

BAI L BOND BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2018

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Ken Dollinger
Judge Clint Woods
Judge Jeff Branic k
Quenti n Pri ce
Ti m Funchess
Pat Knauth
Regan Shannon
Becky Garci a
Kei th Day
Rhonda Brode
Mary Godi na
Ti na Benoi t
Jol een Fregi a
Lt. A. Morri s
Sgt. J. Patri ck
Chi ef John Schauburger
Ryan Gertz
Dusti n Gal mor
Al i sa Raumaker, CSR

12: 40PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. We'll call
12: 40PM 2 the August meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond
12: 40PM 3 Board to order. I believe we have a quorum present.

12: 40PM 4 The first item of business on the agenda
12: 40PM 5 posted is the review of the minutes from the last
12: 40PM 6 meeting. I believe they're on the internet.

12: 40PM 7 MR. DAY: Move to approve.

12: 40PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Move for approval.
12: 40PM 9 Second?

12: 41PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12: 41PM 11 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We have a motion and a
12: 41PM 12 second that we approve the minutes of the last meeting.
12: 41PM 13 Although those in favor, please signify by saying, "aye."
12: 41PM 14 (Responses).

12: 41PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed, same
12: 41PM 16 sign.

12: 41PM 17 (No response).

12: 41PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, they are
12: 41PM 19 approved.

12: 41PM 20 Second is the report from the District
12: 41PM 21 Attorney's Office regarding collections. Those have been
12: 41PM 22 passed out. It looks like there was a little over
12: 41PM 23 \$12,000 collected between the district and the county
12: 41PM 24 courts over the last month.

12: 41PM 25 Are there any questions or comments about

12: 41PM 1 that report?

12: 41PM 2 (No response).

12: 41PM 3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. Moving on, is
12: 41PM 4 consideration and approval of application to become
12: 41PM 5 bondsmen, agents or renewals of the same.

12: 41PM 6 The first one we have is an agent
12: 41PM 7 application of Gwendolyn Gerber who is employed by
12: 41PM 8 Shirley Laine. That's -- I have been told that
12: 41PM 9 application is in order and there are no deficiencies
12: 41PM 10 noted.

12: 41PM 11 MS. GARCIA: Yes, sir.

12: 41PM 12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I guess we can take them
12: 41PM 13 all up at once. The next is Tiffany Cousins who is an
12: 41PM 14 employee of Keith Day. Also, I've been informed that
12: 41PM 15 there are no discrepancies with that application and
12: 42PM 16 everything is in order.

12: 42PM 17 Next is Shirley Laine to renew her license
12: 42PM 18 as a bondman and also Eric James to renew his license as
12: 42PM 19 a bondsman.

12: 42PM 20 Do we have any questions, comments or
12: 42PM 21 discussions on the applications for renewal?

12: 42PM 22 MS. GARCIA: The only additional comment
12: 42PM 23 I'd like to make is, there is a slight change with the
12: 42PM 24 collateral. I have notified the sureties of this
12: 42PM 25 information. They're okay with it. It's not going to do

12: 42PM 1 any harm to what they already have out there right now.
12: 42PM 2 The information has been passed out to the auditor and to
12: 42PM 3 the treasurer's office and to both the investigator and
12: 42PM 4 other administrator.

12: 42PM 5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Any other
12: 42PM 6 questions, comments or discussion on the applications for
12: 42PM 7 renewal?

12: 42PM 8 (No response).

12: 42PM 9 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, do I have a
12: 42PM 10 motion to approve?

12: 42PM 11 MR. FUNCHES: So move.

12: 42PM 12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Have a motion to approve.
12: 42PM 13 Second?

12: 42PM 14 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12: 42PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Have a motion and a
12: 42PM 16 second that the applications for renewals of agents and
12: 42PM 17 for bondsmen be approved. All those in favor, signify by
12: 42PM 18 saying, "aye."

12: 42PM 19 (Responses).

12: 43PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed, same
12: 43PM 21 sign.

12: 43PM 22 (No response).

12: 43PM 23 JUDGE DOLLINGER: The next one is a new
12: 43PM 24 application for James Milo. This will be an application
12: 43PM 25 for a bondsman who will be writing under Bankers

12: 43PM 1 Insurance Company. And I believe Becky has told me that
12: 43PM 2 that application is also in order with no discrepancies
12: 43PM 3 noted.

12: 43PM 4 MS. GARCIA: The application is in order.
12: 43PM 5 We do have a Bankers Insurance representative here,
12: 43PM 6 Mr. Drew Johnson, the assistant vice president, as well
12: 43PM 7 as the applicant, James Milo.

12: 43PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Do either of you
12: 43PM 9 desire to say anything to us?

12: 43PM 10 MR. JOHNSON: We'd just like to say thank
12: 43PM 11 you for letting us come to the county. We look forward
12: 43PM 12 to it. We've performed our due diligence on Mr. Milo.
12: 43PM 13 He -- he passed all of our tests. So, we're here if
12: 43PM 14 you-all have any questions.

