

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

2 NOVEMBER 18, 2021

3
4 THOSE PRESENT:

JUDGE RAQUEL WEST

5 JUDGE CLINT WOODS

6 BECKY BERTRAND

7 KELLIE HOLMES

8 GLENDA SEGURA

9 VALENCIA SIMPSON

10 CHARLIE HALLMARK

11 THERESA GOODNESS

12 RHONDA BRODE

13 DUSTIN GALMOR

14 TONJA VOORHIES

15 CAPTAIN LEWIS

16 TAMIKA MARTIN

17 KEITH DAY

18 TOM ROEBUCK

1 JUDGE WEST: All right. If everyone --
2 we'll call the meeting to order. Thanks, everyone, for
3 coming. So, we don't have the minutes from last meeting
4 yet. We'll try to get those for next month's meeting
5 and go over those. Everyone should have a report from
6 the District Attorney's Office. Do we have -- we have a
7 forum. I don't see anybody from their office, so don't
8 ask any questions.

9 MS. BERTRAND: It was passed out.

10 JUDGE WEST: It was passed out.

11 Consideration and approval of applications
12 to become bondsmen, agents and renewals. Any?

13 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

14 JUDGE WEST: Any complaints?

15 MRS. HOLMES: No. Sorry. No, there's no
16 complaints.

17 JUDGE WEST: Good.

18 Report from treasurer on cash and CD's up
19 for collateral?

20 MR. DAY: Nothing to report.

21 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Release of any
22 property? We have any of that?

23 MS. SEGURA: No.

24 JUDGE WEST: Report from Auditor's office?
25 Everyone should have that as well, I think.

1 MS. BRODE: I have distributed it. I just
2 wanted to say what a great job everyone is doing working
3 on the older things. All of the deceased attorneys have
4 disappeared off the list.

5 JUDGE WEST: Yay.

6 MS. BRODE: All of the older accounts that
7 were uncollectible have disappeared, as well. So, it's
8 moving on nicely. Thank you.

9 JUDGE WEST: Thanks, everyone, who's doing
10 that. We appreciate it.

11 Updated bond conditions for felony cases.
12 Those have been -- between last meeting and this
13 meeting, they have been rewritten and done and approved
14 and sent out to the jail and, hopefully, working much
15 better than the short term other ones that got sent out.
16 So, everybody good with those? Good, because I'm not
17 changing them again.

18 Hold election for chairman and vice
19 chairman. So, what we need, I guess, for chairperson --
20 we'll do one-at-a-time nominations for chair for the
21 next year -- is it one year or two years?

22 MS. BERTRAND: One.

23 JUDGE WEST: Feels like it's 50.

24 MR. DAY: I hate -- Judge, can we back up
25 for just a second?

1 JUDGE WEST: We can.

2 MR. DAY: How are we -- how are the
3 defendants being notified about who does drug patches
4 and GPS monitors and things of that nature? Is there
5 some type --

6 JUDGE WEST: I thought y'all were telling
7 them.

8 MR. DAY: Well, we know who they are, but
9 there has been a -- you know, a few -- you know, there's
10 more now.

11 JUDGE WEST: Yes, and probably --

12 MR. DAY: When it was just one person, you
13 know, it's easy. But, you know, now that this seems to
14 be a business -- yeah, a growing industry now, I was
15 wondering if it might be an opportunity for maybe the
16 jail to maybe have a list of -- they have bondsmen, they
17 have -- I haven't been out to the jail in a while, but
18 they used to have taxi companies and whatever else.
19 They had a list on the wall. Maybe a list who does
20 that.

21 JUDGE WEST: That's probably a good idea
22 for them and the bondsmen to have the same list so that
23 no one is -- looks like they are funneling it somewhere
24 that they shouldn't or anything like that. So, I guess
25 what I would need to know is who is on that list and

1 how --

2 MR. DAY: I don't think there really is a
3 list right now.

4 JUDGE WOODS: I have a list.

5 MR. DAY: You do?

6 JUDGE WOODS: I can fax it out. There's a
7 list I keep in court. I always pass it out to
8 everybody.

9 MR. DAY: If the jail has that up there --

10 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah. We can fax one out
11 there and y'all can post it. I don't know if it's all
12 inclusive.

13 MR. DAY: Well, it needs to be separated
14 because you have the GPS monitors, which I think that --
15 you guys do you GPS monitors and then Johnny does GPS
16 monitors, and then there's a company out of Houston that
17 does them. And then, of course, there's a few people
18 that do drug patches now that are different.

19 JUDGE WOODS: Let me go get it, and then
20 I'll let you look at it so you can tell me if it's all
21 of them.

22 JUDGE WEST: What we might need to do is if
23 you can send out a message, too, because I know some of
24 the bondsmen are getting into that business opportunity,
25 and make sure, if they want, they need -- we want that

1 information to go out to everyone so everyone's on the
2 list. It does not need to be -- look like anybody's
3 getting some kind of special treatment. So, we want to
4 figure out a way that wherefore -- I guess within a
5 certain mile rage or something like that. We don't need
6 to include Houston, not necessarily.

7 MR. DAY: I think there's only one -- does
8 Johnny do all the devices? I know y'all do ankle
9 monitors. Y'all don't do drug patches, though, right?
10 Al, y'all do drug patches?

11 MR. REED: (Nodding head up and down)

12 MR. DAY: Johnny do SCRAM devices?

13 MR. FREGIA: Portable blower.

14 JUDGE WEST: They do portable. SCRAM, I
15 think, is the only one where some people do have to go
16 further away.

17 MR. DAY: Yeah, you have to go to Houston
18 for that.

19 JUDGE WEST: We will get a list, and then
20 you guys will send out some information to at least the
21 bondsmen and we can try to figure out -- get details as
22 we can on who does all that, and we can get it to the
23 jail and bondsmen to send out.

