

1 BAIL BOND BOARD HEARING

2 JANUARY 20, 2022

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5 THOSE PRESENT: JUDGE CLINT WOODS

6 JUDGE RANSOM "DUCE" JONES

7 BECKY BERTRAND

8 SUSAN BECK

9 KIMBERLY BROUSSARD, CSR

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11 VIA ZOOM: JUDGE RAQUEL WEST

12 CHARLIE HALLMARK

13 JAMIE SMITH

14 JUDGE CRAIG LIVELY

15 JOLEEN FREGIA

16 RHONDA BRODE

17 VALENCIA SIMPSON

18 KEITH DAY

19 DUSTIN GALMOR

20 HAYLEE FOURNIER

1 JUDGE WOODS: We now call the January 20th, 2022,
2 bail bond meeting to order.

3 No. 1 on our agenda is review the minutes. I
4 believe they were posted; is that correct?

5 MS. BERTRAND: No. We didn't get them.

6 JUDGE WOODS: It's not posted? But will be.

7 MS. BERTRAND: We didn't get them to review; so,
8 we can't approve it.

9 JUDGE WOODS: Oh, okay. So, we'll do --

12:33PM 10 MS. BRODE: I got the minutes.

11 JUDGE WOODS: Huh?

12 MS. BRODE: I got the minutes with the agenda.
13 Did anybody else?

14 MR. DAY: I did. I got the minutes, as well.

15 MS. BERTRAND: I did not. Okay. Then y'all can
16 vote. I never got them.

17 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. So, there's enough people --
18 everybody -- that's what I thought. I thought they were -- they
19 were published, right? Yeah.

12:33PM 20 THE REPORTER: Glenda sent it with the agenda.

21 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. All right. So, the minutes
22 were posted and reviewed. Do I have a motion to accept the
23 minutes from last month?

24 JUDGE JONES: So moved.

25 JUDGE WOODS: Judge Jones.

1 MR. DAY: Second.

2 JUDGE WOODS: Keith Day.

3 All in favor say aye.

4 (AYE RESPONSES.)

5 JUDGE WOODS: Approve those.

6 Everybody receive a report from the DA's office?

7 MR. DAY: Yes.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Any questions or comments
9 regarding the reports from the DA's office from anyone?

12:34PM 10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 JUDGE WOODS: Hearing none, moving on.

12 Any applications? I think there was one
13 application; is that correct?

14 MS. BERTRAND: It is. It's on Lisa Martin. And
15 they won't be able to hear me; so, you need to relay that. But
16 everything was in order.

17 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Everything's in order for
18 the application for --

19 What was the name? I'm sorry.

12:34PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: Lisa Martin for Al Reed.

21 JUDGE WOODS: -- Lisa Martin.

22 So, do I have a motion to approve the application
23 for Lisa Martin? Everything's in order, by the way.

24 MR. HALLMARK: Motion to approve.

25 JUDGE JONES: Second.

1 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Motion by Mr. Hallmark,
2 approved -- second by Judge Jones. All in favor say aye.

3 (AYE RESPONSES.)

4 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 JUDGE WOODS: Hearing none, that'll approve.

7 No. 4, consider complaints of bondsmen. Were
8 there any? I don't think there were.

9 MS. BERTRAND: No, there were no complaints.

12:35PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah, no complaints.

11 Report from the treasurer's office.

12 MR. HALLMARK: Nothing to report.

13 JUDGE WOODS: Perfect.

14 No. 6, release of any properties, C.D.s, cash, or
15 cashiers checks.

16 MS. BERTRAND: Not that I'm aware of.

17 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Moving on, report from
18 the auditor's office. Any questions or comments about the
19 auditor's office report?

12:35PM 20 MS. BRODE: Yes, sir, real quick.

21 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

22 MS. BRODE: I saw that Jennifer Mattingly was
23 suspended, and Becky replied to my question on -- via email and
24 said it was because she was suspended per State Bar. Do we need
25 to make any kind of note during the meeting?