12: 43PM 15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. Thank you for
12: 43PM 16 coming.

12: 43PM 17 Any other questions or discussion about the
12: 43PM 18 application of Mr. Milo to become a bondsman under
12: 43PM 19 Bankers Insurance Company?

12: 43PM 20 MS. GARCIA: There will be a term that the
12: 44PM 21 money will need to be deposited. Once that has taken
12: 44PM 22 place, we'll create an account. Your surety number will
12: 44PM 23 be issued at that point, and we should be good to go
12: 44PM 24 after that.

12: 44PM 25 MR. MILO: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

12: 44PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right.

12: 44PM 2 MR. DAY: Move to approve.

12: 44PM 3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Move to approve. Have a

12: 44PM 4 second?

12: 44PM 5 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12: 44PM 6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Have a move for approval

12: 44PM 7 and a second. All those in favor, signify by saying,

12: 44PM 8 "aye. "

12: 44PM 9 (Responses).

12: 44PM 10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed, same

12: 44PM 11 sign.

12: 44PM 12 (No response).

12: 44PM 13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Next is the report

12: 44PM 14 from the treasurer's office on cash and certificates that

12: 44PM 15 have been put up. That's been passed out with the red

12: 44PM 16 "August" at the top.

12: 44PM 17 Mr. Funchess, are there any notable changes

12: 44PM 18 on that from last month?

12: 44PM 19 MR. FUNCHES: None.

12: 44PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

12: 44PM 21 JUDGE BRANICK: Tim, I notice Don Moye and

12: 44PM 22 Tom Sibley both have cash deposits. Both of them are

12: 44PM 23 deceased. I know at least -- I think both of their

12: 44PM 24 estates have been probated. Do they -- they don't have

12: 44PM 25 any outstanding bonds out?

12: 44PM 1 MS. BRODE: Judge, can you repeat the
12: 45PM 2 names? Moye and who?

12: 45PM 3 JUDGE BRANICK: Donald Moye, M-o-y-e, and
12: 45PM 4 Thomas Sibley, S-i-b-l-e-y.

12: 45PM 5 MS. BRODE: They do not -- I don't
12: 45PM 6 recognize those names on my report. And I run it -- I
12: 45PM 7 ran it Tuesday, and it didn't have outstandings for
12: 45PM 8 either of those.

12: 45PM 9 JUDGE BRANICK: Linda Patterson can get you
12: 45PM 10 the executors of the estate so that those moneys need to
12: 45PM 11 be refunded.

12: 45PM 12 MS. GARCIA: Quentin, is this one of the
12: 45PM 13 ones that we had worked on previously?

12: 45PM 14 MR. PRICE: I don't recognize them. I
12: 45PM 15 thought we had all of ours done except for the one that
12: 45PM 16 I had to do the turnover order. So, I don't recognize
12: 45PM 17 those. So, I don't -- I'd have to look at it.

12: 45PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Is -- is Mr. Buchanan the
12: 45PM 19 one that you're doing the turnover order on?

12: 45PM 20 MR. PRICE: Yeah. I want to say it's
12: 45PM 21 Buchanan that is the 50-dollar one. Is that right?

12: 45PM 22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: 93.95, I believe.

12: 45PM 23 MS. GARCIA: No. Kenneth Randall is --

12: 45PM 24 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Oh, Kenneth Randall.
12: 45PM 25 Okay.

12: 45PM 1 MR. PRICE: Yeah. There is \$50 that he has
12: 46PM 2 on deposit that he owes judgments.

12: 46PM 3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We've also got Paul
12: 46PM 4 Buchanan who's been deceased for some -- a great while.

12: 46PM 5 MR. PRICE: I thought we got that one taken
12: 46PM 6 care of.

12: 46PM 7 JUDGE BRANICK: I didn't see it on here.

12: 46PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: It's the second one at
12: 46PM 9 the bottom half under "attorneys."

12: 46PM 10 MR. PRICE: I can't tell you off the top of
12: 46PM 11 my head.

12: 46PM 12 MS. GARCIA: It's been awhile.

12: 46PM 13 MR. PRICE: It has been awhile.

12: 46PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: While you're checking
12: 46PM 15 with Ms. Patterson, you might also ask her if we can dig
12: 46PM 16 up whomever opened the estate of Mr. Buchanan and get
12: 46PM 17 ahold of them and tell them there's 94 bucks here for
12: 46PM 18 them.

12: 46PM 19 JUDGE BRANICK: I think I had found his
12: 46PM 20 estate file. I'm thinking it was in Chambers County, but
12: 46PM 21 I'm not sure.

12: 46PM 22 MS. GARCIA: Whose?

12: 46PM 23 JUDGE BRANICK: Paul Buchanan.

12: 46PM 24 MS. GARCIA: It was up north around Dallas,
12: 46PM 25 when you and I talked, or maybe that's one of the --

12: 46PM 1 where his daughter lived.

12: 46PM 2 JUDGE BRANICK: Yeah. I had done an
12: 46PM 3 internet search and found it, but now it -- it escapes me
12: 46PM 4 right now.

