

BAIL BOND BOARD HEARING

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

THOSE PRESENT: JUDGE RAQUEL WEST
JUDGE CRAIG LIVELY
PAT KNAUTH
VALENCIA SIMPSON
BECKY BERTRAND
CHARLIE HALLMARK
KEITH DAY
RHONDA BRODE
DUSTIN GALMOR
HAYLEE FOURNIER
KELLIE HOLMES
GLENDA SEGURA
TOM ROEBUCK
TONJA VOORHIES
AL REED
QUENTIN PRICE
DONTA MILLER
KIMBERLY BROUSSARD, CSR

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: STELLINA REED
DEDE ROJAS
TAMARA RITENOUR

1 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So, now we're going to get
2 started. Everybody's in such a good mood today.

3 MR. KNAUTH: It's good to see each other.

4 JUDGE WEST: I know, right. Last month's meeting
5 minutes, were they sent out? No. Who did last month? Did you?

6 THE REPORTER: Me.

7 MS. BERTRAND: Kim.

8 THE REPORTER: I sent it to you, but I don't know
9 what I'm supposed to do with it.

10 JUDGE WEST: Glenda?

11 THE REPORTER: Did you get them?

12 MS. SEGURA: Did I get them?

13 JUDGE WEST: We're going to blame it on Glenda.

14 MS. SEGURA: I've been off.

15 JUDGE WEST: So, we'll make sure Kim knows.

16 Glenda, if you and Becky will make sure and...

17 (MR. DAY ENTERS COURTROOM ON PHONE.)

18 JUDGE WEST: We're in the middle of a meeting,
19 but that -- welcome.

12:35PM 20 Everyone's been so loud and fun today.

21 THE REPORTER: Do I need to send it to everyone?

22 MS. SEGURA: Yeah. Send it to everybody.

23 THE REPORTER: I'll know to send it to everybody
24 next time.

25 JUDGE WEST: Brandi will tell you how to do it.

1 THE REPORTER: Okay.

2 JUDGE WEST: 'Cause you've got to upload it,
3 also. It has to be uploaded onto our web site.

4 MS. SEGURA: Uh-huh. I do that.

5 JUDGE WEST: We'll take care of the minutes next
6 meeting. How about that?

7 Report from the district attorney's office
8 regarding status on collections?

9 MS. BERTRAND: It's been passed out. Everyone --
12:36PM 10 or emailed out, I guess. Everyone should have a recap of 2021,
11 showing the total money collected from the county clerk's office
12 of over 53,000 and a total of over 81,000 from the district
13 clerk. That is for the 2021 yearly recap. And then we should
14 have, everyone should have a monthly report for January, last
15 month.

16 JUDGE WEST: Any questions or concerns about
17 that? I'm sure Mr. Knauth could explain it all in detail for us
18 if we need him to.

19 MR. REED: Those were all mine. Nobody else has
12:36PM 20 any forfeitures.

21 JUDGE WEST: It's just you? No, it's not just
22 you. I promise.

23 All right. Consideration and approval of
24 applications to become bondsmen. I meant to print mine out.
25 So, we have two. We have a renewal -- excuse me -- for Al Reed.

1 Everyone should have gotten that in their email. It's all in
2 order, I believe; is that correct?

3 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, ma'am.

4 JUDGE WEST: And, so, we'll need to vote on that
5 one before we go to the next one.

6 JUDGE LIVELY: Move to approve the renewal of Al
7 Reed. Lively.

8 MR. KNAUTH: Second.

9 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and a second.

12:37PM 10 Any other discussion on that one?

11 MR. DAY: Hold on just one second. I need to
12 check Mr. Reed's license. I want to make sure everything is...

13 MS. REED: Everything's fine, Keith.

14 JUDGE WEST: All right. All those in favor?

15 (AYE RESPONSES.)

16 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 JUDGE WEST: All right. That passes.

19 The next is an original application for Jana Day,

12:37PM 20 and everyone should have had that sent out. Becky --

21 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, ma'am.

