

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2018

THOSE PRESENT:

Judge Jeff Branick
Judge Clint Woods
Judge Raquel West
Pat Knauth
Regan Shannon
Jill Wiebusch
Becky Garcia
Tim Funchess
Keith Day
Mary Godina
Tina Landry
Rhonda Brode
Dustin Galmor
Joleen Fregia
Tonja Voorhies
Patricia Moody

1 MR. FUNCHESS: Looks like I got the hot seat
2 today so I will call the meeting of the Jefferson County Bail
3 Bond Board this January 10th -- what? Today is January 18th,
4 2018. Call this meeting together.

9 JUDGE WEST: So moved.

10 MR. FUNCHESS: Got a motion. Need a second.

11 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12 MR. FUNCHESS: All in favor say aye.

13 (RESPONSES MADE)

14 MR. FUNCHESS: All opposed?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. That motion carries.

17 Number two, Item No. 2 is report from district
18 attorney's office regarding status of collections on judgments.
19 I think that has been distributed. Y'all can review that. If
20 you have any questions, now is the time to ask them.

21 MS. BRODE: Good job.

22 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Moving on, item
23 number three, consideration and approval of applications to
24 become bondsmen or agents and renewals.

25 MS. GARCIA: I do have one renewal, Ronald

1 Booger Hollier. I've e-mailed the application to everyone.
2 Everything seems to be in order, and I have no issues with it.

3 MR. DAY: I thought I saw him outside.

4 MS. GARCIA: He's sitting out in the hallway.

5 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Can we get a motion
6 to renew his application?

7 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion.

8 JUDGE BRANICK: Second.

9 MR. FUNCHESS: Got a motion and a second. All
10 in favor say aye.

11 (RESPONSES MADE)

12 MR. FUNCHESS: Any opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 MR. FUNCHESS: Motion carries.

15 Number four, item number four, consider
16 complaints --

17 MS. BRODE: I'm sorry, Mr. Funchess. Do we
18 discuss the fact that his collateral is going to be going down?

19 MS. LANDRY: That's on the bottom of the
20 agenda.

21 MS. BRODE: Okay. I'm sorry. I don't have it.

22 MS. LANDRY: Did you get the amended?

23 MS. BRODE: I didn't. Never mind.

24 MR. FUNCHESS: Item number four is consider
25 complaints against bondsmen.

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

2 MR. FUNCHESS: Item number five is my report
3 from the treasurer's office on cash and CDs we're holding as
4 collateral. I have distributed that report. If you have any
5 comments or questions, I'll entertain them at this time.

6 Hearing none, we'll move on to item number six
7 which is the report from the auditor's office.

8 MS. BRODE: Reports have been dispersed, and I
9 have no comments.

10 MR. FUNCHESS: Anybody have any questions or
11 comments for Ms. Rhonda?

12 All right. Item number seven is our board
13 chairman election. Obviously, our chairman is not here today;
14 but do we want to push forward with reelecting him absentia?

15 JUDGE WEST: I think that's what you get when
16 you're not here, right?

17 JUDGE BRANICK: So moved. I move we reelect
18 him.

19 MR. FUNCHESS: I have a motion that we reelect
20 Judge Ken Dollinger.

21 JUDGE WEST: Second.

22 MR. FUNCHESS: I have a second. Any other
23 nominations from the floor? Going once, going twice, going
24 three times. All right. Nominations are closed. We have a
25 motion and a second for Judge Ken Dollinger as your chairman.

1 All in favor say aye.

2 (RESPONSES MADE)

3 MR. FUNCHESS: Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Motion carries.

6 Judge Dollinger is our new chairman.

7 And that concludes our business as it appears
8 on the agenda.

9 MS. LANDRY: Okay. You probably didn't get the
10 amended one either.

11 MS. GODINA: I didn't either.

12 MS. LANDRY: We have -- Booger Hollier asked
13 for release of a 5-thousand-dollar CD and I added it but I don't
14 know whether it got posted or not. I don't know if anyone got
15 it, but it was sent to be posted. Anyway, I have the letter;
16 and he has the funds. I've already taken it away off of his
17 liability in the computer and everything. All is good so if
18 y'all want to vote that he can get his five-thousand-dollar CD.