1 JUDGE WOODS: No.

2 JUDGE WEST: She's the one that's the lawyer?

3 JUDGE WOODS: Yes. But --

4 MS. BRODE: Oh, I guess not, then.

5 JUDGE WEST: We can't do anything.

6 MS. BRODE: Okay. Yeah, both of these are
7 lawyers. I'm sorry.

8 MS. BERTRAND: Dustin's in the waiting room.

9 MS. BRODE: Yeah. I just wasn't thinking, Judge.

12:36PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Dustin Galmor's now in.

11 Okay. So, since she is an attorney, there's
12 nothing we can do about that. That's between her and the
13 sheriff, correct?

14 JUDGE WEST: Right.

15 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

16 JUDGE WOODS: All right. And, No. 8, discuss and
17 notify defendants of -- are we talking about bond conditions for
18 defendants as far as drug patches and how someone is getting on
19 the list to be I guess a vendor for the drug patches and/or
20 other --

21 JUDGE WEST: So, I was told that -- or was it
22 you, Judge Woods, that said that probation is not going to be in
23 charge of that; they don't want to be in charge of that list?

24 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. That's news to me. I didn't
25 know that.

1 JUDGE WEST: Somebody told me that just a couple
2 of weeks ago and, so -- I can't remember now what we talked
3 about. I guess I talked to Kellie and I was going to talk to --
4 actually Kellie did a list. I talked to Kellie.

5 Kellie did a list and she was going to make sure
6 that everybody knew to get it to the bail bond board now,
7 instead of to probation, because they don't want to be in charge
8 of that. And then she's going to disseminate it to the jail,
9 and she'll get it to I guess Keith to get to the bondsmen and
10 things like that. But we haven't finished it, I don't think.

11 12:37PM JUDGE WOODS: So, I guess if you're a prospective
12 vendor, you can get the list, then, through Kellie with --

13 JUDGE WEST: Uh-huh.

14 JUDGE WOODS: -- Judge West's office?

15 JUDGE WEST: Uh-huh.

16 JUDGE WOODS: So, do we direct people to Kellie
17 to get on the list or do we --

18 JUDGE WEST: Yes.

19 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

12:38PM 20 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

21 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Did everyone hear that?
22 If you want to be a prospective vendor in regards to whether
23 that's drug patches, interlocks, any other conditions of bond
24 that involve some sort of device, you need to get in touch with
25 Kellie Holmes with Judge West's office to get on that list.

1 MR. DAY: Judge, I was under the impression that
2 that list was finished, the one she sent me. There was just one
3 correction she made, but I thought it was done. Maybe not. I'm
4 not sure.

5 JUDGE WEST: No. Maybe it is. I just -- now
6 that you say that, I think maybe it is done and she may have
7 sent it out already to the jail and everyone.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

9 JUDGE WEST: So, I think we just have to kind of
12:38PM 10 make that not necessarily a "my office" thing but it's going to
11 be like a bail bond board thing, so, whoever it is, me or Kellie
12 or that person is going to keep up with it. So...

13 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

14 JUDGE WEST: For future.

15 JUDGE WOODS: In the future.

16 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

17 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Well, that's kind of why I
18 wanted to make that announcement, since we're live on YouTube,
19 so if anybody's watching and they have an interest in doing
12:39PM 20 that, they need to contact Kellie with your office.

21 JUDGE WEST: My office, yeah.

22 MS. BERTRAND: Can you let Haylee in? She's in
23 the waiting room.

24 JUDGE WOODS: Oh, is she?

25 All right. Any more discussion in regards to

1 notifying defendants about getting on the list or who has the
2 list for vendors for drug patches and et cetera?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 JUDGE WOODS: No more questions. Moving on.

5 Discuss -- No. 9 on the agenda is discuss
6 attorneys in default. Anybody want to comment or question
7 regarding that?

