

## **BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING**

(VIA ZOOM)

APRIL 15, 2021

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Clint Woods

Judge Raquel West

Kellie Holmes

Glenda Segura

10 THOSE PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Charlie Hallmark

Rhonda Brode

Joleen Fregia

Tamika Martin

Sandra Mott

Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones

Valencia Simpson

Theresa Goodness

Keith Day

Dustin Galmor

Pat Knauth

David Freg

Chris Romano

JUDGE WEST: We are going to call the meeting to order finally because my computer decided it was going to be 1:30 instead of 12:30 so it wouldn't let me have my own meeting because it said it was already over so anyway. And then I tried to fix it but I'm not an administrator on my computer and they wouldn't give me the password because I'm not trustworthy for that, I think. So there. All right.

We have the minutes, I think the minutes from last month's meeting. Everyone, those were emailed out to everyone. I'll need a motion and a second to approve those.

JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion.

JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion by Judge Woods.

MR. KNAUTH: Second.

JUDGE WEST: Second by Mr. Knauth. Any discussion on those? All right. All in favor please raise your right hand. I can't see some of you guys. If you'll make yourself -- hang on a second -- that way you can vote. I can't see Valencia. I can't see Chris. I can't see David. Okay. And, David, you're not a voting member so that's fine. Okay.

Voting members, please all raise your right hand if you -- please all raise your right hand (laughing) -- all in favor, please raise your hand.

(HANDS RAISED)

Any opposed, raise your hand. This is going to be bad. That's approved.

1                   I hope we don't have anything serious to do  
2 today.

3                   All right. Report from district attorney's  
4 office regarding status of collections. Anything on that from  
5 the DA's office?

6                   MR. KNAUTH: Just the normal report.

12:44 7                   JUDGE WEST: Any questions on that from anyone?

8 All right. And that's not -- we don't have to vote on that.

9                   Let's see. Okay. If you are on, let's see.  
10 Keith, you're not muted. I don't know if you've got noise  
11 coming. And Mr. Fregia and Valencia, if you guys can mute  
12 yourselves. Okay.

12:44 13                   Number three -- I'm still hearing somebody. I  
14 can't tell who I'm hearing. Okay.

15                   Consideration and approval of applications for  
16 bondsmen, did we have any?

17                   MS. SEGURA: Yes.

12:45 18                   JUDGE WEST: I don't have that up here. Let's  
12:45 19 see. We have got the application -- so we have got a renewal  
20 for David Fregia. It appears to all be in order that Becky  
21 presented. And everything is in order, if anybody has any  
22 questions. If not, we will need a motion and second to approve  
23 that renewal.

24                   MR. DAY: I make the motion.

25                   MS. GOODNESS: This is Theresa. I make the

1 second.

2 JUDGE WEST: Was that you, Keith, that made the  
3 motion?

12:46 4 MR. DAY: Yes, yes.

5 JUDGE WEST: All right. We've got a motion by  
6 Keith. Theresa seconded. Is there any discussion?

7 All right. All those in favor, please raise  
8 your hand.

9 (HANDS RAISED)

10 JUDGE WEST: Those opposed, raise your hand.  
11 All right. That's approved.

12 MR. FREGIA: Thank you very much.

13 JUDGE WEST: You're welcome. Thanks,  
14 Mr. Fregia.

15 MR. FREGIA: Thank you.

16 JUDGE WEST: All right. Complaints against  
17 bondsmen, Ms. Holmes.

18 MS. HOLMES: I have not gotten any.

19 JUDGE WEST: All right. We don't have any.

20 Report from the treasurer on cash and CDs up  
21 for collateral. Anything on that?

22 MR. HALLMARK: No, ma'am. Everything is fine.

12:47 23 JUDGE WEST: Thank you, Mr. Hallmark. Anybody  
24 have any questions of Mr. Hallmark or anything like that?

