

1 BAIL BOND BOARD HEARING

2 DECEMBER 9, 2021

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5 THOSE PRESENT: JUDGE RAQUEL WEST

6 JUDGE CLINT WOODS

7 PAT KNAUTH

8 VALENCIA SIMPSON

9 BECKY BERTRAND

10 THERESA GOODNESS

11 CHARLIE HALLMARK

12 KEITH DAY

13 KELLIE HOLMES

14 GLENDA SEGURA

15 RHONDA BRODE

16 TOM ROEBUCK

17 TONJA VOORHIES

18 TAMMIKA MARTIN

19 DONTA MILLER

20 HAYLEE FOURNIER

21 KIMBERLY BROUSSARD

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23 THOSE PRESENT IN AUDIENCE:

24 JAY DELAHOUSSAYE

1 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Let's go ahead and get
2 started. Thank you-all for being here.

13 MS. GOODNESS: I make a motion that the minutes
14 be approved with the one correction.

15 MR. KNAUTH: Second.

16 JUDGE WEST: A motion and a second. Any other
17 discussion about the minutes?

18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 JUDGE WEST: All those in favor?

12:34PM 20 (AYE RESPONSES.)

21 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

22 | (NO RESPONSE.)

23 JUDGE WEST: All right. That passes. You all
24 should have the district attorney's report in front of you. Any
25 questions? We've got Mr. Knauth here ready and willing to

1 answer any questions that anybody has.

2 MR. KNAUTH: I will get you the answers.

3 JUDGE WEST: No concerns over that?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 JUDGE WEST: All right. Then the next is any --
6 do we have any applications for new bondsmen or renewals?

7 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

8 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Any complaints?

9 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am, no complaints.

12:35PM 10 JUDGE WEST: Everybody I think was just handed a
11 report from the treasurer.

12 MR. HALLMARK: Nothing to report.

13 JUDGE WEST: Nothing to report. Anyone have any
14 questions of the treasurer on their report?

15 (NO RESPONSE.)

16 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Any requests for release of
17 property, CDs, cash, things like that?

18 MS. SEGURA: No.

19 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Everyone has the report from
12:35PM 20 the auditor's office. Anything on that, Rhonda?

21 MS. BRODE: As a Christmas gift to the Board, I
22 have no comment.

23 (LAUGHTER AND CLAPPING)

24 JUDGE WEST: What? We're about to -- we're about
25 to set a record on this meeting.

14 Did you do anything?

15 JUDGE WOODS: No. I just told everyone that was
16 present that if they do that sort of thing to contact probation
17 and add their name to the list.

18 JUDGE WEST: Did we find out who at probation,
19 who did that and who they need to contact?

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WOODS: I don't know. I just...

21 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

22 MR. DAY: I thought you -- I thought you gave us
23 a name that day.

24 JUDGE WOODS: Well, it probably was either Peggy
25 or Jennifer Reeves.

1 MR. DAY: Peggy. It was Peggy.

2 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah.

3 MR. DAY: Yeah.

4 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

5 MR. DAY: 'Cause that's who I -- I know Johnny
6 and Al made contact with them. I'm not sure --

7 JUDGE WOODS: And I would've probably said Peggy.

8 MS. SEGURA: Uh-huh.

9 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. Okay. Perfect.

12:37PM 10 MS. BERTRAND: Judge, the only comment I would
11 have on that is if they could make it -- I kind of came up with
12 this and I showed Judge Woods yesterday, in this kind of format,
13 because not all businesses have those services.

14 JUDGE WEST: Right.

15 MS. BERTRAND: So, if this is posted, it's kind
16 of like, okay, I know they offer these services and so on and if
17 they could --

18 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. We can do that --

19 MS. BERTRAND: -- so it's not confusing.

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WEST: -- over there or however they want
21 to do it to make it clear. We'll give them that example.
22 That's a good idea.

23 So, is there anything else on that as far as -- I
24 mean, the bondsmen are letting the defendants know. That's who
25 tells them they have to have one thing or another.

1 MR. DAY: Right. There is one question I have
2 for whoever would -- so, last night we posted a bond on someone
3 that had -- is required a GPS monitor. Now, there was some --
4 the drug patch I know was 48 hours. Is the court ordered GPS
5 monitor, is it 48 hours or does that need to be put on from --

6 JUDGE WEST: We don't have -- there's no court
7 ordered GPS in the bond conditions.

8 JUDGE WOODS: No, no, no. He's saying it was
9 ordered.

12:38PM 10 JUDGE WEST: If it was ordered by a magistrate --

11 MR. DAY: Right.

12 JUDGE WEST: -- then that's up to them for them
13 to put. That's not part of those conditions that are --

14 MR. DAY: Okay. So --

15 JUDGE WEST: -- we created

16 MR. DAY: -- the GPS monitor needs to be put on
17 before they're released from the facility then?

18 JUDGE WEST: That's my -- I do them different --
19 I mean, each judge has their own -- like if I require one
20 personally on something --

21 | MR. DAY: Yeah.