19 MR. FUNCHESS: Okay. That's going to put him
20 right at his minimum.

21 MS. LANDRY: Pardon?

22 MR. FUNCHESS: That's going to put him right at
23 the minimum of \$50,000.

24 MS. LANDRY: Right.

25 MS. BRODE: It's one 55-thousand-dollar CD?

1 MS. LANDRY: No, no, no. I've already taken
2 away the other one.

3 MS. GARCIA: He had two.

4 MS. BRODE: He had a 50 and a five?

5 MS. GARCIA: Yes.

6 MS. BRODE: Okay.

7 MR. FUNCHESS: Well, I need a motion to release
8 \$5,000 in collateral for Booger Hollier.

9 JUDGE WOODS: Make a motion.

10 MR. FUNCHESS: I've got a motion. I need a
11 second.

12 MS. WIEBUSCH: Second.

13 MR. FUNCHESS: I've got a second. All in favor
14 say aye.

15 (RESPONSES MADE)

16 MR. FUNCHESS: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Motion carries.

19 Now, that concludes our agenda. Can I get a motion to adjourn?

20 JUDGE WOODS: I got one thing. I've got a
21 question. I know that most of the meetings are transcribed.
22 I'm on -- me and Judge Branick are on the board -- the risk
23 management board. Those meetings are tape recorded. And is
24 there a reason why we can't tape record these meetings? I'm
25 just curious. I don't know. I don't know if there's a way we

1 can do that, or it has to be transcribed every meeting.

2 MS. GARCIA: There isn't. And I was going to
3 discuss this in this next year because me and Tina had actually
4 talked about it in the past. We'll have to make those video --
5 I mean, the tape recording still listed but I'm not sure if --
6 how we do -- like how the county clerk does for the meetings,
7 who made the motion, who seconded, you know --

8 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So like on the bar board
9 and even the foundation board, which is something where we're
10 dealing with nonprofit and all of that, you have a secretary or
11 someone who that's their job is to take notes and who made a
12 motion and who didn't and just really a bullet point, very brief
13 minutes that gets typed up and sent out. Every board I've ever
14 been on has been like that and not using a court reporter. And
15 I kind of tend to agree, we use court reporters and -- but it's
16 really not their job to do that for this. And if they do
17 transcription for anything else that we have them do, they
18 actually get paid for that. And so we're kind of taking
19 advantage of court reporters by doing this and not paying them.
20 And so if there is another way to have someone just take notes
21 and have a recording and type those out, that's how most boards
22 take care of their business. Just because we have judges with
23 court reporters, it's kind of --

24 JUDGE BRANICK: Yeah. The Open Meetings Act is
25 going to require a recording.

1 MS. GARCIA: Right. And I think that's what I
2 was referring to. But I would also have to look not only in the
3 Chapter 17.04, that kind of sets up our guidelines, also our
4 local rules to see if we didn't impose a local rule that said we
5 had to have a court reporter. But I will make -- inquire into
6 our stuff and see if that's a possibility.

7 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

8 MS. GARCIA: And in which case we can just do
9 the recordings and have the recording posted on our board's web
10 page.

11 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

12 JUDGE BRANICK: Yeah. They -- they don't have
13 to be posted, but they have to be made available to anybody who
14 requests a copy.

15 MS. GARCIA: Which is essentially what we're
16 doing now when we actually have our meetings typed up because we
17 do have people read them.

18 JUDGE WEST: But if we can just do a recording
19 and that complies with the law, then maybe we need to make our
20 policy that, too, if it's not already.

21 MS. GARCIA: Correct.

22 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. That's all I have.

23 MR. FUNCHESS: All right. Anybody have
24 anything else? If not, then we'll be adjourned. Thank you.

25 (MEETING CONCLUDED)