25 Release of property, do we have any?

1 MS. SEGURA: Yes.

2 JUDGE WEST: Yes.

3 MS. SEGURA: I have Joe Segura and Stan  
4 Stanley.

5 JUDGE WEST: We have got a request from Joe  
6 Segura --

7 MS. SEGURA: Becky said everything is fine.

8 JUDGE WEST: -- to release collateral, two  
12:47 9 properties. One is 3690 Ironton, and the other is 1789 Lucas.  
10 The total amount of that collateral is \$56,840. Everything  
11 would be in order still if we do that. And so we would need a  
12 motion and a vote on that.

13 MR. DAY: And all of his -- everything is off  
14 his docket now, right? This is Keith.

15 MS. SEGURA: Yes, yes.

16 JUDGE WEST: Yes, yes.

12:47 17 JUDGE WOODS: Then I'll make a motion.

18 JUDGE WEST: Judge Woods made a motion.

19 MR. DAY: I second.

20 JUDGE WEST: All right. Keith second. All  
21 those in -- is there any other questions or concerns with regard  
22 to the collateral release for Joe Segura?

23 All those in favor, please raise your hand.

24 (HANDS RAISED)

25 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed, raise your hand. All

1 right. That passes. I'll sign off on that.

2 MS. SEGURA: And he's in good standing; so that  
3 would be good.

4 JUDGE WEST: The second one is from Stan  
5 Stanley with Allied. It's a request to release four CDs; each  
12:48 6 are in the amount of \$10,000. They've run the numbers on those  
7 and he would still be in good standing if we allow the release  
8 of those CDs.

9 Does anybody have any questions or concerns  
10 about those? We will need a motion and a vote on that as well.

11 MR. DAY: I make a motion.

12 JUDGE WEST: All right.

13 MS. GOODNESS: This is Theresa. I make a  
14 second.

15 MR. HALLMARK: Second.

16 JUDGE WEST: Thank you. We've got a motion by  
12:48 17 Keith and I think Charlie seconded that. All in favor, please  
18 raise your right hand, or raise your hand.

19 (HANDS RAISED)

20 MS. HOLMES: You're determined to swear someone  
21 in.

22 JUDGE WEST: I've been in court too much this  
23 week. All right. Any opposed, raise your hand.

24 That passes. Thank you very much.

25 Report from the auditor's office, anything on

1 that.

12:49 2 MS. BRODE: I have distributed the reports. I  
3 have added a new report at the beginning if the county clerk or  
4 district clerk would assist me, I would really appreciate.  
5 It's -- I'm looking to help to clean some of these up. It's  
6 people with no bond limits that have money out. I think there's  
7 just errors in the system. If they're not, I need to know one  
8 way or the other. Just trying to clean up a list.

9 JUDGE WEST: All right. Thanks, Rhonda. So I  
10 guess if we can also ask Becky, Theresa, when she gets back, to  
11 kind of look into that and see if she can do some research and  
12 figure out what's going on with those and work with Rhonda on  
13 that.

14 MS. GOODNESS: Sure. Be glad to do that.

15 JUDGE WEST: Thank you.

16 Anything else, Rhonda?

17 MS. BRODE: No, ma'am.

18 JUDGE WEST: All right. So the next thing I  
19 have to discuss really wasn't something that I think we voted  
20 on. It's really a district attorney issue. Back when, probably  
21 mid year last year, we realized -- and Quentin Price visited  
22 with me and we visited with Keith Day and some of the bondsmen  
23 about the fact that if they had a bond forfeiture, they found  
24 their person but they have certain agencies that were not  
25 picking them up at that time. They have 270 days -- correct me

1 if I'm wrong, Keith -- but they have 270 days --

2 MR. DAY: For felonies and 180 on misdemeanors.

3 JUDGE WEST: Right. And so the district  
4 attorney's office agreed to suspend that 270-day -- or those  
12:50 rules, because it really wasn't fair when the agencies weren't  
6 picking up the people. I think we are past that now, for sure  
7 on felonies. Mr. Price sent me a message from the district  
8 attorney's office that they are going to reinstate the rule with  
9 regard to felonies right now, not necessarily misdemeanors  
10 because there are still some agencies that are not picking up  
12:51 11 nonviolent misdemeanors. And so the 270-day rule for felonies  
12 is going to begin again. And so, Keith, I guess if you have a  
13 way of sending out maybe some information to the bondsmen to let  
14 them know that on the felonies, that waiver is over.