22 JUDGE WEST: -- I usually will say you have to do
23 it within a certain amount of time and that goes on the memo.
24 If the magistrates aren't putting a time for them to get it
25 done, then I will send out a message to all the magistrates to

1 say either before they leave or they need to put a time on it
2 and that needs to be on that specific bond condition because
3 that's not a general rule that everyone --

4 MR. DAY: Okay.

5 JUDGE WEST: -- that we have.

6 MR. DAY: Well, the issue that came up last
7 night -- and I'll get the name for y'all so y'all will know --
8 we called -- or a GPS monitor was required. We called releases.
9 The girl that they spoke with said that, no, they didn't have to
12:39PM 10 have them, they could get it afterwards, which would fall under
11 the 48-hour deal.

12 MS. VOORHIES: Right.

13 MR. DAY: But then my agent called back just to
14 verify and I think she talked to the sergeant that was on duty
15 and they said, no, they need to have it before they're released.
16 The problem was they had already been booked out. So, we told
17 them -- you know, we told them contact someone with Johnny's,
18 'cause he's the only one that does GPS monitors around here, and
19 get one put on immediately. I'll get the name for you but --
12:40PM 20 so, there's a miscommunication somewhere there on whether --

21 MS. VOORHIES: I guess because it wasn't on
22 the form.

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24 MR. DAY: -- if the magistrates aren't putting a
25 time on it.

1 JUDGE WEST: I will send out a message when we
2 leave the meeting today to the magistrates that they need to put
3 a time and it either needs to say on the bond that they -- on
4 their -- what they write on, that yellow sheet, it needs to say
5 before release or within a certain amount of hours --

6 MR. DAY: Yeah.

7 JUDGE WEST: -- and I'm going to just leave it --
8 I will tell them what we're all kind of doing, but there is no
9 48-hour rule or anything with regard to GPSs.

12:40PM 10 MR. DAY: Yeah, because, I mean, to me
11 personally, if you're requiring a monitor on someone, then you
12 probably would want that monitor before they walk out --

13 JUDGE WEST: Before they walk out.

14 MR. DAY: -- I mean, that -- because if you think
15 that, you know --

16 | JUDGE WEST: If you -- right.

17 MR. DAY: -- they need one, I wouldn't let them
18 out the door without it but, you know, that's just me.

19 MS. HOLMES: I'm trying to think.

12:41PM 20 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. I'll talk to them about it.
21 I'll send out a group message.

22 MR. ROEBUCK: Didn't we just talk about you not
23 being law enforcement on the board --

24 MR. DAY: Do what --

25 | MR. ROEBUCK: -- sir?

1 MR. DAY: -- now? What?

2 MR. KNAUTH: He said "sir." It was respectful.

3 JUDGE WOODS: With all due respect.

4 MR. DAY: I'm just saying if they want an ankle
5 monitor, I'd think they'd want it before they get out but...

6 JUDGE WEST: You would think. But we'll work on
7 that. So, I need to work on -- okay. That's it -- the list to
8 probation, I can give you -- Judge Woods is going to take care
9 of that, and I'll take care of the other.

12:41PM 10 MR. DELAHOUSSAYE: Excuse me. My name is Jay
11 Delahoussaye with Delahoussaye Monitoring, about patches. In
12 order to get on this list, is there -- what other information do
13 you need to provide, state qualifications, or just a business
14 card? Is there a setting -- a set group of information that you
15 need to get on that approved list?

16 JUDGE WEST: It's not -- we have not as a
17 board -- we do not have an approved list. So, if you're
18 licensed to do it, whatever it is, drug patches, GPS, then get
19 with probation, with Peggy Harrison at probation, and say, "I
20 want to be added to the list."

21 MR. DELAHOUSSAYE: Thank you very much.

22 JUDGE WEST: It's just really a -- the list is
23 really for as a courtesy, if nothing else, so that people don't
24 have to sit there and try to figure it out on their own.

25 MR. DELAHOUSSAYE: Sure.

1 JUDGE WEST: So, we want everybody who does it on
2 the list; but we are not approving and don't have to approve
3 that list.

4 MR. DELAHOUSSAYE: Understood. Thank you.

5 JUDGE WEST: Sure. Anything else?

6 MS. GOODNESS: Yeah, just one thing, Judge.

7 HayLee Fournier is our office manager. I'm going to start
8 sending her as the designee from the county clerk's office until
9 further notice.

12:42PM 10 | JUDGE WEST: Okay. Hi, HayLee.

11 MS. FOURNIER: Hi. Hey.

12 MS. SEGURA: I need to get your e-mail before you
13 leave.

14 MS. FOURNIER: Sure.

15 JUDGE WEST: All right. And we want to thank Kim
16 Broussard, who's going to come do this for us for a while to
17 give everybody else a break. So, we'll have her come over and
18 take care of this.