8 MS. BERTRAND: I don't know what it's about.

9 JUDGE WEST: That's from last meeting, I think,
10 where we were talking about what, if anything, we could do with
11 the attorneys and I know Keith sent me something that the -- we
12 don't have control really over the attorneys. That's just an
13 attorney/jail thing; isn't that right, Keith?

14 MR. DAY: Well, there's an AG opinion out there;
15 and I'll just read what I sent to you, I'll just read it back.
16 It says: The board has the authority to regulate the bail bond
17 activities of attorneys; and attorneys are subject to all the
18 same provisions and local rules as other sureties except those
19 sections that require a license and those that deal with
20 requirement of collateral, deposit, and ratios.

21 So, that's -- I'll -- I'll resend it with the AG
22 opinion number. I mean, maybe it's something we want Tom to
23 take a look at but, you know --

24 JUDGE WEST: It sounds to me like the exceptions
25 are the things that we would be doing, right, the collateral?

1 MR. DAY: Right. Well, except those sections
2 that require a license which would be governed by the State at
3 that point, because they would have to -- you know, an attorney
4 can get a bail bond license. They have to go through the same
5 procedures that, you know, we all have to go through but, you
6 know...

7 JUDGE WEST: I'm going to take what you sent me
8 and send it to Tom and just have him look over it and maybe make
9 sure that -- what we can and can't do, and he can report back
10 next time.

11 MR. DAY: Okay.

12 MR. GALMOR: I'll take a look at it, too, if you
13 want to send it -- send it to me. It's Dustin Galmor, so...

14 MR. DAY: Oh, I didn't know Dustin was there.
15 Sorry.

16 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. We'll send it to you, too,
17 Dustin.

18 JUDGE WOODS: Any further discussion on No. 9,
19 which was attorneys in default?

12:41PM 20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Hearing none, any --
22 any more on any old business? Any more discussion on any old
23 business? Any more discussion on any new business?

24 MR. DAY: Judge, there was -- when I was in the
25 last education meeting that I went to to get my certificate,

1 there was something mentioned in there -- and I spoke to Tom
2 about it and I'm glad Dustin's here, we can find this out --
3 when we go into an executive session during a board meeting, my
4 understanding from the meeting, when I spoke with Ken -- I think
5 it was Ken Good is who I spoke with about this, is that we can't
6 go into an executive session like that during a public meeting.

7 Dustin, are you familiar with that at all?

8 MR. GALMOR: I am not, but I can look into it.

9 MR. DAY: Yeah. I'm not sure if -- and I'm not
12:42PM 10 saying we can or we can't, because I don't know. But that was
11 something that was mentioned at the last class that I went to
12 and I know a couple of times -- I think we just recently did it,
13 as a matter of fact.

14 JUDGE WEST: Yeah, we did it -- when did we do
15 it? -- when we were electing -- no. We did it when we were
16 talking about that complaint.

17 MS. BERTRAND: Erica Francois.

18 MR. DAY: Yeah, the complaint, yeah. And, so,
19 that's something that we probably need to look into 'cause we,
12:43PM 20 you know, obviously don't want to do that anymore --

21 JUDGE WEST: No.

22 MR. DAY: -- if, you know...

23 MS. BRODE: Judge, you may need to -- you may
24 want to talk to Commissioners Court because I know they do a lot
25 of executive sessions. All they do is post it, along with their

1 agenda, that they will be having an executive session. So,
2 maybe Fred can give you --

3 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

4 MS. BRODE: Thank you. I'll check into it, too.

5 JUDGE WOODS: Any more discussions about any
6 matters?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Motion to adjourn?

9 JUDGE WEST: Thanks for doing this, Judge Woods.

12:44PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Sure.

11 Motion to adjourn?

12 JUDGE JONES: So moved.

13 JUDGE LIVELY: So moved.

14 JUDGE WOODS: All right. We're adjourned. Thank
15 y'all.

16 (MEETING ADJOURNED.)

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