15 MR. DAY: Okay. I will certainly do that.

16 JUDGE WEST: All right. Perfect. Thank you.

17 And then couple of different things, actually  
18 it's already on here and then Judge Stevens mentioned this to me  
19 a minute ago, it's not really an agenda -- I mean, it's on the  
20 agenda, but it's really something to just discuss. I think  
12:51 21 based on what happened, I think it was a couple of weeks ago,  
22 with regard to bond conditions on family violence cases. And it  
23 turned out, I think, that we are -- I think for the most part,  
24 the bondsmen all are doing what is necessary and attaching and  
25 giving the people their conditions. We just wanted to talk

1 about and maybe remind you guys -- and what I'm talking about is  
2 there's a case where it had -- a person had a felony pending, a  
12:52 3 stalking case, also had an assault family violence, was let out  
4 on a bond, made a bond. Had a protective order and everything.  
5 Everything was done, I think, that needed to be done; but he  
6 went and then killed the lady, the girlfriend. And so that  
7 happened last week, beginning of last week, I think.

8 So just kind of as a reminder, Judge Stevens  
9 mentioned he had one the other day in his court that was a  
10 different person but the person that was on bond was having  
12:52 11 contact with the victim and said he didn't know it was a  
12 condition of his bond not to do so. Judge Stevens got in touch  
13 with the bondsman who did the bond, requested them to come to  
14 court. They did. They had their file. It was in all order.  
15 It was, you know, initialed where they had given them those  
16 bonds conditions. And so it's just everybody is just a little  
17 hyperaware of that situation. And so we want to make sure all  
18 the bondsmen are aware. Make sure you have what you need to  
19 show that you gave everyone those admonishments or those bond  
20 conditions because you may be called to court if someone says --  
21 if someone says they --

22 JUDGE WOODS: They didn't receive it.

23 JUDGE WEST: -- didn't get them. Does that  
24 make sense?

25 MR. DAY: Judge, on those -- that was my case,

1 the gentleman did that. I'm not real familiar with those GPS  
2 monitors, exactly how they work. I've never called Johnny who  
12:53 3 does a lot of those and asked him about that. But do they have  
4 a system set up on those that if the defendant -- I mean,  
5 obviously, if the victim is in a public area like at a  
6 restaurant or somewhere like that, they obviously wouldn't know  
7 that. But if they're at their home, do those GPS monitors not  
8 alert the person who is tracking them to contact authorities and  
9 say, "Hey, this guy is somewhere where he shouldn't be right  
10 now"?

11 JUDGE WEST: So, my understanding, is -- a  
12 couple of things, first, is they have to be told. Johnny's has  
13 to be told. So the bond conditions, if it just says remain away  
14 from a person, they're not going to know that address. We have  
15 to -- like, I'll sometimes in court say, "Remain away from a  
16 person and specifically give an address." And if that happens,  
17 then they can get that alert. I don't know how quick they get  
18 the alert. And when they get the alert, I don't think it's  
19 their duty. They let us know, typically, unfortunately, you  
12:55 20 know, the next day or something like that.

21 MR. DAY: Right, right.

22 JUDGE WEST: The case that was yours, the girl  
23 was not at her house. She had gone and was hiding out with the  
24 other guy, the one who actually got killed. So she wasn't even  
25 at her house; but I don't think there is anything set up where

1 Johnny's would have some type of immediate, "Here they are.  
2 Call the authorities," and they're going to go do that.

3 MR. DAY: Okay. What I may do, Judge, next  
4 time I'm in town, call a meeting of the bondsmen, or at least  
12:55 5 the majority of the bondsmen who are writing the majority of the  
6 bonds, and see if maybe we can get Johnny there and come up with  
7 some sort of system to kind of -- and, like you said, I mean,  
8 it's -- it's not -- it's not a fail proof by any means but --

9 JUDGE WEST: No. But it could be helpful.

10 MR. DAY: But maybe eliminate a situation like  
11 that happening again.

12 JUDGE WEST: Well, and what we might also need  
13 to do is on the conditions, instead of just -- and get with the  
14 magistrates who are setting those bonds and those bond  
15 conditions, where if it's the magistrate that's ordering the  
12:56 16 GPS, make sure that they include, not just remain away from  
17 person but go ahead and put as many of the addresses, also. We  
18 can talk about that.