19 | Anything else?

12:43PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. I have one thing on behalf
21 of Quentin in the DA's office. There was a local attorney that
22 it took us at least eight or nine months, it may be -- may be
23 longer than that to actually get the money from her for an
24 unpaid bill of cost. We feel like since it was such a struggle
25 to get it from her, I mean, she lives in Nederland. I mean,

1 everything's local. We actually had to go to the extreme of
2 issuing a writ and having a constable serve her with a writ, if
3 we can bar her from making any other bonds again.

4 JUDGE WEST: I mean, I would have to look at what
5 our rules say. And we would have to, I'm sure, set it for that
6 and give her an opportunity if -- before we just take somebody
7 off. Put it on the agenda, Glenda, for next --

8 MR. SEGURA: What are we putting on the agenda?

9 MS. BRODE: Well, Judge, she's an attorney.

12:44PM 10 Can't the Sheriff just bring her balance down to zero?

11 MR. MILLER: No.

12 MS. BRODE: No? Just wondering.

13 MR. MILLER: No. I'm just saying.

14 MS. BRODE: I mean, she can up their limit. I
15 don't know why she can't...

16 MR. MILLER: I think we have to do what Judge
17 West said, go through the procedure like she said and give her a
18 chance to --

19 JUDGE WEST: I mean, so, the lawyers having the
12:44PM 20 ability to bond is not a bail bond board issue.

21 MS. BRODE: Right.

22 JUDGE WEST: It is a jail issue and a Sheriff
23 issue. So, to be honest, it doesn't matter, we can't stop it.
24 No. So, I guess the answer is, no, we don't need it on the
25 agenda. If y'all don't like it, then y'all have to do something

1 at the jail. I think you can do it.

2 MR. MILLER: Right. But I'm saying but it's not
3 just going to be cut off because we went to those extremes. We
4 will probably have to sit down with her and talk to her because
5 there could be a reason why.

6 JUDGE WEST: Y'all might want to -- yeah, but I
7 don't think it's a bail bonds -- am I wrong?

8 MR. DAY: Well, now, she would fall -- an unpaid
9 judgment, she would fall under the same guidelines that a
12:45PM 10 bondsman would --

11 JUDGE WEST: Once it gets...

12 MR. DAY: -- once it gets to that, so, if --

13 MS. VOORHIES: Put her in default.

14 MR. DAY: -- it's an unpaid judgment, she's
15 basically -- I mean, just like we would, however y'all would
16 enter us in.

17 MS. VOORHIES: Yeah. She would be entered --

18 MS. BRODE: She was in default.

19 MS. VOORHIES: It put her in default.

12:45PM 20 MS. BRODE: She is in default.

21 MR. DAY: If she's in default, then she shouldn't
22 be able to do bonds anyway. At the jail if the attorney goes up
23 there, how do they -- I mean, how do they check that? Is it the
24 same way y'all check us if --

25 MS. VOORHIES: Same way.

1 MR. DAY: It's same thing? So --

2 MS. BRODE: But she's paid. So, she's going to
3 come out of default. The attorneys fall under the Sheriff.
4 Sheriff has jurisdiction over the attorneys. So, the
5 sheriff's --

6 MR. MILLER: Who's the attorney?

7 MS. BERTRAND: Jennifer Mattingly.

8 MS. VOORHIES: M-a-d or M-a-t?

9 MS. BERTRAND: M-a-t-t.

12:45PM 10 MS. GLENDA: T-t-i-n-g-l-y.

11 MR. MILLER: I'll get with the sheriff about
12 that.

13 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

14 MR. MILLER: And then we'll just -- because I'd
15 still hate to cut someone off, just because we don't know what's
16 going on in her life. So...

17 JUDGE WEST: But if they're --

18 MR. MILLER: I mean, if -- you know, we can come
19 to the Board afterwards, but I'll talk to the Sheriff about it
12:46PM 20 when she gets back in town but...

21 JUDGE WEST: And we can -- and go ahead and put
22 it on for us to kind of follow up on the next board meeting
23 about attorneys who are in default. And I'll look --

24 MS. SEGURA: Okay.

25 JUDGE WEST: -- and see what else I can find,

1 too, that we have or could do.

2 MR. MILLER: I would like to meet with them
3 before we just say, "Hey, you can't write a bond anymore."

4 JUDGE WEST: Right, right.

5 MR. DAY: I want the same treatment.

6 (LAUGHTER.)

7 JUDGE WEST: So, when you graduate from law
8 school and take the bar, let us know; and we'll put you on that
9 list.

12:46PM 10 All right. Anything else?

11 MS. GOODNESS: I move that we adjourn.

12 JUDGE WEST: All right.

13 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

14 JUDGE WEST: Done. Adjourned.

15 (MEETING ADJOURNED)

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