22 JUDGE WEST: -- is everything in order?

23 MS. BERTRAND: Everything's in order. Ms. Day
24 will be pledging cash as her collateral. Since her and Mr. Day
25 have the same properties, they can't use the same collateral.

1 So, she will be pledging money up. She has asked not to be put
2 on the list for the jail. It's just for in case something
3 should happen as a spouse of the owner of the business.

4 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

5 MR. DAY: I'm not dying, by the way. I just --

6 JUDGE WEST: Well --

7 MR. DAY: Just in case. This is just in case.

8 JUDGE WEST: -- there have been all kind of
9 rumors going around about what's going on here.

12:38PM 10 MR. DAY: I can't say she might not kill me, but
11 I can say I'm not dying at this moment, so...

12 JUDGE WEST: All right. We'll need to vote on
13 that one.

14 MR. HALLMARK: Motion to approve.

15 MS. FOURNIER: Second.

16 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and second. All
17 those in favor?

18 (AYE RESPONSES.)

19 JUDGE WEST: Any other discussion?

12:38PM 20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 JUDGE WEST: Al, did you want to double-check
22 anything on that one?

23 MR. DAY: He's not on the board. He don't need
24 to.

25 JUDGE WEST: All those in favor?

1 (AYE RESPONSES.)

2 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 JUDGE WEST: All right. That passes.

5 That was it on those, correct, those two?

6 MS. SEGURA: Yes.

7 JUDGE WEST: All right. Any complaints?

8 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

9 (MR. ROEBUCK ENTERS THE HEARING.)

12:38PM 10 JUDGE WEST: Report from treasurer on cash and

11 CDs, any --

12 Hi, Mr. Roebuck.

13 MR. KNAUTH: Hey, Tommy.

14 JUDGE WEST: -- any discussion on that, any
15 questions?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Any release of property
18 requested?

19 MS. SEGURA: No.

12:39PM 20 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Report from the auditor's
21 office?

22 MS. BRODE: It's been distributed, and I have no
23 comments.

24 JUDGE WEST: Okay. I don't want to talk about
25 the next one. Discuss who is notifying defendants about drug

1 patches and how someone gets on the list. Oh, we already did
2 that, right?

3 MS. BERTRAND: It was a carry-over from last
4 month --

5 MS. SEGURA: Yeah.

6 MS. BERTRAND: -- because I think there were
7 still questions.

8 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So, here's the thing. We
9 went to a judicial conference and maybe in the middle of one of
10 our speakers realized that now under Senate Bill 6 and some
11 other things, we're not supposed to have standard conditions on
12 all bonds unless they are the ones that are statutorily
13 required, like the interlock on certain cases and things like
14 that. Judge Stevens was there with me. We weren't sitting at
15 the same table. We both made eye contact. We know it's an
16 issue.

17 Probably all those bond conditions that he just
18 did and we just did, a lot of them are about to be changed and
19 go away because they have to be taken on an individual basis
20 unless you make certain findings and things like that. So, just
21 as you're all getting used to it, it's probably going to change.

22 To be on the list, it's going through us. It's
23 going through Kellie in my office and --

24 MS. HOLMES: And I'm just adding it, not --

25 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

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1 MS. HOLMES: -- vetting it or anything like that?

2 JUDGE WEST: No, no vetting, no. If you say you
3 sell them or -- I mean, whatever it is, whatever product anyone
4 has that they are distributing, we're just putting them on the
5 list. So, that's how that works. But I would think by next
6 meeting we'll have some changes on the standard bond conditions.
7 So, there's that.

8 MS. SEGURA: So, leave it on the list? Leave it
9 on here to --

12:41PM 10 JUDGE WEST: No.

11 MS. SEGURA: Take it off? Okay.

12 JUDGE WEST: Well, no, because if we change it,
13 I'm sure someone will look at it and give us a call and let us
14 know if there's any issues with the new ones.

