUNCHESS: Well, no, the first one. I
25 forget.

1 MS. BRODE: Mr. Leach?

2 MR. FUNCHESS: Yeah. We found out these banks
3 are releasing these CDs or sending them to the state.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Even though we have our holds
5 on them?

6 MR. FUNCHESS: Even though we have an
7 assignment on them. There's no release of assignments on these
8 and why the banks are letting these slip, I don't know why.

9 MS. BRODE: I was able to confirm with the ones
10 that would actually speak with me -- believe it or not, the
11 banks did not want to speak to Jefferson County, even though we
12 have an assignment on the CDs. The ones that would speak to me
13 were able to tell me, it does -- your name is not on the CD but
14 there is a note to contact Jefferson County before the CD is
15 closed out. That's all. So that brings up a concern.

16 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Did we file an assignment
17 documents with the bank?

18 MS. BRODE: Yes.

19 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And we have copies of those
20 documents, I would assume.

21 MS. BRODE: From what I understand, the
22 assignment documents are something that Jefferson County came up
23 with. The bank will sign off on it. This is not a banking
24 document. Therefore, I mean, I would suggest that we possibly
25 have these CDs put in their name and Jefferson County's name.

1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Seems to be the logical thing
2 to do if we --

3 MS. BRODE: Be co-owner.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: -- if we can't get them to
5 hold on to them otherwise.

6 MS. BRODE: I hate that our bail bondsmen
7 representative isn't here.

8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Well, we certainly need to
9 address this issue at next month's meeting, and hopefully we
10 will have a representative.

11 MS. BRODE: So we can put it on the agenda and
12 discuss it next month?

13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Absolutely. Absolutely.
14 We're basically in a position where we are without collateral,
15 so to speak. If they're giving them away, they're sending them
16 off to the state or releasing them back to the named CD holder
17 and they're not honoring our request that they put our
18 assignment on them, then we're basically in the wind.

19 MS. BRODE: Yes, we are.

20 MR. FUNCHESS: Well, this is like a three-page
21 assignment. And when the bail bondsmen purchases a CD, he has
22 the blank assignment and he signs off on it. He signs off on it
23 and it's notarized and the bank signs off on it and it's
24 notarized and then it comes to us. I sign off on it, and it's
25 notarized. Then we file it with the county clerk. So it's a --

1 it's filed -- a legally-filed document. And then we take the --
2 we take the assignment and mail it back to the bank.

3 JUDGE WEST: I mean, we would probably have
4 legal recourse, but then it would cost us money to go after
5 them. It would be better to get our name on it.

6 MR. PRICE: Do we get monthly statements from
7 the banks showing these accounts are --

8 MS. BRODE: No. We're not the owner of the CD
9 so we get nothing.

10 MR. PRICE: Why can we not get --

11 MS. BRODE: We're not the owner.

12 MR. PRICE: They simply say, "You're not the
13 owner and you cannot get it"?

14 MS. BRODE: We're not the owner.

15 MR. PRICE: That doesn't make any sense to me
16 because we are not the only entity in the world that has an
17 assignment on monies deposited at the bank. I mean, that's --
18 we're not unique, I don't imagine.

19 MS. BRODE: I don't think so.

20 MR. PRICE: I can't imagine we would be unique.

21 MS. GARCIA: Well, one of the things Rhonda and
22 I had talked about not only having the Bail Bond Board put on
23 there, on the CD itself but also, you know, by January 31st, if
24 a bondsman has pledged property, they have to turn in that the
25 taxes have been paid, the insurance is paid up, that this would

1 be one more thing they would need to turn in saying, "Hey, it's
2 still good. Here is my receipt from the bank." Just to show
3 that it hasn't been assigned out anywhere or transferred, just
4 further documentation that the CD is in good-standing with the
5 financial institution.

6 JUDGE WEST: That's a good idea.

7 MS. BRODE: I would like to add that to next
8 month's agenda, also.

9 MS. GARCIA: Got it.

10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Absolutely.

11 MS. BRODE: Thank you.

12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Anything further with respect
13 to the treasurer's report on the collaterals? Okay.

14 Mary, just to clarify, we were told that you
15 had no new complaints; is that accurate?

16 MS. GODINA: That's correct, yes, sir.

17 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. All right. And then
18 the final that we have is the auditor's office report. Are
19 there any things specific that you need to point out to us other
20 than what we just discussed?

21 MS. BRODE: I know that the district clerk's
22 office researched Mr. Buchanan's bonds, and some of them were
23 cleared up. I have a call in to Jill trying to find out why
24 there are still some out there. I don't know what they are; so
25 I thought we would clear that up.

1 Again, I just need to speak Tina about Al
2 Reed's bonding limit. I have no explanation. And it dropped a
3 million six. It dropped substantially, and I don't -- I don't
4 know of any collateral change. The treasurer's office didn't
5 have a collateral change on their report.

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

7 MS. BRODE: And, Mary, if you could get with
8 Tina, only because of your location, I'm asking you to -- we do
9 not have the last Collin's Kitchen invoice. I see -- I see the
10 encumbrance out there, but the invoice has not been received
11 yet.

12 MS. GARCIA: I did --

13 MS. BRODE: Becky has it?

14 MS. GARCIA: Nope. I did pick it up, and I
15 brought it Tina. I'm just the middle man.

16 MS. BRODE: Okay. It hasn't been paid yet.

17 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And in Tina's defense -- I
18 don't know this to be a fact -- but there is an outside
19 possibility that it is sitting in my office because that's
20 normally where she brings them for a signature and with all the
21 stuff that we're wading through from three weeks of not being
22 open, it well may be in there. And if so, I apologize to you
23 for not getting it back.

24 MS. BRODE: I like to just remind when I don't
25 see it out there, and it's our final one.

1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I will check with Karen as
2 soon as I get back to see if we have in it our office. And if
3 we do, I'll get it to you.

4 MS. BRODE: Thank you.

5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: You're welcome.

6 MS. BRODE: That's it.

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Tina hasn't arrived;
8 so I guess we'll forego doing the minutes. If anybody would
9 like to see them prior to next month's board meeting, you're
10 welcome to get in touch with her or hopefully she will be
11 posting them to the website where you can simply go online.
12 Nope?

13 MS. GARCIA: They won't be posted until they're
14 approved.

15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Oh, all right. Then if you
16 want to see them before we vote on them next month, please get
17 in touch with Tina and she will be happy to get a copy of them
18 to whomever would like to look them over before we bring them to
19 a vote next month.

20 Any new business that we need bring before the
21 board that was not on the agenda?

22 Any old business that we have carried over that
23 was not on the agenda?

24 If not, we'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

25 MR. FUNCHESS: So moved.

1 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Moved and second that we
3 adjourn, nobody better be opposed.

4 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:43 P.M.)
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