19 MR. FREGIA: Can I say something?

20 JUDGE WEST: Sure.

21 MR. FREGIA: This is David. On that, Keith, in  
22 particular on the ankle monitors, yes, you can put perimeters on  
23 them. You can put, you know, the person at X address. You can  
24 put a neighborhood on there and it will alert it and it does do  
25 a GPS tracking on it, on a system like if the DA's office or

12:56 1 anyone want it, whoever has the ankle monitor on, whoever's  
2 ankle monitor it is, it is tracking them. So, yes, you can see  
3 the address where they have been, and you can put perimeters on  
4 the GPS monitors.

5 JUDGE WEST: It's just not instant when they  
6 violate. It's more of, "Okay. Yes, they said they weren't  
7 there. We can get some proof of where they were," is how it's  
8 used more often than not now instead of more of an immediate,  
9 "They're where they're not supposed to be. Let's alert the  
10 authorities."

12:56 11 That's all I have on the agenda. Does anyone  
12 else have anything they need to discuss? Any other business?

13 MS. SEGURA: Tamika.

14 JUDGE WEST: Yes. I forgot. Tamika, there is  
15 something else, right?

16 MS. MARTIN: Yes, ma'am. This is Captain Louis  
17 and Lieutenant Harrison is also on with me.

18 JUDGE WEST: Hello.

19 MS. MARTIN: So the AFRS's, I had another one  
20 that was indicted. I had the bond, but the AFRS went to Judge  
21 Collins, and they got off of it.

22 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

23 MS. MARTIN: So I'm going to go ahead and send  
24 the bond back; but he did post the bond, then they issued a  
25 warrant. So now he has an active warrant, and he was indicted

1 on it. So I'm going to have to send the bond back to Stan  
2 Stanley.

3 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So back in January, if  
4 y'all remember, we had -- we discussed this issue at the meeting  
12:57 5 and the court reporter actually printed out to remind me what we  
6 talked about. And, Keith, I don't remember if you remember, we  
7 had figured it out that what happens is when a case is  
8 preindicted and there needs to be an AFRS, that we were saying  
9 that those need to be taken to the jail, not to the JP and that  
10 the jail would then present them to the magistrates the next  
11 morning and ask the magistrates that are doing the arraignments  
12 12 in the morning to sign off on those. Because what's happening  
13 is if they take it to -- and probably what we need, also, Judge  
14 Jones, is because they're still going to be some that are  
15 accidentally or mistakenly taken to the JPs, we need all the JPs  
16 to know if they do get an AFRS and sign one, they have to send  
17 that to Tamika at the jail. Otherwise, Tamika is holding a good  
18 bond, or thinks she's holding a good bond, and someone signed an  
19 AFRS and it's just sitting in someone's office and there's no  
12:58 20 way for anyone to know that. They can't sit on them. I'll talk  
21 to Judge Collins' office again to make they know if they get  
22 any, they have to send them. But, ideally, we need the bondsmen  
23 to take those to the jail; and that would alleviate it.

24 So I'm just going to ask again, Keith, if you  
25 and Judge Jones will reach out to y'all's respective groups to

1 make sure they understand why that's important that they take  
2 them to the jail; and if they don't take them to the jail, Judge  
12:59 3 Jones, for you to tell them to make sure they have to -- it  
4 doesn't do any good for them to just get them and sign off on  
5 them.

6 MR. DAY: Okay.

7 JUDGE JONES: Not a problem.

8 JUDGE WEST: Anything else, Tamika, that would  
9 help with that?

10 MS. MARTIN: No, ma'am. That's it. Just as  
11 long as I get it.

12 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

14 JUDGE WEST: Anything else? All right. Thanks  
15 for y'all's patience for us getting started.

16 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

17 MR. DAY: I make a motion.

18 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

19 JUDGE WEST: All right. Motion and second.

12:59 20 I'm sure everybody is in favor; so we are adjourned.

21 Thanks, y'all.

22 (MEETING CONCLUDED)

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