15 MR. GALMOR: I had some things to talk about
16 today, but I'll hold till next time now.

17 MS. HOLMES: Is it about that?

18 MR. GALMOR: Well, I mean, the drug patch thing
19 out of drug court is kind of ridiculous.

12:41PM 20 JUDGE WEST: It's a nightmare.

21 MR. GALMOR: Yeah.

22 JUDGE WEST: I already know it's a nightmare.
23 It's all a nightmare. It's all going to get changed, so...

24 MS. SEGURA: Okay. So, leave it on there?

25 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

1 MS. SEGURA: Okay.

2 JUDGE WEST: Just leave it on, and we'll talk
3 about it again then. But there should be something new coming
4 out. There will still be probably a lot of drug patches that
5 are required. You know, we're going to talk to the magistrates
6 about when they're magistrating people, kind of what to look
7 for. There's a whole new set of criteria that they're supposed
8 to be looking at. It's all -- lots of things are changing, lots
9 of reporting and fun stuff that we all have to get trained for
10 and learn.

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11 MR. REED: Are you talking about on the -- on
12 the -- on the releasing of -- I lost my thought.

13 JUDGE WEST: I don't know. I'm trying hard to
14 get -- I'm trying.

15 MR. REED: When -- it used to be pretrial
16 release; but it's PR, PR bonds.

17 JUDGE WEST: So, it'll be --

18 MR. REED: Is that what you're talking about?

19 JUDGE WEST: Well, I'm talking about on all bond
20 conditions. You know, a few months ago there was a bunch of
21 issues. Judge Stevens and I -- I keep saying him first because
22 he wrote them; I just signed off on them. I didn't realize that
23 they were wrong. But they -- it was for everyone, PR and
24 standard bond conditions.

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25 MR. REED: But I was talking about the new

1 statute that came out that I gave you a copy of.

2 JUDGE WEST: Oh, it has to do with everything.

3 There's way more to -- it has to do -- obviously there's a whole
4 section that has to do with different concerns on not

5 necessarily -- it's when you can and can't consider PR bonds is
6 part of it and how you consider them and what the criteria is;

7 but it's also the whole other side of it, you know, for -- last
8 couple of years everybody heard about, you know, everyone should
9 be reducing bonds and, you know, let people go and then Harris

12:43PM 10 County let everybody go and people got killed, including an
11 officer, on a low bond that was out on that bond. And, so,

12 that's part of this whole -- and, so, actually the statute or
13 Senate bill is giving us as much freedom to make higher and no
14 bonds as it is to give PR bonds. It actually kind of went the
15 other way.

16 So, it's just a whole lot of reporting; and the
17 Office of Court Administration is requiring -- has to set up
18 this whole database so that the magistrates that are doing the
19 bonds can visually -- they have to say they have looked at

12:44PM 20 certain things; and, so, there's going to be a program for them

21 to look at. We all who do set bonds, every judge and every
22 magistrate, is going to have to do eight hours and possibly

23 another two hours of training supposedly before April 1st; and
24 the training's not out there yet. So, there's a lot that's

25 coming very soon.

1 MR. REED: Very good.

2 JUDGE WEST: There are some things that are
3 already required as of January 1st, but we don't have the
4 capability of doing them. So, everybody in Texas is not in
5 compliance; but they know that. So, it was a big portion of our
6 judicial conference last week had to do with Senate Bill 6. So,
7 things will be changing.

8 And then attorneys in default, is that still an
9 issue? Why is that still on there? Did someone ask for that to
10 be on there again? I think that might have been a carry-over
11 from the one that we had that got taken care of.

12 MS. SEGURA: Okay.

13 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. We can take that off.

14 All right. Any other business that anyone else
15 needs to bring up?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 JUDGE WEST: All right. Is there a motion to
18 adjourn?

19 JUDGE LIVELY: Motion to adjourn.

12:45PM 20 MR. DAY: Second.

21 MS. BERTRAND: Second.

22 JUDGE WEST: Done. Thank you all very much.

23 (MEETING ADJOURNED.)
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