24 Okay. He's gone. Who wants to make a
25 nomination? Even if y'all don't, we have to do it.

1 Like, we have to act like we did that while he was gone,
2 nominate him and he got elected.

3 MR. DAY: Do you want to all just clap when
4 he walks in and say "congratulations."

5 JUDGE WEST: Yes. Because he thought it
6 was going to be so funny because he thought I was going
7 to still be in trial. He was like, I guess we know
8 what's gonna happen. We're going to get him when he
9 comes back.

10 MR. DAY: When he walks in, say, "All those
11 in favor," and we'll all say "I."

12 JUDGE WEST: Yes. Perfect. We have to
13 have fun while you can, you know. It's been a serious
14 day.

15 All those in favor?

16 (RESPONSE)

17 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

18 JUDGE WOODS: What just happened? I knew
19 it.

20 JUDGE WEST: It was a joke.

21 JUDGE WOODS: I knew it. Y'all set me up.

22 JUDGE WEST: What can we do to get him out
23 of the room? You did it for us. You helped.

24 Okay. Now we're going to really hold
25 elections for chairperson and vice chairman. Are there

1 any nominations? We will do chairman first.

2 JUDGE WOODS: You. I make a motion on
3 nominating you, Judge West.

4 JUDGE WEST: Is there a second?

5 MS. GOODNESS: Second.

6 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Are there any other
7 nominations? Anyone? All right. All those in favor?

8 (RESPONSE)

9 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? Nay.

10 MS. HOLMES: Besides you.

11 JUDGE WEST: All right. Thank y'all.

12 Vice chairman? Motion?

13 MS. GOODNESS: I nominate Judge Woods.

14 JUDGE WEST: Is there a second?

15 MR. DAY: I second.

16 JUDGE WEST: Any other nominations? At
17 least you get to back me up. All right. All those in
18 favor?

19 (RESPONSE)

20 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

21 JUDGE WOODS: Me.

22 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Election for the surety
23 position on the bail bond commission? Is this the one
24 that we need nominations and then you guys do --

25 MS. BERTRAND: Secret.

1 JUDGE WEST: It's a secret ballot. Do we
2 need to have something for them to pass around? How do
3 we do that?

4 MS. BERTRAND: Just a sheet of paper. Last
5 time we gave them a sheet of paper, they write on it. I
6 think one of us will collect it, tally it.

7 MR. REED: There's only two bondsmen here.

8 MR. FREGIA: Three.

9 MR. REED: Counting Keith.

10 JUDGE WEST: Everyone was notified. So, do
11 we have to have any kind of different quorum for them,
12 or it's just a matter -- do they make nominations? I
13 can't remember this at all.

14 MS. BERTRAND: It is very vague.

15 JUDGE WEST: You just write down on there
16 who you want or do they make nominations?

17 MS. BERTRAND: No, just the names.

18 JUDGE WEST: Let's just --

19 JUDGE WOODS: Just vote. No nominations.

20 MR. REED: Whether they're here or whether
21 they're not here?

22 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah. It's very vague.

23 MR. DAY: Yeah, you can nominate any
24 licensed bondsman. The only ones that can vote are the
25 ones that are here.

1 MS. HOLMES: The owners.

2 MR. DAY: Just three of us.

3 MR. FREGIA: I nominate you.

4 MR. REED: I mean -- -

5 MR. DAY: Do y'all want to go through this?

6 Do you want me to strong-arm you?

7 MS. BERTRAND: It's in the statute.

8 MR. REED: I want to nominate Ronnie
9 LeBlanc.

10 JUDGE WEST: So, did we make --

11 MR. DAY: Ronnie can't drive down here.
12 What are you talking about?

13 JUDGE WEST: Do we make a nomination out
14 loud?

15 MS. BERTRAND: No. They just have to write
16 someone's name and we collect it, unless we want to
17 create a local rule.

18 JUDGE WEST: We can't create it today, but
19 we probably should make it a little more clear.

20 Becky -- do you want to hand that to Becky
21 to tally those votes, please?

22 MS. BERTRAND: It's unanimous. Keith Day.

23 JUDGE WEST: All right. So, the members
24 that are present all voted for Keith Day. So,
25 congratulations, Keith.

1 MR. DAY: Thank you.

2 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Any other business?

3 That's all that's on the agenda. Is there any --

4 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. I do need to mention
5 the legislative met. They changed up a bunch of laws
6 and rules, and, you know -- they're famous for. So, I
7 want to let the bondsmen know that going forward January
8 1, the filing fee for judgment Nisi cases -- and this is
9 statewide -- it's going up to \$350 to file a judgment
10 Nisi. No ifs, ands or buts. County Clerk, District
11 Clerk level.

12 JUDGE WEST: What was it?

13 MS. BERTRAND: 220.

14 MR. FREGIA: 220 on felonies. So, they're
15 going 350 for misdemeanors and felonies?

16 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah, sir. Senate Bill 41.

17 MR. FREGIA: They're not the same
18 everywhere.

19 MS. BERTRAND: This is state wide.

20 MR. DAY: This is going to be a flat rate
21 of 350? That's actually better because every county --

22 MR. FREGIA: Some of them are 500.

23 MR. DAY: Yeah. Every county is different.

24 MS. BERTRAND: If you get a bill larger
25 than 350 for a filing fee, you might want to look into

1 it.

2 MR. FREGIA: So, misdemeanor and felony?

3 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah.

4 JUDGE WEST: Any other business? All

5 right. Is there a motion to adjourn?

6 MS. GOODNESS: So made.

7 JUDGE WEST: Thanks, you guys. Meeting is

8 adjourned.

9 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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