12: 46PM 5 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. Any other
12: 46PM 6 questions or comments about Mr. Funchess' report?

12: 46PM 7 (No response).

12: 47PM 8 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, we'll move
12: 47PM 9 to the last item of business, the report from the
12: 47PM 10 auditor's office; and that also has been passed out under
12: 47PM 11 the heading "Bail Bond License Fund, Fiscal 2018."

12: 47PM 12 Anything that we need to know of note about
12: 47PM 13 your report?

12: 47PM 14 MS. BRODE: I spoke with the sheriff. And
12: 47PM 15 I think she's got Chief Schauburger here to represent.
12: 47PM 16 She and I were talking about procedures on the bonding
12: 47PM 17 limit, how she was going to go about getting the
12: 47PM 18 information to us so that we know that she's actually
12: 47PM 19 approved.

12: 47PM 20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

12: 47PM 21 MS. BRODE: Chief?

12: 47PM 22 MR. SCHAUBERGER: We're in the progress
12: 47PM 23 right of now coming up with procedures; and once it's in
12: 47PM 24 writing, we'll be sure and submit it to Rhonda and the
12: 47PM 25 Bail Bond Board.

12: 47PM 1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Great. That would be
12: 47PM 2 great. We don't actually regulate them, but at least we
12: 47PM 3 know that they're staying within whatever their limits
12: 47PM 4 are and they're not going over. Because there is a --
12: 47PM 5 if they get -- is it above 20 where they're required to
12: 47PM 6 deposit collateral with us?

12: 48PM 7 MS. BRODE: Unless the sheriff approves a
12: 48PM 8 higher amount.

12: 48PM 9 And here is my question: Once they get the
12: 48PM 10 procedures in place and the Sheriff's Department approves
12: 48PM 11 it, do we go ahead and -- we, Bail Bond Board, Tina,
12: 48PM 12 whoever -- increase their bonding limit temporarily for
12: 48PM 13 that amount? Because right now the two that Sheriff knew
12: 48PM 14 about are still at a lower limit. I didn't know if you
12: 48PM 15 needed anything.

12: 48PM 16 MS. BENOIT: I'll be happy to do that for
12: 48PM 17 them if they'll just tell me.

12: 48PM 18 MS. GODINA: We're going to want something
12: 48PM 19 in writing, though.

12: 48PM 20 MS. BRODE: Something in writing to either
12: 48PM 21 of the two of you?

12: 48PM 22 MS. BENOIT: Yeah.

12: 48PM 23 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right.

12: 48PM 24 MS. BRODE: So, Chief, whenever you send
12: 48PM 25 that to me, I'll give you their names so that you can

12: 48PM 1 forward the information to them.

12: 48PM 2 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. Any other
12: 48PM 3 comments, questions, discussion on the license fund
12: 48PM 4 report from the auditor's office?

12: 48PM 5 (No response).

12: 48PM 6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, that
12: 48PM 7 concludes all the noticed items from the agenda posting.

12: 48PM 8 If anybody has any business that we need to
12: 48PM 9 take up without acting on it, this will be your
12: 49PM 10 opportunity to mention that.

12: 49PM 11 JUDGE BRANICK: Well, on the bondsman
12: 49PM 12 report on Josh Stewart, there was a bond limit of 101,000
12: 49PM 13 and an amount out of 385,000 and then unpaid forfeiture
12: 49PM 14 of 201,000. I just wanted to know what's going on with
12: 49PM 15 that.

12: 49PM 16 MS. BRODE: Yes, sir. What we do is, we
12: 49PM 17 lowered their bond limit. Once they've expired, the bond
12: 49PM 18 limit is reduced to their collateral amount and not ten
12: 49PM 19 times.

12: 49PM 20 MS. GARCIA: And we're not going to release
12: 49PM 21 his collateral until all of his bonds have made their way
12: 49PM 22 through. They're still responsible for them.

12: 49PM 23 MR. DAY: Did the insurance company end up
12: 49PM 24 withdrawing that application?

12: 49PM 25 MS. GARCIA: Yes.

12: 49PM 1 JUDGE BRANICK: Like, on Cory Crenshaw and
12: 49PM 2 Mitch Templeton, that is both over their bond limit.

12: 50PM 3 MS. BRODE: Those are the two that we
12: 50PM 4 discussed that were approved by Sheriff.

12: 50PM 5 JUDGE BRANICK: Okay.

12: 50PM 6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Any other discussion or
12: 50PM 7 comments?

12: 50PM 8 (No response).

12: 50PM 9 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I'll entertain a motion
12: 50PM 10 to adjourn.

12: 50PM 11 MR. FUNCHES: Move to adjourn.

12: 50PM 12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I have a motion.

12: 50PM 13 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12: 50PM 14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Motion and a second that
12: 50PM 15 the meeting be adjourned. All those in favor of
12: 50PM 16 adjourning, signify by saying, "aye."

12: 50PM 17 (Responses).

12: 50PM 18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We're adjourned.

12: 50PM 19 (Conclusion of meeting).

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